



September 2025

### Welcome

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to GANS after a great summer break and extend an especially warm welcome to all our new pupils. We are already in the swing of the new school year and it's great to see everyone settling back in so well.

### Secondary school open evenings

There are lots of open evenings happening in secondary schools in the coming weeks. You can apply for a place in secondary school when your child is in Sixth Class. However, visits from children in both Fifth and Sixth class, along with their parents/guardians are invited. A full list of open evenings is available to view in the 'news and events' section of the [website](#).

### Junior Infants

What a fantastic start our Junior Infants have had! The whole school is so impressed by how well-behaved and mature they all are and we feel very lucky to have such a lovely bunch of new pupils at GANS. It's great to see such independence in Junior Infants already. We very much appreciate parents/guardians abiding by the 'hug and go' policy and using the correct gates.

### Free Flu vaccine

Lombard Pharmacy will be offering a free nasal Flu vaccine to all pupils on Friday 26th September. Information has been sent through Aladdin, with an online registration form. The children's Flu vaccine is completely painless – it is given by a nasal spray, not a needle. If you want your child to receive the vaccine, please complete the registration form as soon as possible, as they order vaccines in advance.

### Fees & charges

Fees and charges for this school year are live on Aladdin. A sincere thank you to all who have already made their payment - your support helps us keep costs as low as possible for everyone. If you haven't yet had the chance, we kindly ask you to make your payment at your earliest convenience

### Sports at GANS

Our busy sports schedule for the year has already kicked-off. We have football coaching with Johnny Magee, thanks to Geraldine P Moran's GAA club. Leinster Rugby's Jonathan Sharkey leads weekly rugby training. There is swimming for Third-Sixth Class, cycle safety lessons for Fifth Class in November and weekly PE sessions for all classes. We look forward to welcoming Coerver Coaching in October for weekly soccer lessons.

### School uniform

A gentle reminder that the school uniform must be worn every day, except on PE days. Also, please remember to LABEL EVERYTHING. We have an astonishing amount of lost uniform, without names. There is no need to buy special labels, just take a moment to write your child's name in pen on the tag on all uniform items and coats. Due to our lack of storage space, all uniform items that weren't claimed or rehomed at the recent PTA uniform swap will be sent for recycling this week.

### After-school activities

There are still some places available for after-school activities. The full schedule can be [found here](#). If you have any questions or need any information on any of the activities, please contact the provider directly.

### Junior Infants 2026

Applications for Junior Infants 2026 will be accepted from 1-31st October. All information, as well as the application form is available from the 'Admissions' section of the website.

### Confirmation and Communion 2025/26

A reminder that any child who wishes to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this school year, must return a completed registration form to the parish office as soon as possible. The parish office will contact all parents/guardians directly once the sacramental programme is ready.

### Dates for your diary

GANS will be closed on **Friday 24th October** as the school will be used as a polling station in the upcoming presidential election.

Keep the evening of **Thursday 11th December** free for our annual carol service in the Church of the Guardian Angels.

### Board of Management meeting reports

Meeting reports for all Board of Management meetings can be viewed on the school website. The reports are posted after each meeting and can be accessed [here](#).

### Staff news

We were delighted to be successful in our recent recruitment campaign and have welcomed two new teachers to the Guardian Angels team. Ms. O'Neill and Mr. Fortune are our new Senior Infant teachers, and we have no doubt they will both be great assets to the school. It was with great sadness that we bid farewell to some of our most beloved members of staff last June. Ms O'Sullivan, Ms O'Dowd, Ms Carr, Ms Horan and one of our longest serving SNAs, Yvonne. Ms Carr and Ms Horan have moved closer to their homes and families while Ms O'Sullivan, Ms O'Dowd and Yvonne have retired. GANS is not quite the same without them – but we wholeheartedly wish them all the very best in their new ventures.



## Update from GANS PTA



Welcome back, we are getting ready for another year of fun events and fundraising

### Dates for the diary:

- **3rd October** – Sponsored Walk. Our first fundraiser of the year and always an enjoyable event. Weather permitting, the teachers will take their classes on a walk in the local area. You can sponsor your child on Aladdin and/or print off the sponsorship card to circulate amongst family and friends. All sponsorships are greatly appreciated.

- Junior and Senior Infants parents/guardians coffee mornings at the coffee shop, in the pastoral center beside the church – dates tbc. These take place once a month, on a Friday morning after drop-off, for anyone who can pop in and say hello. It's a nice way to get to know your new classes. We will send reminders for the dates when they are set up.
- Halloween costume swap/giveaway – date tbc.
- **16th October** – PTA AGM, 7.30-8.30pm in the school halla. There will be a guest speaker and some updates from the school and PTA, as well as welcoming new committee members. Further details to follow.
- **22nd October** – Halloween Disco in the school Halla. 1st to 3rd class 5.30-6.30pm and 4th to 6th class 7-8.30pm. Further details and tickets coming soon. Junior and Senior Infants will have their own disco the following day in the school Halla.
- **26th November** – Christmas Jumper swap/giveaway
- **5th December** – Bake Sale

#### Other points of note

The uniform swap/giveaway was held at the school gates on the 10th and 11th of September. Thank you to all who donated and came by. It's a great way to clear out and recycle, and hopefully some of you picked up something you needed.

We had our first PTA meeting on 8th of September and discussed use of funds for a new sensory room, iPads/chrome books and the yard redevelopment. Any other ideas are welcome, so please contact the PTA at [ptaguardianangels@gmail.com](mailto:ptaguardianangels@gmail.com).

New PTA committee members – would you like to join the PTA? It is a great opportunity to get to know the school, parents and teachers, and to have a say in how the funds are used. We meet the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm for an hour, and after that it is up to you what time you can give to help with events and fundraisers, depending on other commitments. If you would like to join please contact your class rep or email the PTA. If you cannot commit to joining the PTA we always need additional volunteers for events and your class rep will be in touch.

A reminder that the various school policies including use of mobile phones and social media can be found here at <https://www.guardianangels.ie/policies/>.

Thank you on behalf of GANS PTA <https://www.guardianangels.ie/pta/>