

Newsletter

November 2025

[Parent/teacher meetings](#)

Our parent/teacher meetings for Senior Infants to Sixth Class take place on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 November and we are very grateful to you as parents and guardians for taking the time to attend. These meetings offer a great opportunity to meet class teachers and discuss your child's progress and any concerns you may have.

Parent/teacher meetings for our Junior Infant classes will take place in late January.

[GANS Student Council 2025/26](#)

Congratulations to all our new Student Council members. After some excellent campaigning by pupils from First to Sixth Class, the new council was democratically elected on 16 October. The council will meet monthly and can now focus on delivering some of the promises they made in their campaigns. While sweets-only lunches and weekly half days might not be possible, we do know the council members have some great ideas. We very much look forward to working with them in the year ahead as they represent the entire student body.



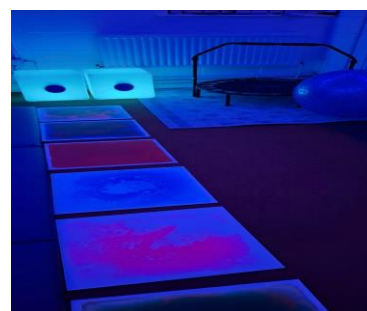
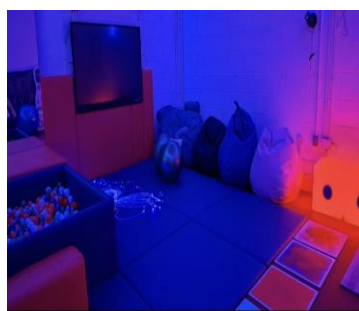
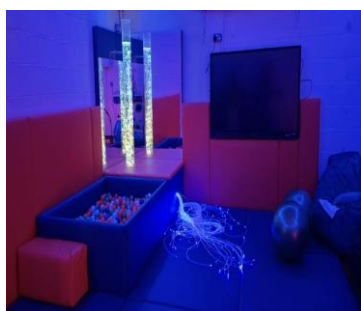
[TESS school absences](#)

New data published by Tusla Education Support Services (TESS) shows that one in five children in primary and post-primary school are missing a month or more of their school year. The 2023/24 report indicates that while non-attendance is decreasing, it is still significantly greater than pre-pandemic levels. TESS and the Department of

Education and Youth have launched a national campaign to highlight this nationwide issue and create awareness about the importance of attending school. A new support page for parents is available at www.gov.ie/schoolattendance with helpful guidance on many issues affecting school attendance or view their campaign ad [here](#).

Sensory room

Our heartfelt thanks to the PTA – and the entire parent body - for funding our new state-of-the-art sensory room. The room has been planned for some time and was carefully designed by our wonderful SNAs, working in collaboration with sensory specialists The Sensory House. Thanks to our caretaker Peter for all his help in preparing the room. We are absolutely thrilled by how it turned out. This space will offer a much-needed calming area and haven for the children who need it most, for many years to come.



Festive diary dates

Our Junior and Senior Infant Christmas shows will be held on Wednesday 10th December, with times to be confirmed closer to the date. Keep the evening of Thursday 11th December free for our annual carol service in the Church of the Guardian Angels. It's always a highlight of the festive season and an evening we're very much looking forward to.

Secondary schools

We have an updated list of secondary schools in the area now available on the website for those interested. Please [click here](#) to view it.

Cycle safety lessons

We are delighted to welcome the Cycling Safety School back to GANS for weekly cycling safety and awareness classes. Fifth Class will take part in the seven-week programme, learning vital skills for using the roads safely. These skills will be of huge benefit to all children, whether they cycle the roads daily or even occasionally.

Staff news

Please join us in welcoming three new teachers to Guardian Angels. Maria Maher, Sophie Collopy and Caoimhe Kenny have joined our learning resource team. We are extremely lucky to have a full complement of teaching staff and hope all three will have many happy years with us at Guardian Angels. We will be joined by a new secretary in

the coming weeks. In the meantime, where possible, please use Aladdin for all school communication.



Update from GANS PTA



Dates for the diary

- **26th November – Christmas Jumper swap/giveaway** On the 26th of November we're hosting a Christmas jumper swap/give away. It's a great, sustainable way to pass on jumpers or pick up a new one. You don't have to bring one to take on but please make sure that any donations are clean.
- **5th December – Bake Sale** On the 5th of December we will hold our bake sale and competition in the school Halla. It's a great event and there will be prizes for the best cake. There will also be an opportunity for those that are crafters and not bakers to make festive wreaths or decorations to donate to the sale.

Other points of note

Firstly, on behalf of the PTA, the parents and the children we would like to wish Clare all the very best in her future endeavours. She is an enormous loss to the school. We would like to thank her for all the help, time and support she has always given to the PTA. She will be missed greatly.

Sensory room

The PTA also wanted to mention the opening of the sensory room. We are delighted for the children to have access to this now. It will make a huge difference for those that benefit from it most. We are enormously grateful to the school community for supporting the PTA with donations and their efforts in volunteering at events to raise money for this.

Halloween disco

This was a huge success. Thank you to all of the volunteers for making it run so well. The children had a ball and we raised €1,390 in the process!

Sponsored walk

As we said last month, thank you to everyone that sponsored and supported this. The final figure raised was a huge €5,146.

Festive cards

Samples of the cards designed by the children have been sent home with them in their school bags by now. Please order these directly via their website (prior to 12th November for free school delivery).

[GANS PTA committee members update](#)

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new PTA members. Welcome to Sina, Sarah, Belén, Iva, Orla and Abigail. We are all looking forward to working together. If you cannot commit to joining the PTA we always need additional volunteers for events, and your class rep will be in touch.

[Matched Giving Incentives for community initiatives and organisations](#)

We are reaching out to the school community to ask if anyone has access to this type of incentive. We would be grateful if you would consider projects in GANS. Please contact the PTA if you can help ptaguardianangels@gmail.com.

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/>
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