

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2024



The school will close for our Christmas break on Friday December 20th at 12:00 noon and will re-open on Monday, January 6th 2025. Pupils traveling by bus will be collected at this time.

Christmas Mass and Junior/Senior and First Class Concert

Christmas Mass will take place in Raheen Church on Wednesday December 18th at 12 noon. The junior concert will take place after Mass and will last approx. 45 minutes. Children who have been given parts will wear costumes. All other children are to wear Christmas jumpers/hats. All parents are welcome but seating is limited. Children who finish school at 2pm can go home after the Concert.



FRIDAY FOOD-Term 2

Friday Food for term two will commence on Friday January 10th – Friday April 4th (12 weeks) as we finish for Easter at 12noon on Friday April 11th 2025.

January 2024, Jnr Infants – 2nd Class will cost €1.50 per week and 3rd – 6th Class €2.50 per week

Jnr – 2nd class = €18

3rd – 6th class = €30

Money is to be paid by Friday January 3rd.

The Friday food payment option for term 2 is now active on Aladdin.

Please let the school know if your child does **not** wish to avail of the Friday Food for the Second term.

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS.

This year children can wear Christmas Jumpers in school to on **Wednesday** December 18th and **Thursday** December 19th and **Friday** December 20th.



SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

Starting in January 3rd to 6th Class children will be taking part in the say yes to Languages programme learning French which will run for ten weeks every Wednesday and will be carried out by Ms. O'Connell, all the costs of this programme will be covered by the school.

SWIMMING CLASSES 2025

Swimming classes for 2nd – 6th class will commence in the (Apex Centre) New Ross on Thursday January 16th 2025, and will run for 9 weeks finishing on Thursday March 20th (please note a slight change to the original calendar as per the Apex) There will be no swimming on Thursday February 20th as we are closed for our mid-term break. Due to high numbers availing of the lessons we will have two sessions each Thursday the children are taught in three groups: beginners, improvers and advanced. **The cost per child is €55** (This includes swimming lessons & bus).

The Payment option is now active on Aladdin to pay for your child.

Payment to be made on or before Friday, January 10th 2025 (also please note a minimum €5 deposit must be paid now to secure your child's space)



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025



Our Sacrament of First Holy Communion – Saturday May 17th 2025 at 12 noon

Our Sacrament of confirmation is Friday, March 14th 2025 at 12:30.



CHRISTMAS DISCO WITH SANTA

This year our Parents Association are hosting a Christmas Disco with Santa on Saturday December 14th in Raheen Community Centre from 2pm to 4pm.

Tickets are €5 each.

For school going children, tickets can be purchased through Aladdin.

For those parents who want to buy tickets for siblings you can email raheenparentsassociation@gmail.com or contact Heather Foyle on 085-1663581. Under 1's go free

ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

The schools must publish an Annual Admission Notice each year prior to taking applications. This is now available to view on our our school website:- raheenns.net. We will commence accepting applications for admission on 08/01/2025 and will cease accepting applications on 28/02/2025. Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application by 07/03/2025.

Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer no later than 28/03/2025. If you have already expressed an interest to enroll your child for 2025, you will still need to go through this procedure in January. Admission Policy and Application Form for Admission to Junior Infants will be available to view or download at raheenns.net. Applications Form for Admission is also available on request by emailing the school on contactus@raheennswexford.net or writing to Raheen N.S., Raheen, Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. Y21 E129, you can also phone the school on 051-428258 and we will be happy to post the forms out to you. If you know of any neighbour who have children that may be eligible to start next year you might inform them of our enrolment procedure.

BATTERY RECYCLING



We continue to collect batteries for WEEE Ireland's School Recycling Awareness Programme. Please drop all your used batteries into the school.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

There was a great response to the Christmas Shoe Box appeal. 129 boxes were brought in. Thanks to everyone who supported this charity.



HEADLICE

A reminder, to check your child for head lice during the Christmas break and treat if necessary. If head lice are found remember it is important to repeat treatment again seven days later, with the same lotion.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It takes a great many people to create a happy & safe school community and to foster the best possible learning environment for the students. I would like to thank the all the staff, for their dedicated work. I thank the parents for their support and co-operation. I would like to thank the members of the Board of Management for their help in the running of the school. Sincere thanks to the Parent Association for their fundraising efforts and their continued support. I hope everyone continues to stay safe and well during the festive period.

*The Staff of Raheen N.S. would like to wish
you all a very Happy Peaceful Christmas
And God's blessing always.*

Nollag Shona agus rath Dé oraibh i gconat

