

January Newsletter

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Wishing everyone in our school community a happy, healthy and prosperous 2026.

Enrolments

A new year and our attention turns to the next academic year and our junior infants intake. The application process began in November and continues now during January/February. Enrolment forms can be found on our website, www.carnewns.ie or from the school office. If you know of anyone who has a child starting school in September, please let them know. Thank you.

Closure

In addition to the calendar issued at the start of the year, we have been informed of a teacher training day in the new Primary Curriculum Framework, on Wednesday 11th February. As a result, the school will be closed for the children on that day.

Attendance

We are delighted to report that, so far this year, our attendance rates have improved, month on month, from last year. Thank you for your continued support on this initiative. "Every School Day Counts" is the mantra. Of course illnesses will happen, and where a child is not well, they will not be able for the rigours of a school day. However, if your child is experiencing anxiety about attending school, please let us know so that we can try to work with you to try to resolve any issues.

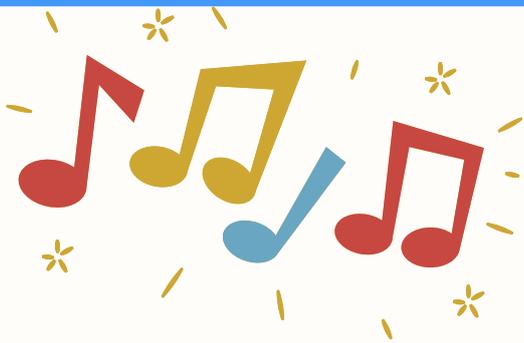
Swimming

Lessons have already started for 5th & 6th classes and continue for a 6 week programme. Lessons for 3rd & 4th class begin immediately after that. Thanks to parents/guardians for your support of the programme, without which we would be unable to offer this to the classes.



Split the Pot

Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser. Thanks to the funds generated by Split the Pot, for example, we were able to purchase new gym mats for the hall this year. Our children are grateful to have them to sit on for school assemblies, they tell me! Split the Pot has provided us with the scope over the years to purchase various resources for the children that would not otherwise be possible. We are in the process of acquiring a new set of iPads for learning activities for our junior classes, as another example. Thank you for your support.



Music Generation

Music Generation lessons have resumed this week under a new tutor, Phil Mc Mullan. The lessons will continue from where Diarmuid left off before Christmas.

A price structure is currently being worked out and notification of fees will be made known in due course.

The programme is heavily subsidised by Music Generation and fees are kept to a minimum. Thank you in advance.



Morning Club

It was our intention to begin a new morning club in school this January, running from 8:00 - 8:50am for parents who need an earlier drop off before work. Unfortunately, due to low numbers, we were unable to provide this facility. We remain committed to the idea however and should you wish to register interest in this service (all class levels included) please let us know by email to "morningclub@carnewns.ie".

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day will take place on Tuesday, 24th February. We will celebrate with Mass in the church at 10.00 a.m., followed by a reception in the school afterwards. We look forward to welcoming our grandparents for this special occasion.