

The Board of Management of St. Joseph's BNS met on 29th January, 2026. The Board wished all of St. Joseph's School Community a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Ms McCabe gave an update on the school's curriculum developments, sports, music and arts activities/projects for December and January. Ms McCabe highlighted the New Curriculum Framework emphasising how the teaching staff have been engaging in courses on the framework and specific curriculum areas. The general consensus is that this framework is a move in the right direction and the staff are engaging with it wholeheartedly.

The pupils completed a Readathon in January and raised some funds to replenish the classroom library corners.

Well-being and Creative week will take place February 9-13. Parents will be kept up to date on all the activities planned. There will be a focus on well-being activities, art, music and dance for all.

The Principal's Child Protection and Oversight Report (CPOR) and Bullying Behaviour Update was given at the meeting.

The financial report was delivered by the treasurer and all accounts for the year ended 2024/2025 will be completed and sent into the Department by the end of February.

The upcoming PA Parents Social takes place on 13th February 2026 in Terenure Sports Hall from 8pm till late. All are welcome.

Preparations are underway for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our 2nd and 6th class pupils have started their religious programme of preparation since October/November with our Parish Priest Fr. Dave Brannigan. A few reminders below of important dates are highlighted:

Confirmation:

- Ceremony of Light 7.30 pm March 10th
- Confirmation Ceremony Thursday March 26th

Communion:

- Last 3 Preparation Masses Saturday Evenings @ 6pm on March 7th, March 21st and April 25th.
- First Penance April 22nd Wednesday @ 7pm
- First Holy Communion Mass May 16th Saturday @ 11.00 am