



St. Caillin's N.S, Rashina, Ballinahown, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, N37DD59
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December Newsletter 2024

- Hats off to all the girls and boys on the fantastic **Carol Service** in St. Colmcille's Church, Ballinahown on 11th December. Well done girls and boys! The talent was there for everyone to see. The stunning singing was complemented by great instrument playing. The accompaniment of Ailbhe made it very special. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening possible. Much appreciated!



- Pupils from the older classes sang carols in Golden Island on Thursday 19th December. It was a lovely event for the school. Thanks to all families for turning up to support. **€420** was raised.



- Well done to the boys and girls in our **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** classes for participating in the preparation mass in Ballinahown on the 8th and 15th of December. The girls and boys read Prayers of the Faithful and brought up gifts.
- The **Rashina NS Soccer Tournaments 2024/25** finished this month. There were thrills and spills in the 3rd – 6th class final with **Rashina Ramblers** winning on penalties. **Jupiter Rovers** won the Senior Infant – 2nd Class Final after penalties too.
- There has been time for lots of work in classroom this month too, particularly lovely Christmas themed written tasks and art. The writing genre of **poetry** was to the fore and pupils experienced lots of Christmas poems in school.
- **Rashina NS Open Evening** will take place early in the new year. We will share this date with all in January.
- As part of our **School Self Evaluation**, there has been an emphasis on presentation of work this term. Well done to children on their efforts and thanks to parents for encouraging this.
- We plan on having a belated celebration of **Science Week** in early January. Our parent John will carry out experiment with classes!
- **Swimming for 2nd – 6th classes** will take place before Easter in Clara Swimming Pool. All children in these classes will have the opportunity to attend **5 lessons** in school as part of the aquatics curriculum. Full details after Christmas.
- The Board of Management and staff would like to thank all the students, their families and the wider school community for everything in 2024 and wish everyone a Happy Christmas and all the best in 2025.



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- Thanks very much to all families for the huge support in the **Christmas Raffle** again this year. Draw will take place on 22nd December, the day after the Christmas Market in Ballinahown.
- The girls and boys decorated our Christmas tree beautifully and the **Selection Box raffle** for the coloured baubles also took place this week.
- Parents' Association – Thanks for **Supermac's** and **Christmas Treat Bags** over the last week. These days brought great excitement to the pupils.
- Thanks to all families who bring **bottles/cans** to the bin at the front of the school. The cash generated from this helps make the above possible.

School will **reopen on Monday 6th January**. Supervision from 8.50am and school starts for all pupils at 9am.

