

Kathy b's Christmas Newsletter

December 2025



Happy holidays from our family to yours!

Hi everyone,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families well and that you are enjoying the build up to Christmas.

As the Christmas holidays are approaching we know the children are looking forward to a well-deserved break. Since returning after the summer all the children have settled in so well. They have been enjoying their lessons, making new friends and embracing all the school year has to offer. Below you can read what your child's class have planned and accomplished this past term.

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**'It takes big hearts
to shape little
minds.'**



Teachers corner:

Lisa's Montessori class:

Hi everyone from our Montessori class 😊 We have been working very hard every day since we started in August. Our day involves some of the following, being out in the garden, doing a small lesson, making playdough, baking, singing, dancing and creating music to name a few. All the girls and boys have settled in well and while there can be some upset at drop off time, I can assure you that it doesn't last long and within minutes everyone is enjoying themselves.

The girls and boys are getting some lovely arts and crafts ready for Christmas to bring home, the excitement is growing and so are the wish lists. I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a fantastic start to the New Year.



Lisas ECCE Class:

Hi folks and welcome back to Kathy b's for the second year. As I'm sure you know by now all the girls and boys have settled back into our routine here at Kathy b's.

The children are enjoying a wide variety of lessons and activities each week, from science week to outings to the playground, baking and working with our wide variety of Montessori materials.

The excitement is starting to grow now as we are preparing for Christmas and the girls and boys are working very hard to create some lovely crafts to bring home.

I wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a wonderful New Year!



Sarah's ECCE classes:

Hi Everyone,
The children have had a fantastic first term in Kathy b's. The new children have settled into the classroom so well and have enjoyed making lots of new friends. All the returning children were delighted to see each other again and have been a great help with the new children. It has been a busy term and we have enjoyed a variety of activities such as science experiments, baking, trips to the playground, singing and lots of lovely stories. One of our highlights this term was our Kindness Week. It was lovely to see the children engage in different kindness activities and our donation drive in aid of Saoirse was a huge success. Thank you to all of you for your support this term in getting the children settled so well. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. Sarah xx



Catherine's ECCE classes:

Hi everyone,
All the children have settled in very well this term 😊 we have enjoyed all our group activities, trips to the playground and lots of fun and games in the garden. Everyone is so excited for Christmas, and we are busy getting our art ready for our Christmas window and classroom. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Catherine xx



Full time children:

Hi everyone,
I can't believe it's that time of year again. All of the full-time children have settled in well. We have welcomed back some of the same faces and a few new ones. The children have really enjoyed making new friends and even helping with the smaller children. We have been enjoying lots of fun activities such as baking, making homemade soup and lots of art and crafts, the children have been so busy getting all their Christmas art done to bring home and they have been such a big help in getting our Christmas windows done. Thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. Nicole xx



After school:

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a wonderful summer. The kids have all settled back in well, are making lots of new friends and new memories and bringing smiles to us every day in Kathy b's. We have enjoyed our outdoor activities, going to the playground, trips to the park. The kids are enjoying getting all their Christmas art done. We would like to thank you for all your support in After School. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. Shauna, Rose and Nicola xx





Kathy b's team:

I am delighted to let you know that we have recently recruited 3 new staff members to our team.

Rose Morrissey has joined our After School team. Rose has worked with us previously so some of you may remember her from before. Rose has a Fetac level 5 childcare qualification and brings a wealth of experience to our team. Rose is very arty and loves organizing crafts and games for our school aged children to enjoy.

Nicola Smith has also joined our Afterschool team. Nicola has 10+ years' experience as a child minder, a level 6 SNA cert, a bachelors in arts and a postgrad in further education teaching. Nicola is also a leader in the beavers Kingswood and already knows several of our After School children through her volunteering role in beavers. Nicola also enjoys organizing a range of activities for our school aged children to enjoy.

Annette McDermott has joined our Montessori team to assist with break and holiday cover, dinner prep and to assist our EYE'S. Annette has a level 7 bachelor's degree in early childhood care and education. Annette has many years experience working in both the early years and school aged childcare sectors.

Please join me in welcoming our new team members when you meet them

I am sad to let you know that Audrey Paterson has finished up working in Kathy b's after 15 years.

Audrey worked across all classes over the years and was a great addition to our team. She was always smiling and singing, and we will miss her in Kathy b's.

We wish Audrey the very best for the future xx



Kids' Corner:

As it's our Christmas newsletter I have asked each class to come up with 3 words to describe what Christmas means to them.

Lisas (am) class:

- Santa
- Presents
- Decorations

Lisas (pm) class:

- Presents
- Santa
- Sleigh

Catherines class:

- Santa
- Reindeer
- Snow

Sarah (am) class:

- Giving presents
- Reindeers
- Giving someone flowers

Sarahs (pm) class:

- Santa Claus
- Presents
- Christmas trees

After school (1:30pm):

- Christmas tree
- Christmas lights
- Getting cozy with Christmas blankets

After school (2:30pm):

- Christmas tree
- Jingle bells
- Presents

Parents corner:

'Conn recently started in Kathy bs joining his big sister Cara. They both love going in everyday and now share time and friends together.

Conn has come on leaps and bounds since moving to Kathy b's and this is because of all the time, effort and thought the staff put into activities, skill development and an emphasis on fun and the outdoors. Conn and Cara come home so excited after a day at the playground or the park feeding the ducks.

A family activity we have done recently is the new fairy walk in Tymon Park. Would highly recommend!'

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Charity drive:

This year Kathy has done a charity drive for the charity Saoirse, an organization dedicated to supporting women and children suffering from domestic violence.

We would like to extend a huge and sincere thank you for the remarkable kindness and generosity that was shown. Your contributions, including toys, clothes, vouchers and other essential items, will provide critical assistance to families struggling with the trauma of domestic abuse.

Your donations have had a significant and positive impact, enabling the charity to deliver bags of Christmas magic to the families that are affected, helping to make their Christmas truly special.

We are so grateful for your continued support which allows us to run these charity events each year.





Christmas outing:

We are so excited for our annual Christmas outing! This year, the Montessori / ECCE children will enjoy a magical trip on the Luas to the square, where they will get to see all the beautiful Christmas trees, sparkling lights, and festive decorations. To accommodate all the children, the outing will be split into 2 groups:

- Morning Classes will enjoy their trip on Tuesday, 16th December at 8:30am
- Afternoon Classes will enjoy their trip on Wednesday, 17th December at 11:40am

After all the festive fun, both groups will be brought back to Kathy b's for a delicious warm hot lunch which we have pre-ordered from Centra. Please ensure your child is dressed warmly for the weather and no school bags will be needed. We are really looking forward to making lots of magical memories.

(This trip is subject to weather)



Christmas carols:

Hi everyone, the countdown to Christmas has started in Kathy b's. The children are busy practising some Christmas songs that they will perform for you on the last day of school before the Christmas break.

The performance will take place outside Kathy b's (weather permitting) at 11:30am on Friday December 19th. On that day we would ask that the afternoon ECCE children are dropped to Kathy b's for 11:20am. After the singing, at 11:40 the morning ECCE children will be handed over to their parents to go home. Full time children are welcome to stay in Kathy b's for the afternoon, but you are welcome to collect your child after the performance if you could please let your child's teacher know they are leaving. The children will not require any bags that day.

Many thanks





Dates for the diary:

Christmas holidays:

We will close Friday 19th December at 5:30pm and reopen Monday 5th January 2026 at 8 am. St. Kilian's N.S. closes at 12pm on Friday 19th December and we will collect all our afterschool children at this time.

Partnership with parents' week:

We are delighted to announce our upcoming PWP week which will take place on Monday, 26th January to Friday 30th January. This special week is a fantastic opportunity for you to come into your child's classroom and share a skill or activity with the children, this can be anything from reading a favorite story to leading an arts and craft session. More details will be sent on this in the New Year!

Easter camp:

Easter camp will run from 30th March- 2nd April 2026 (4days). More information and forms will be available in the new year.

School holidays:

If anyone needs our school calendar you can email Katherine and she will send you a copy, it is also available on our website. www.kathyb.ie

We would also like to take this time to thank you all for your continued support.

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

'Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh'

All the staff at Kathy b's.

