



St Francis National School

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1st Class Resource List – 2025-2026

Free Primary Schoolbooks Scheme 2025-2026

For this school year, the Dept. of Education is again providing the school with funding to purchase all textbooks, workbooks and copies. This is most welcome funding which we hope will continue into the future and will significantly reduce the cost of returning to school for parents.

Where funding allows, some related classroom resources may also be provided for your child. However, your teacher may require you purchase some specific items relevant to your child's class and these are specified below.

The schoolbooks and workbooks will be on loan and must be returned at the end of the school year, or if the child leaves the school. Please help make sure your child keeps the schoolbooks safe and takes care of them, so they can be used again by another child.

We have a nominal charge of **€50 per pupil** (payable on Aladdin) to cover all classroom expenses related to Arts and Craft materials, photocopying, 24 hour pupil accident insurance (see www.stfrancisns.ie/parents-info/personal-accident-insurance/) and classroom supplies/consumables. This must be paid by the end of December 2025.

Parental Contribution

Throughout the school year we arrange a variety of extra activities, including FitKids, speech & drama, tennis, soccer, rugby, basketball, Gaelic football, hurling and camogie coaching, swimming lessons (4th & 5th classes), visiting storytellers or theatre, mindfulness, yoga and Irish dancing. For senior classes we also organise team training and enter sports leagues against other local schools in basketball, soccer and Gaelic football, school choir, debating competitions and Quiz Teams. To help us cover the cost of these additional activities, St. Francis NS operates a voluntary parental contribution scheme.

We invite all parents to either:

1. Join the St Francis NS Weekly Lotto (see www.stfrancisns.ie/parents-info/lotto/) You can set up a weekly payment of €2.50 for one line or €5 for 3 lines. Money raised goes directly to the school – and you could just be our weekly winner or even our Jackpot winner!

Or

2. Make a voluntary contribution via Aladdin



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The cost of all extracurricular activities amounts to approximately **€75 per pupil** per year and we rely heavily on these parental contributions from ALL PARENTS to cover the cost of the extra activities. Thank you for your co-operation with this. **If you are doing the Lotto, please message the school office to remove the voluntary contribution payment from your Aladdin account.**

Parents need to provide (1st Class)

- Colouring Pencils (e.g. Twistables) No felt tip, marker or gel pens please
- Rubber and sharpener