



# Catholic Schools Week 2019

Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools

## Wednesday: Grandparents Day: Celebrating our School Family

### 30 January 2019

Each year, the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week is designated as the day when the school community celebrates and pays tribute to grandparents and the role they play in handing on the faith to their grandchildren and in supporting the community of faith at home and in the parish. They bring joy to the lives of their grandchildren and in turn grandchildren can bring real joy to them.



**Note:** Teachers should use their discretion in relation to these activities if pupils have recently lost grandparents or are not in contact with grandparents. All classes can engage with the following activities at different levels. Choose an activity to suit your class.

#### Activities

Our grandparents are a special gift in our lives. They watch over us as we grow and are often some of the most important teachers in our lives. They teach us about our common home, which they have been watching over and caring for long before we were here to help! They have seen and experienced many changes in our world, both good and bad.

#### Portrait of Granny and/or Granddad and Me

Encourage the children to draw and colour a portrait of them and their grandparent or grandparents, focusing on a happy time they shared.

#### Thank You Card

Encourage the children to make a thank you card for their grandparents with a focus on the positive influence grandparents have had on their lives. Give the card to grandparents or, if they live far away, why not post it?

#### A Special Memory

Encourage the children to think of a time when their grandparents shared something special with them. Invite them to write the memory down so that they can share it with their grandparents.

#### Prayer

Write a prayer of thanksgiving for your grandparents.

#### Project

In linking with the SESE- History curriculum, encourage the children to research their grandparent's life by surveying their grandparent where possible. If they cannot talk to their grandparent for whatever reason, they can interview their parents or relatives and find out details about their grandparent's life. They can locate pictures of their grandparent, be it as a child, at their wedding or a photo of them with their grandchild. The children can then create a poster celebrating the unique contribution their grandparent has made to their life and to their family life.

