



## Athenry Primary School

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### **Agreed Report – Board of Management Meeting**

**October 2025**

#### **1. Catholic Ethos & School Community**

Weekly and fortnightly assemblies continue to bring our school community together to pray, celebrate pupil achievements and share school news. Dates for First Communion and Confirmation have been communicated to families. Preparations are underway for our Whole School Christmas Nativity in Athenry Church on December 10th. Special thanks to Fr Charlie and Fr Benny for their continued support.

#### **2. Learning & Wellbeing**

Our new *Bí Cineálta* policy, with the motto “Life is better when we work together”, is being promoted through CPD, assemblies, lessons, signage and the new ‘Spirit of APS’ award. The Student Voice Council has been formed to support pupil participation and wellbeing initiatives. Staff and pupils are focussing on Wellbeing as part of our School Self Evaluation process.

#### **3. School Environment & Projects**

The modular build is complete and the yard resurfacing has greatly improved play and movement spaces for pupils. A new sensory room has been created in St. Therese B, enhancing support for our pupils. New storeroom, accessible toilets, and an upgraded intercom system have been added to support day-to-day school life. Planning is underway to further improve our yard areas with new play equipment, painting and signage, and a special class play space project (supported by Tesco funding).

#### **4. School Planning & IT**

New technology has been added to classrooms, including projectors, laptops and visualisers, supporting interactive learning. A school Padlet page has been created to make teaching and learning resources more accessible to staff.

#### **5. Extra-Curricular Activities & Student Experiences**

Pupils have taken part in a wide range of activities including the Baboró Festival at the Town Hall, trips to Coole Park and a historical walking tour of Galway City. They have also participated in basketball workshops, rugby blitz, Cumann na mBunscoil competitions, INTO Mini 7s, and cross-country events at Galway Racecourse and Renmore. TY students from Clarin College are joining us for work experience, supporting learning and building community links.

#### **6. Community & Partnerships**

The school donated €1,000 to Athenry Cancer Care, supporting local initiatives. Classes have enjoyed educational visits to Athenry Castle, Priory, Heritage Centre and the Library. Ongoing positive engagement continues with our parish, parents, local council and community groups.



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### ***7. Looking Ahead***

Preparations are well underway for the Christmas Nativity, yard improvement projects, and Creative Schools and Green Schools initiatives. The Board commends pupils and staff for their positive engagement, creativity, and teamwork across all areas of school life.

**The Board of Management thanks all staff, pupils, parents and community partners for their continued support and contribution to our vibrant school community.**