



Athenry Primary School

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Board of Management Agreed Report

November 2025

1. Professional Development & Curriculum Support

Staff have engaged in professional development this term, including Misneach training for newly appointed Principals and Child Safeguarding training, with further support for the implementation of the new Maths curriculum scheduled for early January.

2. Catholic Ethos

Both campuses continue to uphold the Catholic ethos through weekly or fortnightly assemblies celebrating pupil achievements, school news, and community engagement. November was marked with remembrance trees on both campuses, and visits from the Schools Diocesan Team took place in early November. Pupils from 3rd to 6th classes attended Presentation Day Mass on November 21st, and preparations are underway for the whole-school Christmas Nativity concert on December 10th. Parents were surveyed regarding the school's denomination and future planning.

3. Special Education

Our NEPS psychologist has visited the school on several occasions in term 1 to support the work of the school. Funding applications for psychological assessments and special education facilities have been submitted. School policies are being updated in line with Circular 39/2025, reflecting NCSE eligibility and fair oversubscription criteria for school places. Planning continues regarding accommodation adjustments, repurposing existing space, and accessing related grants.

4. School Self-Evaluation & Wellbeing

School self-evaluation and wellbeing remain key priorities. The APS Wellbeing Strategy 2025/2026 is central to the School Improvement Plan, with initiatives including promoting the BÍ Cineálta policy awareness among pupils and staff and our Student Voice Council to promote wellbeing and inclusiveness. A student-friendly version of the BÍ Cineálta policy has been finalised and is being digitalised for printing, and noticeboards have been established across both campuses.

5. Community Links

Participation in decorating Christmas trees around the town continues to strengthen community connections. Fundraising initiatives will have supported the local playground and Athenry Christmas lights.

6. Extra-Curricular Activities & Clubs

A Homework club on Campus B and other extra-curricular activities have begun this term.

7. Parents' Association

The PA AGM was held on October 15th, with the first meeting of the term held on November 13th. The Christmas fundraiser has been launched.

8. Plant & Facilities

Emergency and minor works include applications for replacement of doors and windows, an upgraded alarm



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system, flooring and sink replacements in prefabs, green fencing, planting, yard improvements, and a special class playspace project funded through external donations.

9. Correspondence & Policies

APS Admissions Policy has been updated (reflecting Circular 39/2025) and is available to view on the school website.

10. Child Protection & Anti-Bullying

Child protection procedures are being reviewed in all schools nationwide. All boards are scheduled for training in February 2026, with new procedures to be adopted by December 2026.

The BOM of Athenry Primary School wishes the whole school community a very peaceful, happy and healthy Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.