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Primary School
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Board of Management Agreed Report

September 2026

We would like to wish all of our newly appointed staff every success in their new roles over the coming months and throughout the school year. We look forward to working together to support all of our pupils.

📣 Communications

As part of our commitment to child safeguarding, we have made the conscious decision to remove pupils' photographs and images from our public school website, which has a worldwide reach. We would like to thank Maria McGrath, Special Education Teacher, who has worked on the redesign of our website homepage and developed a new format using alternative images.

Our private Instagram account will continue to showcase photographs of our pupils and the many wonderful activities and achievements taking place in the school. As a private account, access is restricted to our school community.

🏴 Fundraising

The Athenry Primary School Weekly Fundraising Draw launches on 1 October 2026. This Parent Association initiative aims to raise much-needed funds for the school. The Board wishes the initiative every success.

🛡 Health & Safety – Campus A

Additional fencing was erected over the summer on the top yard on Campus A, creating a safe enclosed area for our special class. Further fencing to fully enclose Campus A is now being progressed and is expected to be completed over the coming weeks.

🏗 New Modular – Campus B

We are delighted to announce that the Department of Education has sanctioned a new two-classroom modular building for Campus B. Work is due to commence in January 2027.

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The new building will provide an additional mainstream classroom, replacing a prefab on Campus A, as well as a second special class for pupils with autism. This is a very welcome development for the school and we look forward to seeing the project progress in the New Year.

🎺 School Band

Plans are underway to mobilise the Athenry Primary School Band for the new school year. Involving pupils from Fourth to Sixth Class, the band is a significant undertaking, and we are looking forward to two performances planned for the year ahead.

⚽🤾 Sport

Congratulations to all pupils who participated in the INTO Mini Sevens in football, hurling and camogie throughout September. We also congratulate our athletes who competed in the recent Cross Country competition at the Racecourse. Several pupils have qualified for the Connacht Championships in Longford on October 3rd.

Our pupils represented the school with great pride, and we thank the staff who trained and accompanied them.

Child Protection

The Board reviewed the Child Protection Oversight Report and confirmed that the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools are being fully implemented in the school.

Bí Cineálta / Anti-Bullying

The Board reviewed the Bí Cineálta oversight report and confirmed that the Bí Cineálta Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools are being fully implemented in the school.