

Ahane National School

Board of Management – Annual Report 2026



Board of Management Members 2025 -2026

Patron's Nominee and Chairperson: Tony Harnett.

Patron's Nominee: Maureen Hartigan

Community Nominee and Treasurer: Carol Condon

Community Nominee: Mark Mc Connell

Principal/ Secretary: Siobhán Kennedy.

Teacher Nominee: Grace Ryan

Parent Nominees: Karen Mullane Carey
Michael Kearney

School Ethos

Ahane National School is a Catholic School under the patronage of the Bishop of Killaloe, Bishop Fintan Monahan. We promote the formation of pupils in the Catholic faith. The pupils of Second Class received the Sacraments of First Confession and Holy Communion from Fr. James in St. Patrick's Church, Ahane. The pupils of Sixth Class received the Sacrament of Confirmation which was celebrated by Fr. Teehan.

Our Mission Statement

At Ahane National School we are dedicated to fostering an environment where every child feels valued and nurtured. Our mission is to promote an exceptional educational experience that promotes excellence in teaching and learning.

We are committed to a child – centred approach, recognising and supporting the unique strengths and needs of each pupil. Rooted in a Catholic ethos, we cultivate a supportive and inclusive community, where we welcome children of all beliefs and none and where we inspire children to be curious about the world around them.

Our goal is to nurture well-balanced responsible individuals who are equipped with essential life skills and a deep appreciation for values such as love, respect, sharing, honesty and compassion for others.

Staffing

The teaching staff for 2025 -2026 included a Teaching Principal, 5 mainstream class teachers, 3 fulltime Special Education Teachers based in Ahane NS, 1 shared Special Education Teacher. The school has 4 full time Special Needs Assistant posts and 1 part time post. The Board employs a full – time Secretary

Policy Development

Ahane National School Board of Management Admissions Policy and Annual Admission Notice are available on the School Website. The annual reviews on the Code of Behaviour and Bí Cinéalta were completed.

School policies are available in the school office and on the school website at www.ahanens.ie

Department of Education

All staff members attended Child Protection Training in November 2025.

Teachers attended in-service on the Primary Curriculum Framework.

National Council for Special Education (NCSE)

Ahane National School received sanctioning to open a new Autism Class in September 2026

School Sports

Pupils participated in Cross Country Athletics and Gaelic football in term 1. Pupils from Third to Sixth Class participated in swimming in Term 2 The Senior Classes participated in the FAI School Soccer League. In term 3 pupils participated in hurling, camogie, basketball, Limerick City track athletics in UL and yoga. The Boys Hurling Team won the 11 a side Cumann na mBunscoil Competition

Curricular Development

Pupils participated in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme, Analog Robotics and the RDS Science Blast. The School celebrated Maths Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, World Book Day and a Fitness Week for pupils and staff. Pupils participated in the Yes to Languages Programme. Pupil activities and events can be followed on Instagram at [ahanens](https://www.instagram.com/ahanens)

Parents' Association

Thank you to our Parents Association for all their support and work for the pupils and the school during the School Year.

The Board appreciates the work and commitment of all who work to promote and support Ahane National School. *Ar Scáth a cheile a mhaireann na daoine –We all depend on each other.*

School Calendar 2026 -2027

School reopens on August 27th 2026. School Calendar for 2026 -2027 is available on the school website at www.ahanens.ie.