

At a glance: School Development Planning 2025/26

89% of children from P4-P7 are achieving expected attainment or above in May 25 PTE. **National Average 75%**

Literacy

- Challenge low phonological and language abilities in the Foundation Stage.
- Challenge lower comprehension skills in non-fiction texts compared to fiction.
- Continue to utilise and assess the effectiveness of interventions.

83% of children who used the Lexia Literacy program and 93% of children who used the Nessy Spelling program improved their PTE scores this year.

Pastoral care, Safeguarding and Wellbeing

- Safeguarding Policies and Procedures audit to take place.
- Whole School Pastoral care initiatives organised including Anti-Bullying Week activities, Children's Mental health week and Internet Safety awareness including E-safety Day.

ICT

- To utilise Just2easy throughout the school in order to aid the delivery of ICT.
- To continue to embed ICT tasks throughout the curriculum ensuring each task has one desirable feature focus and references the 5Es.
- To focus on the desirable features Data Handling and Digital Audio and Music.
- Purchase additional I-pads to aid the teaching of ICT.

After consultation with pupils, staff and parents, our new School Development Plan for 2025 - 2028 will be formulated. We will be updating our school promotional material to include our new core values and our vision and mission statements.

81% of children from P4-P7 are achieving expected attainment or above in May 25 PTM. **National Average 75%**

Numeracy

- To trial effectiveness of CEA Numeracy adaptive assessments from P4 to P7.
- To implement new Heinemann Maths Scheme into our teaching practices.
- Assess impact / effectiveness of new scheme.

75% of children to participated in the Maths Recovery program improved their PTM score this year.

Special Educational Needs

- Training and dissemination of good practice to take place in relation to the SEND transformation process.
- Continue to engage with relevant outside agencies.
- Continue to utilise and assess the effectiveness of interventions including Lexia, Nessy, Maths Seeds, Mathletics and the Maths Recovery Program.

The Arts

- To implement our new PE scheme from CORE NI into our teaching practices.
- The EA service continue to offer lessons in violin, viola and flute.
- Our School Choir continue to play an important role in school life performing regularly at school masses, assemblies and external events.
- Art and drama are utilised throughout the curriculum.

The World Around Us

- Global Learning focus in one topic each year.
- Utilise topics effectively to ensure an even spread of science, geography, history, art and drama.

Board of Governors

- Regular meetings to oversee School Development Planning; financial Planning; staffing matters, school estate developments and curriculum development etc.
- Relevant training to keep up-to-date with educational trends and the expectations of the role.

Play Based Learning

- Continue to develop our Play Based Learning areas and continue to invest in resources.
- Continue to develop our planning and assessment formats for Play Based Learning.

Community Engagement

- We are delighted that our Aspire Shared Education project will take place again this year focusing on Identity.
- Strong links in place with Tullylish GFC, Laurencetown Community Centre and with the Parish through our Chaplain, Fr Des. All groups use our school App to disseminate information.
- We are very thankful for and continue to enjoy additional PE lessons, funded by Tullylish GAA club.
- Intergenerational Project will again take place this year with our P7 pupils taking part.
- Pathways Cluster group have been set up with 5 other local schools to disseminate good practice, share resources and ideas for enhancing teaching and learning.
- Continued support of Charities - local and further afield.
- Grandparents' Day established as part of Catholic Schools' Week.

Pupil Voice

- Our Student Council continue to play an active role in school life, meeting regularly with Mr Tighe to pass on their ideas to improve our school.
- Student Council will also help organise various fundraising events during the school year.
- Our Eco-committee will continue to lead our school community to ensure every opportunity is taken to promote environmental issues.
- Our Digital Leaders will continue to lead the school to ensure online safety.
- Our recently formed Girls Active Group will work to promote girls' participation in PE, sport and physical activity.

Extra-Curricular Areas

- A wide range of after-school clubs will continue to be offered, catering for different interests.

Friends of St Colman's Bann

- Our parent's group continue to play an invaluable role in our school, raising much needed funds for such initiatives as new I-pads.
- Our parent's group continue to organise family friendly events throughout the year to give people the opportunity to support our school.