



Sylane N.S.

Board of Management – Annual Report 2026



Board of Management 2025/2026

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Policy Development

Policies updated this year included:

- Data Protection Policy
- Dignity and Respect at Work
- Child Safeguarding & Bí Cineálta
- Curricular Policies

Thank you to all the teachers and BOM members who contributed to these important updates.

School Ethos

We held our annual beginning and end of year prayer services on 19th September and 22nd June respectively.

We held a prayer service for the Official Opening of our new playground on 27 March. The children in 2nd class had their First Confession in school with Fr. Blake in March, attended their 1st Communion Retreat in Ballintubber on 8 May and received the sacrament in Belclare Church on 17 May. 6th Class attended their Confirmation Retreat in Knock on 13 February and received their sacrament on 24 March in Corofin. There was a whole school religious inspection on 11 November.

Student Achievements

Well done to our Student Council who worked on Wellbeing, recycling and fundraising initiatives this year. Congratulations to Lily Costello and Danni Gilmore who won the Galway County Hospice Art Competition. Well done to Benjamin Buday for his work with Dáil na nÓg and winning and Inclusion in Schools County Competition. Congratulation to Éanna Reilly, Lana Comer and Dillon Costello on their Cross Country running in the County finals. 10 students from 4th – 6th classes were invited to attend the Talented Youth Programme in NUIG this year.

Staffing

No retirements in 2025-2026

Career breaks: Clodagh Ruane remains with Oide and Ruth Hanly will be reappointed for the 2026-27.

All other staff remain, no class changes this year. SNA's Ger & Marie

Kevin Tighe: 5th & 6th

Ruth Hanly 3rd & 4th

Angela Kelly 1st & 2nd

Sinéad Ruane: Junior & Senior Infants

Ms Cleary & Ms Flynn SET

Secretary: Eadaoin Tobin

Monthly in staff and management meetings

Curricular Development

Our 3-year development plan for the promotion of Wellbeing in our school is now completed.

Parents' Association

Thank you to all the members of the PA for their support and fundraising efforts this year. They had 3 meetings this year, in November, January and March. Their Quiz Night Fundraiser in March was a huge success raising €1,236.95.

They were instrumental in organising the Christmas Concert, the opening of the new playground and the graduation mass. They also worked on school policies for cyberbullying and child safeguarding.

Summer Works/Buildings

Any summer/emergency works carried out this year

The school will reopen on 27th August



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School Events this Year

October 2025

Soccer Blitz in Kilshanvey Utd
Mini 7's Hurling & Camogie in Caherlistrane
Gerard McHugh Hurling Blitz in Sylane
Hurling /Football coaches training in school weekly – Jack Hynes & Dylan Connors
Cross Country Athletics
Maths Week 11-19th
Brickz for Kids Lego Workshop
Crann - Tress for Ireland school visit
Music Generation 10-week course

November 2025

Science Week 10th – 16th
Literacy Lift off 1st – 4th Class
Mobile Farm School Visit
Heritage Ireland School Visit
Safety Cycling Workshop in school

December 2025

Christmas Concert and Bake Sale

January 2026

Fundamental Movement Classes with Dylan Connors – 6-week course
Catholic School Week 18th – 24th

February 2026

Fun2Bfit – 6-week course
Music Generation – 10-week course
Rugby training in school with Tuam Rugby Club coach – 6-week course
Forest School for Infants– 6-week course
ECO – UNESCO Environmental Workshop in school
Incredible Edibles Programme begins
Credit Union Quiz
Branar Show in the Mall Theatre

March 2026

World Book Day Local Author Visitor - Katherine Scanlon
Seachtain na Gaelige 1-17th – parade, ceilí, games, lá glás, frasaí na seachtaine
Bike repair and maintenance workshop in school
Hurling for 1st & 2nd with Dylan Connors

April 2026

Road Safety Authority Visit
Forest School for Infants and 6th Class – 6-week course
Cumann na mBunscoil
Friendship Week – 27th – 1st May

May 2026

Swimming lessons
Water Safety Awareness Week – water safety webinar
The Raftery Cup
The Anthony Murphy Cup
Sylane Hurling Blitz 1st & 2nd Class
Music Generation Ukelele Concert in Leisureland 3rd 6th

June 2026

The Treacy Cup
School Tours – J.I. – 2nd Class: Wildlands, 3rd – 6th: Let's GO ATU
Sports Day – Drumadore
Wellbeing Week 8th – 12th