

# St Felim's National School



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is the agreed report of the Board of Management following a meeting on 6 May 2026.

- The following reports were presented to the board:
  - A Child Protection Oversight Report
  - A Treasurer's Report
  - A Principal's Report
  - An Anti-bullying Report
- The Board approved the school calendar 26.27. A copy will be circulated to parents/guardians and published on the school website and on Aladdin in due course.

## **Redeveloped Primary School Curriculum**

The school is preparing for the next phase of the Redeveloped Primary School Curriculum. Schools have discretion in selecting the first curriculum area for enactment, and we are currently finalising our choice for September 2026.

All staff training days for the current school year have now been completed.

There will be scheduled school closures during the 2026/2027 school year to facilitate further staff training. Dates and further details will be communicated as we receive them.

## **Staffing & Class Organisation**

- The Board noted the publication of the staffing circular 26.27. As there is no change to the teacher appointment and retention figures issued by the Department, we will continue to have seven mainstream class teachers next year. The board welcomes the small increase of 2.5 hours in our special education allocation. For the upcoming school year 26.27, the school's staffing profile will consist of:
  - *Seven mainstream class teachers assigned across eight classes*
  - *Two full-time Special Education Teachers*
  - *One Shared Special Education Teacher (Ballinamoney N.S. & The Model N.S.)*
- Decisions on teacher allocation and class groupings will be notified to parents in June.

## **School Events**

- Congratulations to the children in Rang 6 and Rang 2 who received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist recently. The board acknowledges the work of the teachers, Ms Cooney & Ms. Moynagh, in preparing their classes for the sacraments. Sincere thanks, too, to the children in Rang 3, Rang 4, Rang 5 & Rang 6, their choir teacher, Ms McShane, Mr Gaskin, and Mr Thomas Hanley for the beautiful music on Communion day. Thanks too to Mrs Sheridan, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Fleming and Mrs Brady for their support with the preparations.
- The Board expresses its gratitude to the Parents Association for organising the Communion tea party, to the volunteers who helped on the day, and to everyone who baked cakes. We are sincerely grateful for this wonderful display of community support.

- The board wishes to extend its thanks to parents for their wonderful support for the Book Fair held recently. Commission earned on sales will be used to purchase books for our class libraries. The board extends its thanks to Mrs Lisa Sharkey for co-ordinating the Book Fair.
- The Robotics Workshops, coordinated by Mrs Tara Kelly, in partnership with Cavan County Library, were a great success and a wonderful learning experience for the children. The board also thanks Deputy Niamh Smyth for visiting the school to talk to the school community about Digital Technology and for showing an interest in their digital learning.

### **CPSMA Art Competition Success**

The board extends its warmest congratulations to our two talented artists who achieved national recognition in the CPSMA *'Everyday Holiness'* Art Competition. Holly (Rang 4) secured second place in the Senior Category while Gracie (Rang 1 ) was awarded first place in the Junior Category. This is a significant achievement for the girls, and we are very proud of them. Furthermore, the board commends every pupil who submitted an entry.

### **Sports & Student Participation**

- The board congratulates the pupils who took part recently in the Cumann na mBunscol Football, Hurling and Camogie INTO Skills Competitions.
- A huge well done to the boys and girls who represented the school in the FAI soccer competitions.
- Best wishes to the boys and girls who will participate in the Cumann na mBunscol Football Competitions in the coming weeks.

### **Community Spirit**

- The board extends its thanks to Adrian Rogers, John McCormack and David Gorham for their support with the carpark maintenance. Thanks also to Board member Francis Tierney for his help with some maintenance jobs around the school.
- The board acknowledges with gratitude the generous donation of additional solar panels for the roof by Blackwell Contracts.

### **Condolences**

The board extends its condolences to Mrs Jean Brennan on the death of her mother and to Mrs Jacinta Woods on the death of her mother-in-law. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

- The next meeting of the board will take place in April.

Yours sincerely,  
Eilís Keegan  
Secretary to B.O.M