



## September Newsletter 2025.

### School Staff Update.

We welcome Miss. Duffy & Miss. Flannery to the teaching staff of Aghamore N.S.

They will both work as Special Education Teachers.

Over the summer Nickie McDermott, SNA secured a job as an SNA in another school. We thank her for all her hard work and kindness while she worked in our school. We wish her well in her new post.

We welcome Jodie Nixon who has joined our staff as an SNA. We hope Jodie and all new staff will be very happy in their roles.

### School Improvements.

Over the summer holidays the classrooms & corridor of the school were freshly painted. It was lovely to return to a bright, fresh building.

A fully interactive Clevertouch screen was installed in each classroom. The screens are bright and engaging and greatly enhance teaching and learning.

Through funding granted by the Department of Education & Youth, Solar Panels were installed on both front and back of the school roof. We have a monitor installed in the corridor which allows children to see how much energy is generated by the panels and consumed in the school. This will help us become more Environmentally Aware and reduce energy bills.

### Parent/School Communication

**Contact Details:** Our main method of communication with parents is via email. However, on occasion we may have reason to contact you by phone.

For this reason, it is very important that all contact numbers and email addresses are up to date and that **the designated contacts are available to be reached at all times throughout the day**. Please let us know if your details change at any time.

**Telephone Line:** We are pleased to inform you that our phone line has been repaired today and is back in working order. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Absence Notes-** If your child is absent from school please send an explanatory note to their class teacher on their return. There is no need to email the school.

**Parent/Teacher Communication.** If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school via email and a mutually convenient time will be arranged.

**Money:** When sending money into school with your child, please put it in an envelope, write your child's name, date and what the money is for.

### Healthy Eating

We encourage all children to bring healthy lunches to school. Please do not send crisps or fizzy drinks.

Hot lunches resumed on Monday. Fresh Today has got the input of a new nutritionist and have made some changes to the menu. If your child wishes to change their order for the following week, please log in to the Fresh Today App before 5pm on the previous Thursday.

Lunchboxes to take home uneaten lunches were provided by Fresh Today for Junior Infants only.

Can children in all other classes please reuse the lunchbox they had last year.

### School Uniform

We are delighted to see all the children looking so smart in their school uniform. However, we notice some children are wearing track bottoms/ leggings in various styles and colours.

Going forward, when you're updating your child's school uniform, please bear in mind that the school uniform is as follows:

**Red Sweatshirt**

**Plain Navy skirt/pants/tracksuit bottoms. (not branded)**

**White polo shirt.**

**Navy Jersey shorts.**

**Please ensure your child brings a jacket to school every day.**

### Sporting Events

**Cross Country Running** will be held for pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class on Thursday next 25<sup>th</sup> September in Swinford.

**Mini 7's Football Competition** will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Centre of Excellence, Began. Boys & girls from the senior classes will take part.

We look forward to our pupils representing our school at these events.

### Events September - December 2025.

**September:** Cross Country & Mini 7's.

**October** - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will take part in the Marine Explorers Education Programme.

**October** - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will take part in the Fit4Class athletics programme.

**October 5<sup>th</sup> - Enrolment Mass** will take place for all First Holy Communion children.

**October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Parent Teacher Meetings.

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> School photographer** will visit. Please ensure your child is in full uniform on the day.

**November 26<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Show for Junior Infants - 2<sup>nd</sup> class at the Town Hall Theatre, Kiltimagh.

**December:** Christmas Carol Service.

### **Sacrament of First Holy Communion.**

**First Holy Communion** will take place on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** in **Aghamore Church**.

**Enrolment Mass** will take place for all First Holy Communion children on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** at **11:30am** in **Aghamore Church**. All children who are receiving the sacrament and their parents are asked to attend.

### **Supporting Charities**

Our school supports two charities every year. This year we are supporting:

#### **TeamUp for TeamHope.**

We have supported Team Hope with the Shoebox Appeal at Christmas for many years. Children receive a Team Hope leaflet before Halloween. Over the Halloween break children fill a shoebox with small toys, stationery, clothing and personal hygiene items. A €5 donation is asked towards distribution cost. This is all explained in the leaflet. Shoeboxes are returned to school after the Halloween break and are then distributed to children in less privileged areas of the world as a Christmas gift.

#### **Daisy Lodge, Cong- Therapeutic short break centre for children diagnosed with cancer and their families.**

We will support this charity later in the school year and will give you more details nearer the time.

### **Staff Training/ School Closures**

Mrs Bracken and Miss Maloney, in their roles as Designated Liaison Person and Deputy Designated Liaison Person, will attend mandatory Child Safeguarding Training on **Monday, 29th September** in Mayo Education Centre. **School will be open for all classes as usual.**

The school will be used as a Polling Station for the Presidential Election on **Friday, 24th October 2025**. **There will be no school on that day.**

All staff will attend the Child Protection Procedures Whole School Professional Learning Day in Mayo Education Centre on **Friday, 28th November 2025**. **There will be no school for pupils on that day.**