Board of Governors Report

October 2026

Enrolment

Measure	Current position
Current enrolment	417 pupils
Primary 1-7	391 pupils
Nursery	26 pupils (including 1 additional statement)
New pupils September/October	12 pupils

Staffing

Teaching Staff

- 14 permanent staff
- 3 temporary staff: 2 covering sick leave and 1 covering an unfilled position

Non-Teaching Staff

- 23 Classroom Assistants
- Building Supervisor
- Secretary
- 5 Cleaners
- 4 Catering Team members

Special Educational Needs Provision

- Special Educational Needs Coordinator - Mrs Aine Mallon
- Learning Support Teacher - Mrs Rooney
- SEN Register - 63 pupils
- Stage 1 - 19 pupils (in-school support)
- Stage 2 - 22 pupils (outside agency support)
- Stage 3 - 22 pupils (statemented children)

Categories of SEN

Category	Pupils
Cognition and Learning	21
Speech and Language	18
Social and Communication	14
SBEW	16
Sensory	3
Physical	2

In-School Support

- Learning Support withdrawal
- Lexia
- Time to Talk / Time to Listen
- Talking Partnership
- Reading Partnership
- Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) are in place and reviewed termly

Outside Agency Support

- RISE NI - 3 pupils
- EA LIT teams - 18 pupils

Support Team	Pupils
ASD Team	3
Early Years Team	3
Literacy Support	5
Behaviour Support	2
MLD Support	2
Sensory Support	3

Shared Education

Awaiting budget confirmation before joint planning with Ballymacash Primary School can commence. One pre-planned trip will proceed, funded through parental contributions and school resources.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Team met on Tuesday 6 October. An overview of current safeguarding matters was presented. The school currently supports one Looked After Child, and no bullying incidents have been recorded to date.

School Development Plan 2026-2029

Vision: Live, Love and Learn in a Caring Catholic Community.

1. Teaching, Learning & Attainment

- Improve reading comprehension and oracy, including Reciprocal Reading.
- Strengthen practical maths, reasoning and problem-solving through Fun Friday Maths.

2. Inclusion & Pupil Voice

- Strengthen support and monitoring for pupils with Special Educational Needs.
- Develop Personal Learning Plans and greater parent/pupil involvement.
- Increase opportunities for pupil voice in school decision-making.

3. Health, Wellbeing & Keeping Safe

- Develop a consistent whole-school approach to emotional health and wellbeing.
- Increase physical activity through the Daily Walk and Free PE Play.

4. Community Connections

- Further develop Shared Education.
- Increase meaningful engagement with parents, families and stakeholders through consultation and surveys.

Nursery

- Strengthen planning, observation and assessment so learning responds consistently to children's interests, needs and next steps.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Monday 30 November 2026

Staff Development

- 2 teachers are undertaking Middle Management training, supporting the development of leadership capacity within the school.
- 1 teacher is participating in Leading from the Middle training.
- The Vice Principal and Principal are attending First-Time Vice Principal and Principal training.
- All Classroom Assistants will receive training in completing Running Reading Records and supporting the Reading Partnership programme.
- 4 Classroom Assistants are undertaking training in Oracy Development, strengthening their skills in supporting pupils' speaking and listening.
- 2 Classroom Assistants are undertaking First Aid training.

Sacramental Dates

- Friday 5 March 2027 - First Confession
- Friday 12 March 2027 - Confirmation
- Saturday 15 May- First Holy Communion

Open Days

- Saturday 5 December 2026 - Primary 1
- Friday 11 December 2026 - Nursery

Educational Trips and Enrichment

- Wednesday 7 October - Girls Gaelic Tournament
- Thursday 8 October - Boys Soccer Tournament
- Wednesday 14 October - Boys Gaelic Tournament
- Wednesday 21 October - P6 Hunter House Production, Lagan Valley Civic Centre
- Thursday 22 October - P6 Twilight Lantern Parade
- Wednesday 11 November - Peace Proms rehearsal
- Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 November - Shared Education, Navan Centre
- Film Festival: Thursday 12 November - P6/7; Thursday 19 November - P4/5; Thursday 26 November - P2/3

- Wednesday 2 December - P6 Pantomime

Christmas Shows

- Friday 11 December Carol Service P3-P5
- Friday 18 December - Primary 1
- Saturday 19 December - Primary 2
- Monday 21 December – Nursery
- Choir – Tesco/ Lisburn Square/ Nursing homes

After School Provision

- MF Sports- Gaelic/ Basketball/ Clay/ Lego
- Rising stars soccer
- Alley's afterschool club
- Breakfast club