



Venue: Room 2 - Holy Family Junior School

Date of Meeting: Wednesday the 3rd December 2025

Agreed Report

Opening

- The chairperson, Allen Flynn welcomed the members of the board to the first meeting of the year.

Correspondence

- Have your say – Letter on Dept survey on Patronage and School Ethos – survey for parents, school staff and Board of management members

Principal Teacher's Report

The Principal's Report was presented and adopted by the Board of Management. Items included in this report were:

• Hot Lunches:

Carambola, our cold lunch provider will soon be ceasing the supply of cold lunches to school, as are all other lunch providers in the country. As a result, Holy Family Junior School will begin the provision of hot lunches to our pupils at school early in term 1 of the 2025-2026 school year.

• Maths Week

Maths Week was celebrated during the week starting Monday the 13th October, with lots of fun activities and games. Pupils learned number rhymes and songs. Parents supported the children as they engaged with Maths Trails around the school.

• Science Week

In addition to the wonderful Science learning that the children experience throughout the year, pupils enjoyed fun filled experiments during science week, inspiring them to be active learners, creative thinkers, and problem solvers.

• Halloween

Thanks to our wonderful Parents' Association for the beautiful Halloween decorations, they created in the foyer. Children and their parents/guardians decorated pumpkins which were displayed in the foyer too. Award winning pumpkins were exhibited in the Old Ground Hotel during Halloween and the winning children were treated to milk and cookies when they visited. Thanks to all those in the Old Ground Hotel who make the occasion so special.

• Another attendance Initiative – Attendance heroes

The attendance team had a new initiative for November, to promote the importance of daily attendance at school. Two pupils from each class were attendance heroes for the day. They traveled the corridor wearing their capes to inform Ita, our secretary about how many pupils are present in their class, reinforcing the importance of daily attendance at school.

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• Garden Allotments

Almost all our garden allotments are now being looked after by parent/families in the school. Thanks to all our wonderful green volunteers.

• Parents' Association

The Parents' Association AGM took place on Thursday, the 13th of November at 9am in the parents' room.

• English Classes

Our fun English Classes for parents take place every Wednesday from 9-10am in the Parents' Room.

• Art Classes with Magda

A 4-week course of Christmas Art classes began on Friday November the 14th in the Parent's Room, with 10 available places.

Church Gate Collection

Our church gate fundraising event was very successful over the weekend of the 1st and 2nd November. Thanks to staff and parents who were in a position to volunteer. All masses and all church entrances were well covered. We raised £1,590.00!!!!

School Policies

- Our Admission's Policy and Child Protection Policy Annual Reviews were completed with all relevant documents and checklists approved by the Board.

Celebrating 50 Years of Boards of Management

- In the new year, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Boards of Management in Catholic primary schools, marking this milestone in a manner befitting our school.
- Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 5th February 2026