



Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

Board of Management – Annual Report 2026



The purpose of this Board of Management Annual Report of Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover is to provide a summary of information on the operation of the school in line with the requirements of the Education Act 1998. This Report serves as an addition to the information provided on the school's website www.mounthanoverns.ie, the various newsletters issued by the school and information provided via email and the Class Dojo app.

Board of Management 2025/26

Chairperson	–	Joseph Collins
Treasurer	–	Richard Bowden
Secretary	–	Lorraine O'Loughlin
Teacher Nom.	–	Pádraig McGroggan
Parent Nom.	–	David Cannon Emma Keane
Community Noms.	–	Suzanne Conlon Fr. Stephen Kennedy

School Ethos

Diocesan advisor visit took place on December 10th 2025. The advisor, Maureen Fanning, visited all classrooms. She also spoke with the principal about the current provision of RE, sacramental and prayer life of the school and links being made with the local parish.

The 6th class children celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on February 11th, 2026.

The 2nd Class children celebrated the sacrament of First Confession on March 14th and the Sacrament of First Communion on May 16th.

A mass to celebrate St. Cholmcille's Day was held on June 2nd in the school GP Room.

Maintenance Work

Our new caretaker Gavin began working with us in January. Thank you to Gavin for all his work. Solar panels are being installed over the summer break.

Child Safeguarding and Anti Bullying

The Board of Management confirms that it has met its obligations in respect of Department of Education Child Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying Procedures. A full annual review of these was carried out by the Board and notification was published on the school website.

Teaching and Learning

Policy Development: The following curricular and organisational policies were developed /reviewed and ratified throughout the year: Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment, Code of Discipline & School Rules, Bí Cinéalta Policy, Safety Statement, Equality of Access Policy, Attendance Strategy, Critical Incidents Policy, PE Policy, ICT & Digital Learning Policy, SPHE Whole School Plan, RSE, Stay Safe Policy, Special Education Policy, Music Whole School Plan, History Whole School Plan, Geography Whole School Plan, Class Allocation Policy

School Self Evaluation: The staff continued their engagement with the School Self Evaluation (SSE) process this year. The focus was on wellbeing.

Standardised Test Results: Standardised Testing was carried out in May 2026. 2nd, 4th & 6th Class Scores were reported to the Department of Education as required. Individual scores were reported to parents on the end of year school report card.

Parents' Association

The school is supported by a very active Parents' Association.

Some activities which took place were:

- Clothes Recycling Drives
- Providing refreshments for Sports Days
- Reception in school following First Communion
- School discos
- School raffles
- Christmas treats
- Payment of school tour bus
- 6th Class Hoodies

The Board wishes to express its thanks to the members of the Parents' Association for giving so willingly of their time and talents throughout the year. Their support for the school is very much appreciated.



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Staffing for 2026/2027

Staffing for the 2026/2027 School Year is as follows:

Junior Infants: Ms. Mary Clayton (Acting Deputy Principal)

Senior Infants: Ms. Brigid O Donnell (Acting Assistant Principal)

1st/2nd: TBC

3rd/4th: Mr. Pádraig McGroggan

5th/6th: Ms. Lorraine O'Loughlin (Principal)

SET: Ms. Jessica Donagh

Shared SET & Principal Release Post: Ms. Mia Farrell
– Shared with Newtown NS 1 day per week.

SNA: Mrs. Mary Kennedy

Secretary: Mrs. Jennifer Donoghue.

School-Home Links

Parent Teacher meetings were held in November. Parents had the option of opting for a phone call or a face-face meeting. Junior Infants - In May the school held an open afternoon where the incoming students and their parents were able to meet the Junior Infants teacher for next year. There was also an information talk for the parents on that day.

12 students (8 boys; 4 girls) are enrolled in Junior Infants for the 2026/2027 school year.

School Activities and Events

Some examples of activities which were held include:

- **GAA:** Our GAA teams both reached the finals in Navan in their respective divisions of Cuman na mBunscol. Our boys team won their division.
- **FAI 5-a-side:** We had teams competing in the FAI 5-a-side tournament in Navan. One of the boys' teams reached the North Leinster Finals.
- **Athletics:** The children participated in the Meath Athletic events.
- **Swimming:** 1st- 4th class attended swimming lessons in Aura Drogheda.
- **Music Generation:** 3rd-6th class participated in violin lessons facilitated by Music Generation. We also had a visit from the Music Generation Roadshow who put on a concert for all the classes.
- **Spanish Lessons:** 5th & 6th class had 8 weeks of Spanish Lessons with Elena in Term 1.
- **Charity work:** During the year students led fundraising for several charities and school activities: St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Jumper Day, Denim Day for Dementia & Non-Uniform Day for Mollie's Animal Rescue.
- **Christmas Play:** Junior & Senior Infants performed a Christmas Play for their families.
- **House of Swag:** All classes participated in a dance workshop led by House of Swag. Many thanks to the Parents Association for funding the workshop.
- **KlaasKickz:** All classes participated in a soccer workshop led by KlaasKickz. Many thanks to the Parents Association for funding the workshop.
- **Outdoor Musical Equipment:** The parents Association were approved for an Indaver Community Grant. The funds will be used to purchase outdoor musical equipment for the school yard.
- **Digital Learning:** We were approved for a Meta Grant in Term 2. Chrome books and BeeBots were purchased from this grant.
- **Active School Flag:** Huge congratulations to Mr. McGroggan and all the school student son being awarded our first Active School Flag.
- **Blue Star Flag:** Huge congratulations to 5th & 6th Class on achieving a Blue Star Flag this school year.

Finally, the Board wishes to acknowledge the outstanding work of staff to provide the highest level of education to the children daily. The Board would also like to very highly commend all pupils and parents for the great work they do and their support in building a strong and vibrant school community.

Wishing you all a very safe, happy and enjoyable summer break. The school will reopen on Wednesday August 26th, 2026.