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Castlebar Primary School, established in September 2022, from a historic amalgamation of St. Angela's N.S. and St. Patrick's Boys' B.N.S., two of the town's oldest schools.

This co-educational school now serves over 860 pupils across two campuses:

- ▶ **JUNIOR CAMPUS (THE LAWN, F23YD79):**
Junior Infants to 1st Class
- ▶ **SENIOR CAMPUS (CHAPEL STREET, F23K389):**
2nd to 6th Class

Building on over a century of educational excellence, this amalgamation combines the best traditions, cultures, expertise and facilities of both schools.

Our highly-skilled staff continues to champion holistic educational opportunities and initiatives, inclusion and well-being for all in our school community.

Central to our ethos is the promotion of Music, Art, Drama, Dance, Sport, Public Speaking, and Chess. While maintaining a Catholic ethos, we extend a warm 'Céad Míle Fáilte' to children of all faiths and backgrounds.

Castlebar Primary School is committed to high educational standards, prioritising the care and wellbeing of all pupils and staff.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION: A Collaborative Partnership

Our Collaborative Approach

Our Parents' Association is a vital and dynamic component of our school community, playing a crucial role in:

Key Contributions

- ▶ Supporting school events and activities
- ▶ Fundraising for additional educational resources
- ▶ Providing policy input and guidance
- ▶ Creating a strong communication bridge between home and school

Partnership Principles

- ▶ Active involvement across all areas of school life
- ▶ Commitment to enhancing students' educational experience
- ▶ Collaborative approach to school development
- ▶ Transparent and supportive relationship between parents and staff

Core Values

- ▶ Mutual respect
- ▶ Shared commitment to student success
- ▶ Open communication
- ▶ Proactive engagement in school community



Our Parents' Association embodies the principle that education is a shared journey, where parents and staff work together to create the best possible learning environment for our children.

Our existing strengths

TEACHING & LEARNING EXCELLENCE



Our school excels in providing a comprehensive and inclusive educational experience:

Academic Prowess

- High standards in literacy and numeracy
- Varied teaching approaches emphasising both skills and content
- Participation in STEM initiatives and academic enrichment programs

Language and Cultural Development

- Strong promotion of Gaeilge through multifaceted activities
- 'Say Yes to Languages' Programme participation
- Focus on developing reading, literature appreciation and public speaking skills

Innovative Learning Approaches

- Aistear programme for infant classes
- Well-resourced ICT facilities and structured blended learning approach
- Active participation in local and national projects and competitions

Inclusive Education

- Dedicated support for children with special educational needs
- Special classes for Speech and Language and Autism
- Sensory rooms and outdoor sensory gardens on both campuses
- Committed Staff and Community Involvement
- Highly-skilled and dedicated teaching staff
- Strong emphasis on positive parental involvement
- Active participation in local and provincial events

This comprehensive approach ensures a well-rounded education that caters to diverse learning needs and fosters both academic and personal growth.

"The quality of pupils' learning was very good; pupils demonstrated very positive dispositions towards their learning and contributed confidently to class discussions."

"The overall quality of teaching was very good."

Quotes from DEY Inspectors' Whole School Evaluation report published January 2026

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT: Nurturing Well-Rounded Children

At Castlebar Primary School, we believe in fostering the complete development of our pupils:

Character and Social Skills

- Cultivate a caring atmosphere emphasising respect, empathy, inclusion, and friendship
- Encourage pupil voice and involvement in school decisions
- Implement Incredible Years & Friends for Life/Fun Friends programmes for emotional growth

Community and Environmental Engagement

- Active participation in local events (St Patrick's Day parade, musical performances, sports)
- Organise community-based activities like our Wizard Walk and card games
- Proud Green Flag school with strong environmental awareness

Health and Wellness

- Promote healthy eating and physical activity through programmes like Food Dudes and Active School Flag
- Foster a culture of assisting those in need

Cultural and Spiritual Growth

- Provide sacramental preparation for Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Engage in Creative Arts and MusicGen Ceol na n-Óg programmes

Academic and Extracurricular Excellence

- Offer diverse extracurricular activities including dance and football
- Achieve success in Credit Union & Cumann na mBunscol Quizzes
- Previously recognised as a Digital School of Distinction

International Perspective

- Experience in Erasmus programmes, broadening pupils' global outlook

Through this comprehensive approach, we aim to develop well-rounded, socially conscious and capable individuals prepared for future challenges.



"The quality of support for pupils' wellbeing in this school was very good."

Quotes from DEY Inspectors' Whole School Evaluation report published January 2026

ARTS EDUCATION: Unleashing Creative Potential

Comprehensive Arts Curriculum

Our school champions artistic expression through:

- ▶ Dedicated staff promoting Music, Drama, and Art across all classrooms
- ▶ Participation in Creative Arts School Programme and Creative Clusters
- ▶ Strong emphasis on diverse artistic experiences



Musical Excellence

- ▶ Newly established school choir invited to collaborate & perform in local shows and theatres
- ▶ Participation in National Children's Choir
- ▶ Acclaimed school band
- ▶ MusicGen Ukulele and Ceol na nÓg project involvement



Performance and Drama

- ▶ Vibrant school productions in well-equipped assembly halls
- ▶ Success in provincial and national drama competitions
- ▶ Participation in Féile Scoil Drámaíochta/Scór na bPáistí

Artistic Engagement

- ▶ Regular participation in local workshops and exhibitions
- ▶ Success in regional and national art competitions
- ▶ Teacher Artist Partnership (TAP) and BLAST Programme involvement

Additional Artistic Opportunities

- ▶ After-school art classes
- ▶ Strong focus on public speaking and debating
- ▶ Encourages students to explore and develop creative talents
- ▶ After school ICT, STEM & Music classes offered



Our arts education nurtures creativity, builds confidence and provides students with a platform to express themselves across multiple artistic domains.

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Fostering Active, Healthy Lifestyles

Comprehensive Physical Development

Our sports programme offers:

- ▶ Active School Flag participation
- ▶ Diverse physical education curriculum
- ▶ Running tracks on both school campuses
- ▶ Annual Sports Days emphasising participation and enjoyment

Sporting Diversity

In-School Sports

- ▶ Basketball, football, badminton, and table tennis leagues



In-school coaching for:

- ▶ Hurling/Camogie
- ▶ Soccer / Gaelic Football
- ▶ Rugby

Fitness and Wellness Initiatives

- ▶ Daily Mile and Marathon Kids Programmes
- ▶ Swimming classes
- ▶ Orienteering and Cross Country Running
- ▶ Cycle safety training for senior students

Competitive Achievements

Participation in:

- ▶ Cumann na mBunscol
- ▶ FAI Schools Soccer
- ▶ Cross Country and Athletics competitions
- ▶ Local Rounders events

Additional Opportunities

- ▶ After-school sports programmes
- ▶ Chess Clubs with inter-school involvement
- ▶ Strong track record of success in county, regional and national competitions

Our sports programme aims to develop physical skills, teamwork and a lifelong love of physical activity.

PRESCHOOL & AFTERSCHOOL

PRE-SCHOOL / ECCE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER

IMAGINATION STATION

THE LAWN CAMPUS:

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After School runs from 1.40pm to 6pm



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FREE HOT MEALS SERVED DAILY

- THE LUNCH BAG - HEALTHY SCHOOL MEAL SERVICE -

