Antrim Primary School

Our School Development Plan

2026 – 2029

'START RIGHT TO SHINE BRIGHT'

Our School

Our School Development Plan sets out the key priorities for 2026 – 2029. It has been shaped through consultation with our pupils, parents, staff, governors and our wider school community.

Our aim is to continue to provide a high-quality, inclusive education where every child is supported, challenged and given the opportunities to learn, to belong and succeed.
During **2026–27**, we will focus on four key priorities.

1 Improving Reading

We will strengthen the teaching of reading and promote reading for enjoyment.



- Train staff in new approaches to teaching reading.
- Review and improve the books and reading resources available.
- Trial whole-class guided reading in P2 and P4.
- Develop Reading Buddies, Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) sessions and World Book Day activities.

2 Developing Mental Maths

We will develop a clear and consistent approach to Mental Maths from P1 to P7.



- Review how Mental Maths is currently taught.
- Agree the key skills and strategies for each year group from P1 to P7.
- Provide staff training in effective Mental Maths approaches.
- Introduce common Mental Maths planners across all classes.

3 Developing Digital Technology

We will introduce a clear Digital Technology curriculum from P1 to P7.



- Review current provision and identify areas for development.
- Introduce new schemes of work and clear expectations for each year group.
- Provide staff with practical training, guidance and resources.
- Ensure pupils receive consistent, high-quality digital learning experiences.

4 Improving Attendance

We will strengthen our approach to attendance and provide early support when needed.



- Review our Attendance Policy with staff, pupils, parents and governors.
- Clearly explain attendance expectations and procedures.
- Monitor attendance regularly and identify concerns early.
- Work with families to understand barriers and agree appropriate support.

Our 3 Year Journey

2026 – 2027
DEVELOP
Put our plans into action.

2027 – 2028
EMBED
Build consistency across our school.

2028 – 2029
SUSTAIN
Review impact and continue improving.

Our Vision

Our vision is to create a happy, safe and child-centred learning environment based on mutual respect. We will deliver inclusive, high-quality teaching and learning to equip children with the confidence and skills for success in the future.