

2024-2025: Trustee Annual Report

Structure Governance Management

The Friends of Clea PS is an association with registered Charity Status.

All Parents and Carers of pupils in attendance of Clea PS, Keady are encouraged regularly to become involved and engage on all activities. The wider community is communicated with via social media platforms and welcome to partake in such activities.

The Association is run by a small group of enthusiastic parents (past and current) alongside teacher volunteers. The Board of Governors of Clea PS are fully supportive and wish to acknowledge the effort of all members on the Friends of Clea. The Association's events are reported regularly at staff and Governor's meetings.

Objectives & Activities

The main objective of the Friends of Clea is to raise money through various fundraising activities and donations. The money raised is then directly donated to Clea PS, Keady for educational and enrichment purposes for all pupils in the school.

In striving to achieve this objective, the association provides opportunities to

- Develop further relationships within the school community and surrounding areas.
- Engage in activities supporting the pupils in their education.
- Provide additional resources that previously could have been funded by the EA delegated budget.

Achievements and Performance

A key target by the Friends of Clea was to develop a robust partnership and open communication channel between parents, school staff and community groups in the surrounding areas of Keady/Clea. It aims to ensure that there is an integrated schedules of events to improve rural life by organising events that are inclusive of the whole community and while doing so, raising funds for the pupils.

Effective Communication was clear as events and fundraisers were relayed electronically via parent newsletters, Social Media Channels, posters in the Community etc.

Several Social events were run over the 2024-2025 year with an emphasis on pupil led or family orientated.

The following events were run:

1. Break the Rules Day in school
2. Christmas Trolley Raffle in school
3. Christmas Cash Call

Financial Review

The Friends of Clea are only too aware of the budget constraints placed on schools in this climate and endeavour to use their funds to directly benefit as many pupils as possible. The Principal and Senior Management confirm that the funds provided by the Friends of Clea are essential in the running of the school.

As a result of the mentioned events, this facilitated the school to purchase much needed resources for the school.

Namely,

1. Purchasing Equipment for Outdoor Learning environment
2. Purchasing storage units for the Outdoor Learning Environment
3. P7 Leavers Jerseys.
4. PE Kit Bags for kit

The Friends of Clea have come together to drive more fundraising initiatives in the coming year. It is anticipated that the group will seek grant opportunities to further support the Community. There has been significant interest in the potential opening of a Community Playgroup in the area. The Friends of Clea are looking into the possibility of this with a view to commencing in the new academic year following feasibility studies.

The Closing Balance of our accounts on 31/03/25 was £ 3651.46

(Further details of income and expenditure can be found on the 2024-2025 Accounts for the Friends of Clea.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of The Friends of Clea

Clara Duffy

(Principal)

10/01/2026

Tanya McMullan

(Chairperson)

10/01/2026