

## History of Horseleap N.S.

SS. Peter and Paul's N.S. as it is officially known or Horseleap N.S. as it is commonly known, was built in 1957 in the historic village of Horseleap. The first national school in Horseleap was built on the site of an old stage coach stop in 1848. The teacher's living quarters were on the top floor, accessible by outdoor stairs. Pupils were divided into two classes – the girls' class and the boys' class. The school remained open for 109 years until it moved to the present site.

Nowadays, Horseleap N.S. is a two teacher school and the base school for a Special Education Teacher. The school retains its unique character from 1957 with minor additions down through the years. In 2014, the school was extended to accommodate a special education classroom. In 2021, the school received a summer works scheme grant to replace the entire roof. In 2022, the Parents Association built a playground in the school yard and the sensory garden was developed.

In March 2024, the board of management availed of a grant from the Department of Education to install solar panels on the roof of the school. The school has recently received its fifth Green Flag on the theme of Global Citizenship: Litter and Waste. Sustainability underpins life at Horseleap N.S. Pupils grow fruit and vegetables in the raised beds and use a hot bin composter and rainwater harvester in the garden. Bat boxes and bird boxes encourage wildlife and the swift visits the school each year from April to August. Pupils participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities from debating to tag-rugby.