

Achill Tourism

After learning about tourism in Ireland and exploring the Wild Atlantic Way, Ms Coyle's Senior Room created wonderful projects all about Achill Tourism. We researched, discussed and shared ideas about why Achill Island is such a special place to live and why tourists love to visit.

First, we learned that Achill Island is located in County Mayo on the west coast of Ireland. It is connected to the mainland by the Michael Davitt Bridge at Achill Sound. Achill is the largest island in Ireland and is famous for its beautiful beaches, mountains and dramatic cliffs. We were very proud to discover that Achill is part of the Wild Atlantic Way, one of the most scenic coastal routes in the world.

We explored the natural attractions on the island. Many of us chose Keem Bay as our favourite place. It is known for its golden sandy beach, clear turquoise water and surrounding cliffs. Others wrote about Keel Beach, which is perfect for surfing and long walks. We also researched Croaghnaun Cliffs, some of the highest sea cliffs in Europe, and Slievemore Mountain with its stunning views. The Deserted Village at Slievemore was a popular choice too, as it tells the story of people who lived there long ago.

We discovered that there are so many things tourists can do on Achill. Visitors can hike, cycle along the Greenway, swim, surf, fish, take boat trips or even go dolphin watching. Some tourists enjoy exploring Achill Aquarium or playing a round of golf. There are also lovely scenic drives, especially the Atlantic Drive, where you can see breathtaking ocean views.

We also looked at accommodation and food. Tourists can stay in hotels, B&Bs, campsites or self-catering houses. There are many cafés and restaurants where visitors can enjoy fresh, local food. We learned that tourism supports local businesses and helps families earn a living. It creates jobs in hotels, shops, restaurants and activity centres.

Finally, we discussed why tourism is important. Tourism brings people to our island from all over the world. It helps the local economy and allows visitors to experience our history, culture and traditions. We also recognised that it is important to look after Achill by keeping it clean and protecting the environment so future generations can enjoy it too.

Living on Achill Island is very special. We are surrounded by natural beauty every day, the sea, the mountains and the fresh Atlantic air. Through this project, we felt proud to share our home with others. If you are travelling along the Wild Atlantic Way, we would highly recommend stopping in Achill Island, you will not be disappointed!

Our New Sensory Room

We are delighted to introduce our beautiful new Sensory Room — a calm, welcoming space designed to support the wellbeing, regulation and engagement of all our pupils.

This specially designed environment provides a peaceful retreat from the busy school day. Soft lighting, calming colours and gentle visual effects transform the room into a soothing sanctuary where children can relax, self-regulate and recharge.

The room features:

- Fibre optic lights that create a gentle, mesmerising glow
- A star projector ceiling, bringing a calming night-sky effect indoors
- A bubble tube with changing colours to support visual tracking and relaxation
- Soft padded seating and safe, comfortable surroundings
- Interactive sensory wall panels to encourage exploration and fine motor development
- Adjustable lighting to suit individual sensory needs

Our Sensory Room plays an important role in supporting pupils with additional needs, including those who benefit from sensory regulation breaks throughout the day. It also provides a nurturing space for emotional regulation, mindfulness activities and small-group support work.

This space reflects our commitment to inclusion, wellbeing and ensuring every child feels safe, supported and ready to learn. We are incredibly proud of this addition to our school and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our pupils each day.

We extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the team at Sensory House for their expertise, guidance and professionalism in helping us design and install this wonderful space. Their knowledge and attention to detail ensured that the room meets the diverse sensory needs of our pupils while creating a truly calming and engaging environment.