



The Friday Note

Friday 5th December 2025



Christmas Concerts: Our Nativity Concerts for the P1 to P3 pupils will take place during the week of 8th December. We ask that you order your tickets prior to the day of your show.

Tuesday 9th December: P3 play - two shows daily(10am and 5pm) Doors will open 30 mins prior to show

Wednesday 10th December P1 play - two shows daily (10am and 5pm) Doors will open 30 mins prior to show

Thursday 11th December P2 play - two shows daily (10am and 5pm) Doors will open 30 mins prior to show

Important notices for the week beginning Monday 8th December.

Parents we have a few changes for the coming week that will require you to take note off and put alternative arrangements in place for your child.

- **No afterschool clubs this week** – Irish Dancing will return on Tuesday 16th
- **Homework Club:** **Week 8th Dec:** Monday (all sessions available)
Tue – Thur (only session 1 available (2-3pm)
Friday (no sessions due to Open Day)
- **Early closing for P1+P2 children:** on Friday 12th December our P1 and P2 children will finish at 12.30pm – just after lunch. This is to help facilitate our Open Day which takes place in the foundation stage classrooms. School will operate as normal for children in P3-P7

Open Day P1 September 2026: St Colman's will be hosting an Open Day on Friday 12th December for prospective P1 children and their parents. If you have a child starting P1 September 2026, you are welcome to join us from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

Little Oaks Open Day: for parents of children in their final pre-school year, Little Oaks Playgroup will be having an open afternoon on Friday 5th December from 12.30 – 1.30pm.

P4 – P7 Christmas Carol Service: Monday 15th December at 11.00am in St Colman's Church. Everyone is welcome however do be mindful that seating will be limited. You will be able to watch on the parish webcam.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas Holidays: closes on Friday 19th December at 12noon and reopens on Monday 5th January

P3 Full Day: P3 children first full day (9am-3pm) will start on Monday 5th January.

✨ Thank You: Christmas Jumper Day Success ✨

We want to share a truly amazing piece of news! Thank you so much to all our wonderful parents and children for your unbelievable generosity on Christmas Jumper Day.

We are delighted to announce that thanks to your incredible efforts, we raised a staggering £1,124!

This money is being donated directly to St. Vincent De Paul (SVP). Your kindness means that this fantastic sum will make a significant impact by providing essential support and cheer to local families who are struggling this Christmas time.

Thank you once again for opening your hearts and demonstrating such wonderful festive spirit. The donation link is still open until our Christmas break if there are anymore donations.

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/stcolmanslambeg>

School Dinners: We remind everyone of the importance of ensuring dinners are booked prior to Monday. Please contact the school office if you do have any errors in completing your booking,



School Meals: Week beginning Monday 8th December 2025 - £2.60 daily price. The new EA price increase for school meals will come in to effect from 5th January 2026 at a new cost of £3.10 per day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish goujons with lemon mayo, carrots/peas & herby diced potatoes/mash Flakemeal biscuit + melon	Savoury mince with broccoli, butternut squash, mash or potato wedges Chocolate & pear sponge cake & custard	Chicken curry with naan bread Peas, sweetcorn, baby potatoes/rice Date Krispie & orange wedges	Roast chicken, stuffing with gravy Veg & roast/mash potatoes Vanilla ice cream roll with peaches	Beef burger with tomato ketchup Baked beans, coleslaw & salad with chipped or baked potatoes Strawberry yoghurt & fruit

Pupil of the Week



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway P1 Mrs Hanna P1 Miss Donnelly	Frances O'Neill Cian Turley Joshua Reid	Niall Donaghy & Tara Rooney Layla McCormick
P2 Ms Phoenix P2 Mrs Henry (Mrs Boden)	Ruairi Leuchars Arthur Smyth	Grace Hankinson Eimear Boyle
P3 Mrs McDonnell P3 Mrs Casey (Miss Raffo) Mrs Toland	Seth Henning Patrick Williams Grace McKenna	Lorcan Jennings Mya McKenny-Taggart Shea Wilson Rodgers
P4 Mr Kernan P4 Mrs Monaghan	Darcie McClenaghan Barra Coleman	Matthew Scott Ronan Hann
P5 Miss Cunningham P5 Miss McGinn	Daire McGreevy Joe Kearney	Sebastian Ward James Hampshire
P6 Mrs Tandy P6 Mrs McGrath	Jack Ferguson Roman McShane	Eva Jones Ben McDonagh
P7 Mr Deery P7 Mr McCaffery Mr Mc Cambridge	James Dalzell Dermot Toland Marissa Maughan	Niamh MacLynn & Isla Middlesworth Clodhna O'Kane Leon Connolly



Principal's Award this week goes to..... Mrs Toland's class who have been shining examples of kindness, showing exceptional teamwork and looking out for one another in the most thoughtful ways.

And finally.....As we look ahead to our Nativities next week, the excitement in school is truly building. The children can't wait to step onto the big stage and share their tremendous talents with you all. This is such a special time of year. A moment when we step back from the books a little and give the children the chance to shine through song, storytelling and sheer enthusiasm as they bring the Nativity to life for their families. I can remember, all those years ago, taking to the stage myself... as the donkey in my school Nativity. Some would say I've never quite stepped out of that role!

What makes this season particularly meaningful is the sense of community that surrounds it. Your encouragement, patience and partnership throughout the year helps create the warm, joyful atmosphere we are so proud of here at St Colman's. Thank you for supporting your children as they learn their lines, practise their songs and proudly show off their costumes. These small moments become big memories and we are delighted to share them with you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mr Baine

Ps: Our Friday Note continues on below with dates for our Sacraments and details on our Simon Community Christmas Hamper appeal.

School Website: www.stcolmanslambeg.com

Sacraments for School Year 2025-2026 (P3, P4 & P7)

Dear parents,

We are very pleased to share with you the dates for the Sacramental services for this school year. This is a special year for the children as they continue to grow in faith and both the school and parish take great joy in supporting parents in preparing the children for these important faith milestones.

Parents will note that the Confirmation celebrations and First Communion celebrations will take place at Sunday Mass - thus allowing the whole parish community to celebrate and share in these special days for our children.

Please see dates and notes below for your diaries.

P7 Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 22nd February at 12pm midday Mass celebrated by Bishop McGuckian.

We are very proud and greatly honoured that Bishop Alan will lead our parish Confirmation celebration. Our Year 7 children look forward to welcoming Bishop McGuckian on the day.

P7 Service of Light and Commitment

The Service of Light and Commitment for our Primary 7 pupils which helps prepare the children for Confirmation will be **announced in the New Year.**

P4 Eucharist & First Holy Communion

Mrs. Monaghan - **Sunday 19th April at 12pm midday Mass**

Mr. Kernan & Mrs. Toland's class - **Sunday 26th April at 12pm midday Mass**

P3 First Confession - Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Confession dates for the P3 classes will be **announced in the New Year.**

The Parish and Fr. O'Hagan thank parents for their patience in waiting for the dates to be finalised and look forward to celebrating these very special days alongside our children and their families.

Kind regards,

Mr. Deery

Religion Co-ordinator

Simon Community Message

This year, our Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils are collecting items to go towards Christmas Hampers for the Simon Community. It's a wonderful opportunity to share kindness with those in need.

If possible, we would be grateful for donations of:

- Non-perishable food items
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc.)
- New toys or small gifts (specifically for 10-13 year olds)

We have been able to extend the donation deadline to Monday 15th December.

The Simon Community flyer is also attached which has some extra information about their Christmas Hamper appeal this year.

Thank you for helping us bring a little joy to others.

Kind regards,

P6 & P7 Teachers



The flyer features a photograph of a woman hugging two children in front of a Christmas tree. The text on the flyer includes the Simon Community logo, the Business in the Community logo, and the title 'CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2025'. It also contains a list of donation options and a wish list for hampers.

simon community
Ending Homelessness

BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY
The Responsible Business Network
Northern Ireland

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2025

Together, we can deliver hope this Christmas.

Donation dates: 24th November - 15th December 2025

Every year, Simon Community supports thousands of people throughout Northern Ireland who don't have a place to call home.

Christmas is an expensive time for many, but for those experiencing homelessness, even the most essential items are often out of reach.

Last year, through the incredible support of local businesses, we provided over 600 hampers to people across our services and local community. This December, your continued generosity can ensure we are there again for everyone who needs our help.

Our Christmas Hamper Appeal goes beyond providing the essentials. Together, we can bring hope and compassion when it matters most.

Three easy ways to give

Workplace Collection
Set up a collection point in your place of work and encourage colleagues to collect the items listed in our Wish List. These can either be delivered to Simon Community or a collection can be arranged.

In Kind Donation
Purchase requested items in bulk, such as food, toys, or toiletries. Please contact Simon Community for further information.

Financial Donation
Make a monetary donation to Simon Community which will be used to purchase items for the hampers.

Wish List for Hampers

Food
Christmas Biscuits | Shortbread | Popcorn | Crisps (e.g. tubes of pringles) | Mince pies | Selection boxes

Toiletries / Self Care Items
Pamper items (e.g. bath sets) | Toiletries (e.g. Lynx / Dove sets) | Toiletries (for children) | Shaving kits | Skin care products | Face cloths

Gifts
Mindful colouring books and colouring pencils | Board games (for families) | Socks (non-thermal) | Puzzle books | Books / jigsaws (for children) | Mugs

To organise a donation or delivery, please contact Daniel Cleary on 02890 232882 or email danielc@simoncommunity.org