



# The Friday Note

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Parent Teacher meeting day : Tomorrow, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – no school for pupils.**

**St Colman's Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Parents are reminded to ensure you have booked your child's dinner via the school app prior to Monday morning.**

**Open Day P1 September 2026:** St Colman's will be hosting an Open Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December from 12.30 – 1.30pm.

### Dates for your diary:

**Early closing P1+P2 children:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm to facilitate Open Day.

**Christmas Holidays:** closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon and reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

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



**Christmas Concerts:** Our Nativity Concerts for the P1 to P3 pupils will take place during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> December. Each child will be allocated 3 tickets for each show. Tickets are £2 each and are on sale via the school money app. The dates are as follows;

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

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

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

**P4 – P7 Christmas Carol Service:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Afterschool Clubs/Activities: week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Collect from</u>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Colman's Irish Dancing	from 2-3pm & 3-4pm	Top Hall
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	P4-P6 St Colman's Film & Animation Club	3-4pm	Top Hall

### Homework Club: parents please take note of some changes in homework club for the coming weeks;

**Week 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Monday (all sessions available) Tue – Thur (only session 1 available 2-3pm )  
Friday (no sessions due to Open Day)

**Week 15<sup>th</sup>:** Monday – Wednesday (all sessions available) Thur & Friday (no homework club available)

**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 November 2025 - £2.60 daily price**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Fish Fingers Peas & Sweetcorn Chipped or Baked Potato Chocolate Mousse & Mandarin Oranges	Beef Bolognese Broccoli & Coleslaw Pasta Spirals or Baby Potatoes Apple Sponge & Custard	<b>Christmas Dinner Day</b> <b>All bookings must be made via the school money app by Sunday evening.</b>	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding with Stuffing & Gravy -or- Salmon with a Creamy Dill & Cheese Sauce Vegetables, Roast or Mashed Potatoes Carrot Cake Slice	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup Mini Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans, Chipped or Baked Potato Yoghurt & Chopped Fruit

**Pupil of the Week**



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway P1 Mrs Hanna P1 Miss Donnelly	Ciara Cunningham Oliver Davison Matthew McGrath	Layla Walker Lucy Gormley
P2 Ms Phoenix P2 Mrs Henry (Mrs Boden)	Erin McGuinness Jack Hamilton	Isla McLeod Tomas McVeigh
P3 Mrs McDonnell P3 Mrs Casey (Miss Raffo) Mrs Toland	Clodagh McCorry Cormac Maguire Charlotte Elwood	Finn Napier Anna Given
P4 Mr Kernan P4 Mrs Monaghan	Lucia Flanagan Erin McStravick	Anna Murray Orlaith McKervey, Patrick McDade
P5 Miss Cunningham P5 Miss McGinn	The Whole Class Rory McGrath	Dylan Hill
P6 Mrs Tandy P6 Mrs McGrath	Amelia McGreevy Anna Rafferty	Jack Devlin Lorcan Mooney
P7 Mr Deery P7 Mr McCaffery Mr Mc Cambridge	Carmen O' Neill Emily McCorry The Whole Class!	Sean Vernon Lucas McCartney



**Principal's Award this week goes to.....**

**And finally.....**

There has been a real buzz around St Colman's this week as brilliant learning continues to shine through every corridor. With the stage going up today, the school is beginning to echo with the sound of Christmas songs as classes rehearse with great excitement (and volume!).

Our buddy systems are now in full swing and it has been wonderful to see the relationships continuing to grow across the school. Our Primary 7 and Primary 2 children attended Mass together for the first time this week - a lovely moment of faith and friendship. Beyond our Faith Buddies, our P7 pupils have also taken on roles as Reading Buddies with P1 and P2, Digital Buddies and Playground Buddies. Their kindness and leadership make us incredibly proud, and our younger children certainly look up to them.

As always, we are blessed with such caring, thoughtful children here at St Colman's. It's one of the many things that makes our school so special. With Christmas preparations stepping up a gear, we look forward to the joy and togetherness the coming weeks will bring.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**School Website: [www.stcolmanslambeg.com](http://www.stcolmanslambeg.com)**

Mr Baine

Finally finally... at this time of year a lot of different sickness bugs spread around schools. To help parents determine how long to keep children off when they are unwell, the PHA have issued the following guidance to for schools to share with parents.

 **Public Health Agency**

# Do I need to keep my child off school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhea &amp; /or Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Respiratory Illness</b> (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>German Measles (Rubella)</b> 5 days from onset of rash
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.