



# The Friday Note

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

**Important Notice - Afterschool Sports: Gaelic and Mrs Tandy's Soccer has now finished for this term. There will be one more Netball session on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> (not Wednesday) to make up for the missed class in October. The last sessions for all MR Sports clubs will be next week – week of 24<sup>th</sup> November (as per your bookings). Details on the clubs for after Christmas will be released soon.**

**Parent/Teacher Meeting Day: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November (no school for pupils). Parents will receive their online booking link from the class teacher.**

**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 will go 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)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** P1 play - two shows daily (10am and 5pm)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** P2 play - two shows daily (10am and 5pm)

**ADVANCE NOTICE: There will be no Session 2-4 and Session 2 (3-4pm) homework club on each of the Christmas concert days!**

### Afterschool Clubs/Activities: week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Collect from</u>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	MR Sports Dance	P4-P7 from 3-4pm	last class
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	MR Sports Arts & Crafts	P2-P3 from 2-3pm	last class
		P4-P7 from 3-4pm	P1 Door
	MR Sports Soccer	P2-P3 from 2-3pm	Last Class
		P4-P5 from 3-4pm	Last Class
	<b>St Colman's Netball</b>	<b>3-4pm</b>	<b>Last Week</b>
	St Colman's Irish Dancing	P1-3 from 2-3pm	Top Hall
		P4-7 from 3-4pm	Top Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	MR Sports Hurling	P4-P7 from 3-4pm	Last Class
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	P4-P6 St Colman's Film & Animation Club	3-4pm	Top Hall

**Homework Club:** we are fully booked over all sessions with the exception of Tuesday Session 1 (2-3pm)

## Parent Consultation - Revised School Uniform Policy

The Department of Education issued new statutory guidance to schools last week and as a result we have updated our School Uniform Policy in line with these requirements. Before the policy is formally ratified by our Board of Governors, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to read the revised document and share any feedback. The updated policy can be accessed at the link below. If you would like to offer comments or discuss any aspect of the policy, please contact us at [info@stcolmansps.lisburn.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcolmansps.lisburn.ni.sch.uk). Your views are important and will help inform the final version presented to the Board of Governors.

Link: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/stcolmans-ps/UploadedDocument/3e44e5f4-9cd9-4e39-84a6-937f2fcdfbce/school-uniform-updated-nov-2025.pdf>

**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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 - £2.60 daily price**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Bites with Mayo Peas, Coleslaw & Carrots Chipped & Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Mousse & Two Fruits	Irish Stew with Wheaten Bread Broccoli & Baked Beans, Mashed or Baked Potatoes Chocolate Pudding & Custard	Chicken Curry with Mini Naan Bread Sweetcorn & Ratatouille Steamed Rice or Champ Homemade Cookie & Orange Wedge	Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy Vegetables in Season Roast or Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cracknel & Fruit Tub	School closed for Parent Teacher meeting day

**St Colman's Christmas Dinner Day & Jumper Day: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. More details to follow.**

## Pupil of the Week



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway	Hunter Hepworth	
P1 Mrs Hanna	Donall Ward	Aoibheann Hodgkinson
P1 Miss Donnelly	Odhran Alliston	Delilah Gordon
P2 Ms Phoenix	Molly Scullion	Owen McClean
P2 Mrs Henry (Mrs Boden)	Rowyn Gilmore	Olivia McKenny Taggart
P3 Mrs McDonnell	The Whole Class	
P3 Mrs Casey (Miss Raffo)	Fiadh Flynn	Frankie McCabe
Mrs Toland	Temi Banmeke	Aiden Hebditch
P4 Mr Kernan	Conaire Flynn	Caitlin Armstrong
P4 Mrs Monaghan	Evie Maguire	Ellie McCrea
P5 Miss Cunningham	Emily Price	Gabriel Stratton
P5 Miss McGinn	James Nightingale	Alex Crossey
P6 Mrs Tandy	Emily Marley	Tadhg McAreavey
P6 Mrs McGrath	Jack Campfield	Zoe Press & Aoife Loughran
P7 Mr Deery	Adrian McColgan	Adrian McColgan
P7 Mr McCaffery	Siena Vernon	Martim Sousa Machado
Mr Mc Cambridge	Leo Kelly	Hannah Kamal



**Principal's Award this week goes to.....** All of the P5 children for their unbelievable performance at the Basketball Blitz on Wednesday. Congratulations to the children for playing so well against very tough opposition. Not only did they experience great success in the tournament, but they played in a very competitive and sporting manner - representing our school so well - as always.

Worth noting too that our P5s walked to the event in the Racquets Club - no mean feat as they were only too happy to tell me (in great detail!). No luxury leathered seated, fully heated coach for us! Some said the 1 mile walk was similar to scaling Everest (in a fierce blizzard) or an expedition to the North Pole (without the proper equipment) .... and then they had to play matches afterwards!!!! Imagine.

We really are a tough bunch here in St. Colman's!! **Well done Everyone** 😊

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

**And Finally....** Christmas preparations are now in full swing here in school. The tree is up in the main foyer and the classes are starting to prep for their Christmas festivities. Our P1, 2 & 3 classes will be inviting their parents in to the school hall to see their little Nativities and our P4 - P7 children will be welcoming everyone to their annual Carol Service over in the Church. Plenty to look forward to as the Christmas season gets underway and I am sure you will all enjoy helping the children learn their little songs and lines over the next few weeks.

Normally at this time of the year I get my email from the main office in the North Pole asking how the children are getting on - thankfully I've always good reports to give! 😊  
Santa and the elves do always ask for a regular update.

Christmas is always very special in a primary school and we look forward to the next few weeks.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr. Baine