



The Friday Note

Friday 14th November 2025

Parent/Teacher Meeting Day: Friday 28th 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 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.

Dates for your diary:

Early closing P1+P2 children: Friday 12th December at 12.30pm to facilitate Open Day.

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.



Christmas Concerts: Our Nativity Concerts for the P1 to P3 pupils will take place during the week of 8th December. Each child will be allocated 3 tickets for each show. Tickets are £2 each and will go on sale from Thursday 20th November via the school money app. The dates are as follows;

Tuesday 9th December: P3 play - two shows daily (10am and 5pm)

Wednesday 10th December P1 play - two shows daily (10am and 5pm)

Thursday 11th 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 10th November

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Collect from</u>
Monday 17th	MR Sports Dance	P4-P7 from 3-4pm	School hall
	St Colman's Boys Soccer	P6/7 from 3-4pm	LAST WEEK
Tuesday 18th	MR Sports Arts & Crafts	P2-P3 from 2-3pm	P1 Door
		P4-P7 from 3-4pm	P1 Door
	MR Sports Soccer	P2-P3 from 2-3pm	Pitch
		P4-P5 from 3-4pm	Pitch
	St Colman's Irish Dancing	P1-3 from 2-3pm	Top Hall
		P4-7 from 3-4pm	Top Hall
Wednesday 19th	MR Sports Hurling	P4-P7 from 3-4pm	School Pitch
	St Colman's Netball	3-4pm	School Hall
Thursday 20th	P5-P7 St Colman's Gaelic Training	3-4pm	LAST WEEK
	P4-P6 St Colman's Film & Animation Club	3-4pm	Top Hall

Homework Club: We are booked out over all sessions for next week with the exception of Tuesday Session 1 (2-3pm). We are unable to take any further bookings, all we can offer is a waiting list.

Christmas Fayre: I know this news will come with some disappointment, but unfortunately the school will not be hosting the Christmas Fayre this year. We are very grateful to all parents for their very kind donations and for the continued support you offer through various initiatives across the year including our parental contribution. As you will appreciate, the Christmas Fayre requires a significant amount of time, planning, team effort and energy to organise. For a number of reasons, it simply wasn't possible to move forward with it this year. We fully understand how much this event is enjoyed and looked forward to by our families and we want to reassure you that the Christmas Fayre will return next December - bigger, brighter and better than ever! In the new year, we will also be reaching out for new members to join our wonderful Parents' Association. If you feel you could contribute to the fantastic work they do for our school community, they would be absolutely delighted to welcome you on board.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support. S Baine

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 17th November 2025 - £2.60 daily price

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers Peppers & Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes or Rice Apple & Winter Berry Crumble & Custard	Beef Bolognese Broccoli & Coleslaw Potato Wedges or Pasta Spirals Chocolate & Pear Sponge Cake & Custard	Chicken Curry, Mini Naan Bread Peas & Sweetcorn Rice or Baby Potatoes Date Krispie & Orange Wedge	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy Vegetables in Season Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream Roll & Peaches	Southern Fried Chicken Goujon & Salad Wrap with Taco Sauce Corn & Baked Beans Chipped or Baked Potato Frozen Fruit Smoothie & Fruit Tub

Pupil of the Week



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway	The Whole Class	
P1 Mrs Hanna	Hannah Convie	Caolan McDade
P1 Miss Donnelly	Lucia Boden	Cillian Savage
P2 Mrs Phoenix	Oisín Gallagher	Eli Casement
P2 Mrs Henry (Mrs Boden)	Nina McClean	Alex Grieve
P3 Mrs McDonnell	Sarah Napier	Jack McCann
P3 Mrs Casey (Miss Raffo)	Theo Sloan	Dylan Quinn
Mrs Toland	Maria Sousa Machado	Tony Fitzpatrick
P4 Mr Kernan	Erin Egan	Joe Rice
P4 Mrs Monaghan	Cormac Condit	Eve Condit
P5 Miss Cunningham	Peter Dillon	Hannah O' Rourke
P5 Miss McGinn	Odin Johannesson	Rory O' Neill
P6 Mrs Tandy	Roisín Stuart	Dylan Carville
P6 Mrs McGrath	Noah McKendrick	Freya McIlwaine
P7 Mr Deery	Cormac Magee	Ella- Jane Reid
P7 Mr McCaffery	Phoebe Quinn	Rosie Nugent
Mr Mc Cambridge	Cillian McCreight	Daniel Kelly



Principal's Award this week goes to..... Noah Harkin P7, Dearbhla Boyle P7, Fiadh Flynn P3, Conaire Flynn P4Well done Everyone 😊

And Finally....

A big "Good Luck and well done" to all of our P7 children. Many of them sit their first Entrance Assessment tomorrow in the quest for their choice of post-primary school.

They have worked so hard; invested great time and energy, listened well, applied themselves, completed corrections and strived in every practice paper to demonstrate their very impressive knowledge base.

But also (and much more importantly); they have been kind, compassionate, charitable, charismatic, enthusiastic and the most fantastic ambassadors for our school and their families. We are proud of each and every one of them and are just sad that these tests are indicators that they will be moving on to bigger and better things in June. I wonder would the Department of Education allow me a Primary 8????

Our P7s exhibit the most brilliant qualities - I watch in awe each morning as they care for and entertain our little P1's and ensure each little one that comes through the gate has a friend there to welcome them. I watch how they support the Acorn children and help them with their little learning activities.... makes a very big difference to those little ones' understanding and enjoyment of school each day.

Do you ever think we test the wrong things?

Good luck P7s. You've got this.

Mr S. Baine (Principal)

Outdoor Play Update

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Joanne and Henry Curran for their incredible generosity and hard work in enhancing our outdoor play area. Over the Halloween break, they kindly installed Perspex and doors to protect our loose-parts equipment, ensuring it stays safe and usable for years to come.

The children will benefit greatly from this wonderful outdoor classroom, and without the support of our kind school community, this wouldn't have been possible.
Thank you.

