



# The Friday Note

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Lost Property Display:** As we have already amassed a 'lost property mountain' in reception, we will be having a display prior to the Halloween break which will hopefully clear this. There will be lost property display on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in reception from 2.00pm to 4pm. We will also have some items of uniform from the uniform bank on display for parents to take home.



**Halloween Dress Up Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Children can come to school in fancy dress however, we ask that masks are not worn into school or on the playground as this can be frightening for the younger pupils.**

**ADVANCE NOTICE: School Money bookings for the week after Halloween break (3<sup>rd</sup> November):**

**Homework Club:** bookings will open at 10.00am on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> as normal.

**Breakfast Club:** bookings will open on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and remain open over the Halloween break, closing on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Dinners:** bookings will open on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and remain open over the Halloween break, closing on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Halloween Holidays: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

**Parent/Teacher Meeting Day: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November (no school for pupils).**

**Smart Watches in School:** We've had a few questions recently about whether smartwatches are allowed in school. Children are welcome to wear watches to help them tell the time, but any smartwatch that can make calls, send messages or access the internet should be kept at home. We'd appreciate your support in checking your child's watch settings and reminding them that watches should only be used for telling the time during the school day.

**Afterschool Clubs/Activities: week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Collect from</u>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	MR Sports Dance	P4-P7 from 3-4pm	School hall
	St Colman's Boys Soccer	P6/7 from 3-4pm	Pitch
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	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	P2-3 from 2-3pm	Top Hall
		P4-7 from 3-4pm	Top Hall
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	MR Sports Hurling	P4-P7 from 3-4pm	School Pitch
	St Colman's Netball	3-4pm	School Hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	P5-P7 St Colman's Gaelic Training	3-4pm	Pitch
	P4-P6 St Colman's Film & Animation Club	3-4pm	Top Hall

**Would you like to join our St Colman's Team : Current vacancies available.**

St Colman's has vacancies in the following positions:

\*Homework Club Supervisor (2-4pm) Monday – Thursday

Please contact Brenda in the school office for further details.

**Maths Week in St Colman's. To mark Maths Week, our KS2 pupils took part in 'Rockstars Ireland' Timetables Competition. The 3 top scores in the school were achieved by James Reid, Sophia Ross and Aodhan Doris. Congratulations everyone!**

**School Dinners:** We ask that all bookings are made over the weekend. We are finding a lot of children are heading to dinners without being booked in – we asked parents to ensure they complete their baskets when booking. Please contact the school office if you do have any errors in completing your booking,

**School Meals: Week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - £2.60 daily price**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Spooky Friday
Fish Fingers Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes or Steamed Rice Apple & Winter Berry Custard	Beef Bolognese Broccoli & Coleslaw Potato Wedges or Pasta Spirals Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin Oranges	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Mini Naan Bread Peas & Baton Carrots Rice or Mashed Potatoes Homemade Chocolate Brownie & Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy Vegetables in Season Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream Roll & Peaches	Fried Skeleton Finger Wrap with Spicy Beetle Sauce Served with Maggots in Witches Brew & Skeleton Toes Frozen Slime with Insects (Southern Fried Chicken Goujon & Salad Wrap with Taco Sauce Mini Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes or Baked Potato Frozen Fruit Smoothie & Fruit Tub

**Pupil of the Week**

Acorn Class Ms Hannaway	Aidan McGuigan	
P1 Mrs Hanna	Ellie McFerran	Ari Curran- Joyce
P1 Miss Donnelly	Conor Kavanagh	Fiadh McVeigh
P2 Mrs Phoenix	Oscar Ward	Camille Murray
P2 Mrs Henry (Mrs Boden)	Fiadh McCrudden	Scarlett Finn
P3 Mrs McDonnell	Clodagh McCorry	Finley Donnelly
P3 Mrs Casey (Miss Raffo)	Louis Murphy	Eimear Morris
Mrs Toland	The Whole Class	
P4 Mr Kernan	Sam McAllister	Sophia Conlan
P4 Mrs Monaghan	Leo Donnelly	James Flanagan
P5 Miss Cunningham	Fiadh McCarthy	Finn Doherty
P5 Miss McGinn	Alex Nighingale	Neve Bailie
P6 Mrs Tandy	Sophia Ross	Rogan McGlinchey
P6 Mrs McGrath	Evie Claxton	Lorcan Mooney
P7 Mr Deery	Dearbhla Boyle	Jack Finn
P7 Mr McCaffery	Aoife Tohill	Niamh McCann
Mr Mc Cambridge	Jamie Johnston	Cillian McCreight

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - Homework Club – we are all fully booked over all sessions for the week of 20<sup>th</sup> October. We are unable to take any further bookings for this coming week.**

**Principal's Award this week goes to..... Ellie Anderson P1, Lily Rose Burke P7, Phoebe Quinn P7, Rory O' Neill P5.... Well done 😊**

**And Finally....** Throughout my time at St. Colman's, I've continually been moved by the generosity of the parents and families we serve. Whenever the school puts out a call for help, we are met with an overwhelming response—hands-on support, financial donations, and goodwill in abundance. This spirit of generosity is a true strength of our school community and fuels everything we do in the best interests of the children.

This week, that kindness was beautifully exemplified by one of our pupils, and I felt it important to share this story as a snapshot of the compassion and charity that define our school. Earlier in the week, Ms. Hannaway posted a request on Dojo for toy donations for her Acorn class. These young children benefit greatly from tabletop toys and sensory activities, and we've been thrilled with the donations received. Thank you.

One of our senior pupils saw the request and, understanding the needs of the Acorn children, asked her mum to take her to a local toy shop. She thoughtfully selected lots of toys and games she believed the Acorn class would enjoy and using all her own savings from her piggy bank, purchased them as a gift for the class.

This little act of kindness is a testament to the true character of our children in St. Colman's. They are generous, inclusive, and always willing to help others. It's also a huge tribute to you their parents, who instil such important, life enriching values at home and to the school staff who guide and nurture them every day.

We are all doing a good job.

Enjoy your weekend.

**Mr S. Baine (Principal)**