



The Friday Note

Friday 16th May 2025

Staff Development Day: School will be closed for all pupils on Friday 23rd May due to a Staff Development Day. School is also closed on Monday 26th May for the Bank Holiday

First Holy Communion: The second of our P4 Holy Communion services will take place on Sunday 18th May at the 12noon mass in St Colman's. Tempest will be in school for family photographs prior to the service (10.15 – 11.15) and after the service (1.15 – 2.15), the photographer will be based in the Green Zone and access is via the school assembly hall. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass and a big thank you to all the P3 parents for providing the buns, traybakes etc.

Lent 2025: We're delighted to announce that our school community raised an amazing **£9089 for Trócaire** as part of this year's Lenten fundraiser. This amazing total was made possible by all the fantastic fundraisers that went on across the school in March and April; from bun sales to talent shows, raffles, danceathons and many more challenges, the enthusiasm, creativity and generosity shown by pupils, staff and families was inspiring. Thank you all for your incredible support and generous donations. The money raised will make a real difference to those in need.

St Colman's Sports Day 2025:

P1-P4 Sports Day will take place on Thursday 22nd May in St Colman's.

P1 + P2	9.15am – 10.45am
Acorn Class	9.40am – 10.45am
P3 + P4	11.00am - 12.30pm

As the P1-P4 sports day will take place on Thursday we advise parents not to book a school dinner or homework club if you plan to take your child home after the events are over: Please cancel any homework club bookings prior to Thursday's sports day. We are noticing a lot of parents are continuing to double book afterschool sessions i.e. have their child booked in for both homework club and football or Arts & Crafts. This is taking up a place that could otherwise be offered to a child on the waiting list.

Shared Education KS2 (P5-7) Sports Day at Mary Peters Track has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Sports Day now will take place in St Colman's on the same date (Tuesday 3rd June)

P5 + P6	9.15am – 10.45am
P7 + Mrs Toland + Mr McCambridge	11.00am - 12.30pm

Dates for your diary:

Summer Holidays: School finishes for all pupils on Friday 27th June at 12 noon

Afterschool Clubs/Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Pick up point</u>
Monday:	MR Sports Gymnastics	Dismissed from Top Hall
	Joyful Journeys (classes will run until 16 th June)	Dismissed from P2 classroom
Tuesday	Irish Dancing	Dismissed from Top Hall
	Gaelic Training ** No training this week (Tue 20th) due to P6 GAA Blitz**	
	MR Sports Arts & Crafts	Dismissed from P1 Doors
Wednesday	MR Sports Hurling	Dismissed from Pitch
	Mindfulness 2-3pm	Dismissed from P1 Door
Thursday	MR Sports Soccer	Dismissed from Pitch
	Film & Animation Club	Dismissed from Hall



School Meals: Week beginning Monday 19th May - £2.60 daily price

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish fingers & Mayo Dip Peas & Baked Beans, Mashed Potato or Pasta Salad Home baked Chocolate Raspberry Brownie	Beef Lasagne Garlic Bread Slice, Carrots & Broccoli, Chips & Baby Potato Salad Assorted Yoghurt Pots & Fresh Fruit Salad	Chicken Curry, Naan Bread, Sweetcorn & Spaghetti Hoops, Rice or Mashed Potato Caramel Apple Crumble & Custard	Fish Bites, Peas, Chips Ice-cream & Fruit	No school for pupils due to Staff Development Day

If you receive an error message, do not rebook as this will double charge you – contact the office and they will book on your behalf.

Pupil of the Week



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway	Maximus McCrea-Baum	
P1 Mrs Hanna	The Whole Class	
P1 Miss Donnelly	Arthur Smyth	Rowyn Gilmore
P2 Mrs Phoenix	Heidi Gallagher	Peter Rush
P2 Mrs Henry	Eva Laughlin	Oscar Cullen
P3 Mrs McDonnell	Ava Thomas	Darcie McClenaghan & Matthew Scott
P3 Mrs Casey	Evie Cheung	Aida Tohill
Mrs Toland	Charlotte Elwood	Cillian McCreight
P4 Mr Kernan	James Nightingale	Odin Johannesson
P4 Mrs Monaghan	The Whole Class	
P5 Miss Cunningham	Rogan McGlinchey	Grace Magee-Quigg
P5 Miss McGinn	Lana Smyth	Max McGrath
P6 Mrs Tandy	Jessica Hutchinson	Noah Harkin
P6 Mrs McGrath	Nancy O'Hare	Lucas Staerke
P7 Mr Deery	Ollie Adgey	Lexi Malcolm
P7 Mr McCaffery	Ronan McAleenan	Amelia McKenna
Mr Mc Cambridge	Pawel Gorska	Leon Connolly



Principal's Award this week goes to.....Leo Connolly P1, Valentina Gordon P2, Erin Egan P3 Ana Dennison P7 & Eva McManus P7 Well Done Everyone!!!

P7 End of Year Concert. Our P7 pupils are delighted to announce that their end of year show 'Annie' will be on Tuesday 10th June and Wednesday 11th June at 5.30pm. Details on ticket sales etc, will follow in next week's Friday Note.

School Parking: We remind everyone when parking on the school site to use the designated car park/parking bays and not to be parking on the road, curbs or footpaths as you approach the school exit/entrance gates. As well as causing traffic congestion this is also a health and safety risk to our children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

And Finally.....

What a special week it has been here at St Colman's. On Sunday, we were incredibly proud to celebrate with our first group of Primary 4 children as they made their First Holy Communion. It was a special occasion, filled with grace, faith and a real sense of community. The children were a credit to their families and to our school - beautifully behaved, respectful and fully engaged in the sacrament they had been preparing for over many weeks. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped guide the children in their preparations, and to the families and parish team who supported us in making it such a meaningful celebration.

We now look forward to our second group of Primary 4 children who will receive their First Holy Communion this coming Sunday. We know they too will shine and embrace this important step in their faith journey with the same sense of pride and reverence.

As we head further into this final term, things are getting very busy in school. There is a real buzz of excitement in the air as the children prepare for the events and milestones that lie ahead. Please keep a close eye on the Friday note and messages coming home in the coming weeks. Our Sports Day is fast approaching, always a highlight for the children and another wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate teamwork and fun in the sunshine (hopefully!).

The Primary 7 children are deep in rehearsals for our school show Annie, and we're so impressed with the talent and enthusiasm being shown by our young performers. The hall is echoing with songs, lines are being learned and props are being prepared. We can't wait to welcome you all to what promises to be a fantastic production in the weeks ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr McCaffery
(Vice Principal)