



The Friday Note

Friday 20th March 2026

Staff Training Day: School will be closed for all pupils on Friday 27th March to facilitate the new DENI Transform Ed school training programme.

School Office: If you need to inform the office of your child's absence, discuss dinners/clubs etc we ask that you do so from 8.30am onwards. Staff calls only up until then.

Easter Holidays: Friday 3rd April to Friday 10th April. School will close at 12noon on Holy Thursday 2nd April for all pupils. There will be no breakfast club, transport, school buses or dinners that day. School will return as normal on Monday 13th April.

P6 Ice Cream Sale: Primary 6 classes are having an ice cream sale on Tuesday, March 24th. £1.00 for an ice cream (or an ice lolly for those with allergies). All proceeds will be donated to Trocaire

Dates for your diary:

May Bank Holiday: Monday 4th + Tuesday 5th May

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 25th May + Tuesday 26th May

Transform Ed Staff Training Day: Wednesday 27th May.

Sacrament Information

P4 First Holy Communion: Sunday 19th April – Mrs Monaghan's class

Sunday 26th April – Mr Kernan & Mrs Toland's classes

P3 Enrolment Ceremony: Tuesday 28th April at 10am Mass, refreshments in hall after

P3 First Confession: Thursday 28th May at 1.30pm

Afterschool Clubs / Activities for Week Beginning 20th March

***Last week for Afterschool club – no afterschools during Holy Week except for Irish Dancing**

Monday	Boys Soccer with Mrs Tandy MR Sports Martial Arts P3-P7	3-4pm in hall 3-4pm in hall
Tuesday	Irish Dancing P1-P7 MR Sports Arts & Crafts P1-P7 MR Sports Soccer P1-P7**	2-3pm + 3-4pm in hall 2-3pm + 3-4pm in P1 block 2-3pm + 3-4pm on pitch
Wednesday	Mrs Hanna's & Miss Donnelly's Netball P6/7 MR Sports Hurling P3-P** P4 – P7 Film & Animation Club	3-4pm in hall 3-4pm on pitch
Thursday	St Colman's Gaelic Training	P5-P7 3-4pm on pitch

**** On wet days MR Sports outdoor activities will be in the hall and dismissed from the bottom hall door.**



School Meals: Week beginning Monday 23rd March 2026

- All school dinners must be booked in advance of Monday morning

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Cod Bites Broccoli & Beans Chipped/ Baked Potato Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt and Fruit Tub	Mild Beef Chilli Sweetcorn, Salad & Coleslaw Rice & Wedges Homemade Apple Sponge with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Naan Bread Peas & Diced Carrots Rice & Mashed Potatoes Fruit Salad with Strawberry Yoghurt	Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy Carrots & Cabbage Mashed & Roast Potatoes Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	*Teacher Training Day- No school for pupils*

Pupil of the Week



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway P1 Mrs Hanna P1 Miss Donnelly	Hunter Hepworth The Whole Class The Whole Class	
P2 Ms Phoenix P2 Mrs Henry (Ms O' Prey) P3 Mrs McDonnell P3 Mrs Casey (Miss Raffo)	Matthew McCarthy The Whole Class Odhran McGreevy Amelia-Rose Christian	Erin McGuinness Roma Curran Bella Quinn
Mrs Toland P4 Mr Kernan P4 Mrs Monaghan	Archie Stacey Anna Murray The Whole Class	Leon Harvey Parker McAuley
P5 Miss Cunningham/ Mrs Alexander P5 Miss McGinn	Grace Magee Elsa Beattie	Emily Price James Nightingale
P6 Mrs Tandy P6 Mrs McGrath P7 Mr Deery	Lara McCarthy Noah McKendrick Sophia Douglas	Beth Woods Freya Mc Illwaine Jessica McDonnell, Sean Vernon
P7 Mr McCaffery (Mrs Boden) Mr Mc Cambridge	Fiadh Tohill Charlie Mezza	Aoife Tohill Cailean Johnston



Principal's Award this week goes to...Lily McNally P5, Senan McKernon P1, Ella Jane Reid P7, Daniel Kelly P7

Well done Everyone 😊

And finally...

Well done to all the children and classes for their unbelievable efforts in raising money for this year's Trócaire campaign. The children's passion for helping those less fortunate never surprises me though their ability to invent new ways of extracting money from school principals is honestly *hilarious*.

I'm not entirely sure I even had a choice about donating this week. Some of the children were *very* persuasive. At this point, I've bought things I don't want, don't need, and in several cases can't even identify... but sure, it's all for a great cause!

Thank you for helping the children with their various Trócaire projects (especially their sales pitches) - it's clear they've been thoroughly coached.

Some of them clearly have bright futures ahead in sales, advertising, or possibly even debt collection. I, for one, intend to stay on their good side.

School Website: www.stcolmanslambeg.com

And finally, finally...

I'd like to share a gentle reminder about the continued use of ClassDojo. Recently, teachers have been receiving a very high volume of Dojo messages each day—often more than 20. While we value strong communication with our families, responding to this number of messages before and after school takes significant time away from teachers' core purpose: preparing high-quality learning experiences and working directly with the children.

Many of the messages we receive are for straightforward matters that our office staff are fully able to assist with, such as queries about dinners, raffle money, or arrangements for collecting children early. Using the office for these enquiries also helps ensure that any *urgent* or *important* messages are not missed.

ClassDojo remains a very useful tool for pastoral communication, but daily back-and-forth messaging of this volume is not sustainable. A phone call to the office is much preferred and allows us to respond more efficiently and effectively.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. We will continue to monitor the use of Dojo to ensure that teachers' time is protected for planning, preparation, and delivering the best possible learning experiences for your children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Baine