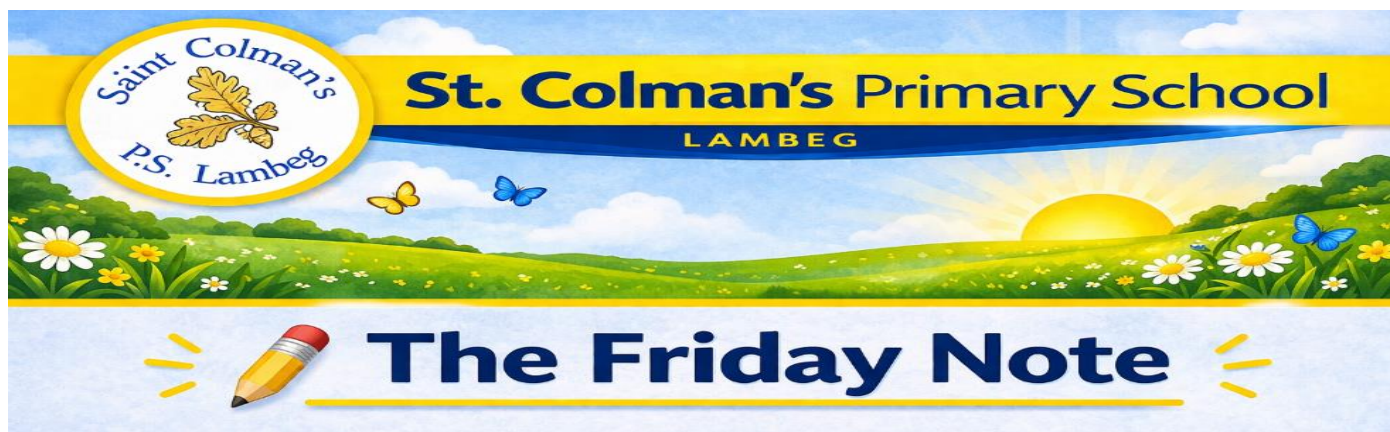




Friday 11th September 2026

Good afternoon everyone, please see below our Friday Note with key updates, upcoming events and celebrations from across the school.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available to view on the school website. We encourage all parents and carers to take time to read this policy carefully.

If you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team:

Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Ms Phoenix

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Mr McCaffery

Members of the Safeguarding Team can be contacted through the School Office by telephone or by email, and an appointment can be arranged if required.

P1 Pupils

We are delighted with how well our Primary 1 pupils have settled into school life. They have all arrived with great enthusiasm and are already becoming valued members of our school community. From Monday 14th September, all Primary 1 pupils will begin attending their full school day from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

School Parking and Road Safety

As our Primary 1 pupils move to a 2.00pm finish, we anticipate increased traffic on site at pick-up time. We kindly ask all parents and carers to be considerate of limited parking and to drive with extra care around the school grounds. To help keep everyone safe, please adhere to the 5mph speed limit on school premises at all times and be mindful of where and how you park during drop-off and pick-up periods. Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of all our children.

St Colman's School Office Opening Hours

If you need to contact the school office, we kindly ask that parents do so between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day.



The school calendar is available on the last page of this document.

St Colman's Curriculum Meetings (see details below)	Tuesday 22 nd September
TransformED Staff Development Day	Friday 25 th September (No School for Pupils)
Staff Development Day	Monday 28 th September (No School for Pupils)
Halloween Break	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October

St Colman's Curriculum Meeting 2026

DATE for your DIARY!

Curriculum Meetings
Tuesday 22nd September
Curriculum Meetings will take place in your child's classroom.

P1-P3 2:15pm – 3:00pm	P4-P7 3:15pm – 4:00pm
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P1-P3 Parents
You are also invited to attend our **Read Write Inc. Parent Workshop (Phonics)** from 1:30pm – 2:15pm, before proceeding to your child's classroom for the Curriculum Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you! ♥

St Colman's Curriculum Meeting 2026:

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school for our **Curriculum Meetings on Tuesday 22nd September.**

This is a great opportunity to visit your child's classroom and hear from their teacher about the year ahead, including **key learning, routines and how you can support your child at home.**

Our **P1-P3 parents** are also invited to attend our **Read Write Inc. Parent Workshop (Phonics)** beforehand. Please see the poster for all times and details. We look forward to seeing you!



Week Beginning Monday 14th September 2026

All St Colman's Afterschool Activities must be booked through the school money system.

MR Sports bookings are done via their website.

Day	Club/Activity	Time	Location
Monday	MR Sports Basketball P4-P7 (only)	3-4 pm	Hall
	St Colman's P6/7 Boys Soccer Training	3-4pm	Pitch
	St Colman's AI & ICT Club P6-P7	3-4pm	Mr Deery's class
Tuesday	MR Sports Soccer P2-P7	P2-P3 from 2-3pm P4-P7 from 3-4pm	Pitch
	MR Sports Arts & Crafts Club P2-P7	P2-P3 from 2-3pm P4-P7 from 3-4pm	Mrs Meenagh's Room
	Irish Dancing (book by emailing dance teacher at fairleydance@gmail.com)	P2-P3 from 2-3pm P4-P7 from 3-4pm	Top Hall
Wednesday	St Colman's Hurling Training P5-P7	P5-P7 from 3-4pm	Pitch
	St Colman's Film & Animation Club	P5-P6 from 3-4pm	Mr Kernan's Room
	St Colman's Netball Training	P6-P7 from 3-4pm	Hall
Thursday	MR Sports Lego Club P2-P7	P2-P3 from 2-3pm P4-P7 from 3-4pm	Mrs Hanna's Room
	St Colman's Gaelic Training (fully booked)	P5-P7 from 3-4pm	Pitch

P1 Pupils

P1 pupils will be able to sign up for MR Sports after Halloween. Anyone who has been able to register will be refunded by MR Sports. P3 pupils who were able to register for Basketball will also be refunded.

New Club Added - AI/ICT Club

Our brand-new **AI and ICT Club** starts on **Monday 14th September for P6 and P7 pupils**. . Using **Adobe** software alongside the child-friendly **Just2Easy** platform, pupils will have the opportunity to create, design, code and explore the exciting possibilities of using AI at a child friendly level. This club is a fantastic way for children to develop important digital skills that will support their learning both now and in the future, all while having fun in a safe and supportive environment. We would love to see as many children as possible take part, so don't forget to book your child's place! Thank you and see you soon!



Week Beginning Monday 14th September 2026

All school dinners must be booked in advance of Monday morning. The booking system opens on a Friday morning and closes on a Sunday evening.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dinner	Oven baked fish, garden peas & diced carrots Chips or mash potatoes	Homemade beef Bolognese with pasta spirals, sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Chicken curry with boiled rice & mini naan bread, broccoli & baton carrots Or roast vegetable sausages with gravy, broccoli, carrots & mash	Roast gammon, stuffing & gravy with seasonal vegetables, oven roasted or mashed potatoes	Oven baked chicken goujons with baked beans, mini corn on the cob, chips or baked potato
Dessert	Rice pudding with peach slices	Ice cream, pears & chocolate sauce	Apple sponge cake & custard	Chocolate & raspberry cookie with orange wedges	Layered banana, yoghurt, banana mousse & biscuit



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway	Aidan McGuigan	
P1 Mrs Hanna	Whole Class	
P1 Miss Donnelly	Whole Class	
P2 Ms Phoenix	Ellie Andrews	Joshua Reid
P2 Mrs Henry	Emma McMullan	Daire Gorman
P3 Mrs McDonnell	Tom McCormick	Matthew McCarthy
P3 Mrs Boden	Elliott Monahan	Scarlett Finn
Mrs Toland/ Mrs Alexander	Grace McKenna	Ava Madden
P4 Mr Kernan	Roma Curran	Peter Rush
P4 Mrs Monaghan	Louis Murphy	Amelia Rose Christian
P5 Miss Cunningham/ Mrs Casey	Jacob McCorry	Sophie Frizzell
P5 Miss Raffo	Sophia Conlon	Joshua Lowe Brennan
P6 Mrs Tandy	Eden Johannesson	Odhran McCann
P6 Mrs McGrath/ Mr Carey	Eva Rose McCabe	Gabriel Stratton
P7 Mr Deery	Eoin Montgomery	Amelia McGreevy
P7 Miss McGinn	Jack Devlin	Lara McCarthy
Mr Mc Cambridge	Charlotte Elwood	Temi Banmeke



And Finally...

It has been brilliant to have everyone back for our first full week of the new school year.

With all of our Primary 1 children now through the doors, the school really does feel complete again. It is a joy watching them settle in. It feels like only yesterday that our current Primary 7 children were taking those very same first steps into St Colman's. Now they begin their final year with us!

We have already had one year group out on a school trip this week, with plenty more opportunities to come throughout the year. We want our children to enjoy brilliant learning experiences not only inside the classroom, but beyond it too, through trips, events, sport, clubs and the wide range of extracurricular opportunities available to them.

A big thank you, as always, to our parents and families for your support as we get all of our routines and systems up and running again for another busy school year.

There is lots to look forward to.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Baine
Principal

Principal's Award

Principal's Award this week goes to ... Holly Burke P3 and Maeve O'Callaghan P6 😊

A big thank you to our neighbours at **Corretto Coffee Company**, who very kindly sponsor our **Principal's Award** each week. We really appreciate their continued support and generosity towards our pupils!





School Holiday List 2026/27

Term 1

Thurs 27th August - Pupils start school (*Please note that on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th August pupils will finish at 12.30pm. Children should bring a packed lunch on both days as there will be no school dinner service.*)

Monday 31st August - Bank Holiday (*School Closed*)

Friday 25th September - Monday 28th September - School Development Days (*School Closed*)

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Halloween break (*School Closed*)

Monday 2nd November - Pupils return to school

Friday 27th November – School Development Day (*School Closed*)

Monday 21st December - School closes at 12.00 noon for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 22nd December – Friday 1st January - Christmas break (*School Closed*)

Term 2

Monday 4th January - Pupils return to school

Monday 25th January - School Development Day (*School Closed*)

Monday 8th - Friday 12th February - Mid-term break (*School Closed*)

Monday 15th February - Pupils return to school

Wednesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day (*School Closed*)

Thursday 25th March - School closes at 12 noon for Easter holidays

Friday 26th March – Friday 2nd April – Easter break (*School Closed*)

Term 3

Monday 5th April - Pupils return to school

Friday 30th April - Tuesday 4th May - Bank Holiday & Staff Development Days (*School Closed*)

Thursday 27th May - Tuesday 1st June - Bank Holiday & Staff Development Days (*School Closed*)

Wednesday 30th June - School closes at 12 noon for Summer holidays