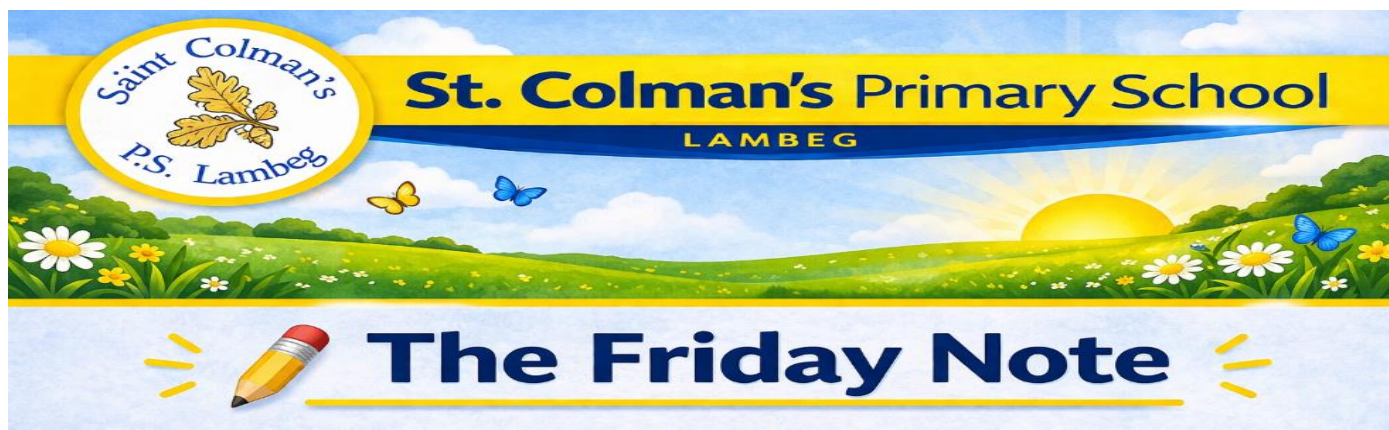




Friday 18th September 2026

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

Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraising Day in honour of Michelle Quinn

Thursday 24th September is bring a treat to school day in aid of our fundraising day for Macmillan Cancer support & school bench in honour of our former P1 Classroom Assistant Michelle Quinn.

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.

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 – <u>there will be no MR Sports afterschool clubs on Tuesday.</u>
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

Christmas Fayre

St Colman's PS Parent Association are delighted to announce that our **Christmas Fayre** will take place on **Thursday 26th November 2026, from 5.00pm-8.00pm.!**



🎄 St Colman's PS Parent Association - Christmas Fayre 🎄

St Colman's PS Parent Association are delighted to announce that our Christmas Fayre will be taking place on:

📅 **Thursday 26th November 2026**

🕒 **5.00pm-8.00pm**

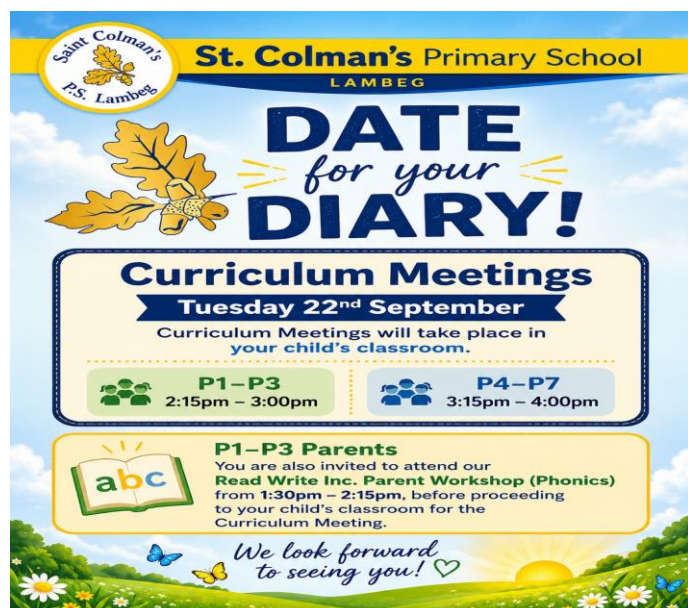
If you are interested in holding a stall at our Christmas Fayre, please complete the short expression of interest form using the link below:

🔗 <https://forms.gle/k5842QpR4boKsFfD6>

A member of the Parent Association will be in touch with further details.

Please feel free to share with anyone who may be interested! 🎅 🎁

St Colman's Curriculum Meeting 2026



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!

School Website: www.stcolmanslambeg.com



Week Beginning Monday 21st 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 (Fully Booked)	3-4pm	Pitch
	St Colman's AI & ICT Club P6-P7	3-4pm	Mr Deery's class
Tuesday	MR Sports Soccer P2-P7	No club today due to Curriculum meetings	
	MR Sports Arts & Crafts Club P2-P7	No club today due to curriculum meetings	
	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 (fully booked)	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

AI/ICT Club

Our first AI & ICT Club was a fantastic success! Well done to all the pupils who attended and showed such enthusiasm, creativity and problem-solving skills. We were so impressed with how quickly everyone engaged with the activities and embraced new technology.

There are still a few spaces available, so if your child would like to join us for future sessions, please sign up. We look forward to welcoming even more budding digital creators and innovators!





Week Beginning Monday 21st 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 Goujons Peas & Sweetcorn, Chips	Homemade Cottage Pie & Gravy Baton Carrots Roast Diced or Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread with Broccoli & Roasted Butternut Squash, Boiled Rice ~or~ Roast Mediterranean Chicken & Vegetables, Broccoli & Roasted Butternut Squash, Boiled Rice or Couscous	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding with Stuffing & Gravy Seasonal Vegetables Oven Roasted or Mashed Potatoes	*TransformED Staff Development Day* - No School for pupils
Desert	Yoghurt Tub & Melon Wedge	Brownie & Orange Wedges	Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard	Jelly Whip & Pear Slices	



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway	Tulisa Mongan	
P1 Mrs Hanna	Willow McCabe	Benjamin Woods
P1 Mrs Meenagh	Fodla Gallagher	James McGinnity
P2 Ms Phoenix	Lewis Nolan	Muireann Campfield
P2 Mrs Henry	Caolan Glackin	Kacie McKee
P3 Mrs McDonnell	Rosie Toal	Aubrey Devlin
P3 Mrs Boden	Ella Conlan	Rowyn Gilmore
Mrs Toland/ Mrs Alexander	Archie Stacey	Maria Sousa Machado
P4 Mr Kernan	Saorla Sloan	Oliver Talbot
P4 Mrs Monaghan	Patrick Williams	Freya Campbell
P5 Miss Cunningham/ Mrs Casey	Leo Donnelly	Evie Cheung
P5 Miss Raffo	Sam McAllister	Anna Murray
P6 Mrs Tandy	James Hampshire	Grace Colgan
P6 Mrs McGrath/ Mr Carey	Emilia Kelly	Gino Stratton
P7 Mr Deery	Emily Armstrong	Adam Daly
P7 Miss McGinn	Henry Watters	Amelia McGreevy
Mr Mc Cambridge	Leon Harvey	Charlie Mezza



And Finally...

Using ClassDojo Effectively

At the beginning of this new school year, I would like to take a moment to clarify the purpose and best use of ClassDojo within our school community.

ClassDojo is a valuable tool that helps us strengthen communication between home and school. It enables staff to share important information quickly and efficiently, including letters, reminders, invitations, updates and celebrations of school life.

To ensure that teachers can give their full attention to teaching and supporting children during the school day, parents are asked to be mindful of how and when they use the messaging feature. In line with guidance from Governors and Teaching Unions, staff are not expected to respond to messages outside of school hours, including evenings, weekends and holiday periods.

Teachers will check their ClassDojo accounts regularly between 8.30am and 4.30pm and will respond to messages as soon as they are able. However, as their primary responsibility during the school day is the care, support and education of the children in their class, responses may not always be immediate.

For **urgent** matters, or if you wish to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher, please contact Brenda or Áine in the school office on **028 9267 8908**, and they will be happy to assist.

We would encourage families to view ClassDojo primarily as a communication platform which allows school to share class and whole school information. With classes of over 25 children, responding to large numbers of individual messages each day can quickly become unmanageable for teachers and can take valuable time away from lesson preparation, assessment and pupil support.

Governors are keen to ensure that teachers' time is protected so they can focus on planning, preparing and delivering the highest quality learning experiences for every child.

If you have a **sensitive, pastoral or confidential** concern, we kindly ask that you contact the school office to arrange a telephone conversation or meeting with the class teacher. Experience shows that delicate matters are often best discussed in person, where there is an opportunity for clear communication, removing any potential for misunderstanding and the provision of appropriate support if required.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. By working together and using ClassDojo in the way it was intended, we can ensure effective communication between home and school while safeguarding the precious teaching and learning time that benefits all of our children.

Enjoy your weekend everyone and thanks again for all your help and support

Mr S Baine

Principal's Award

Principal's Award this week goes to Eamon Art Grant P4, ... WELL DONE!!! 😊

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 Website: www.stcolmanslambeg.com



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 – Parent Teacher Meeting Day *(School Closed for pupils)*

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