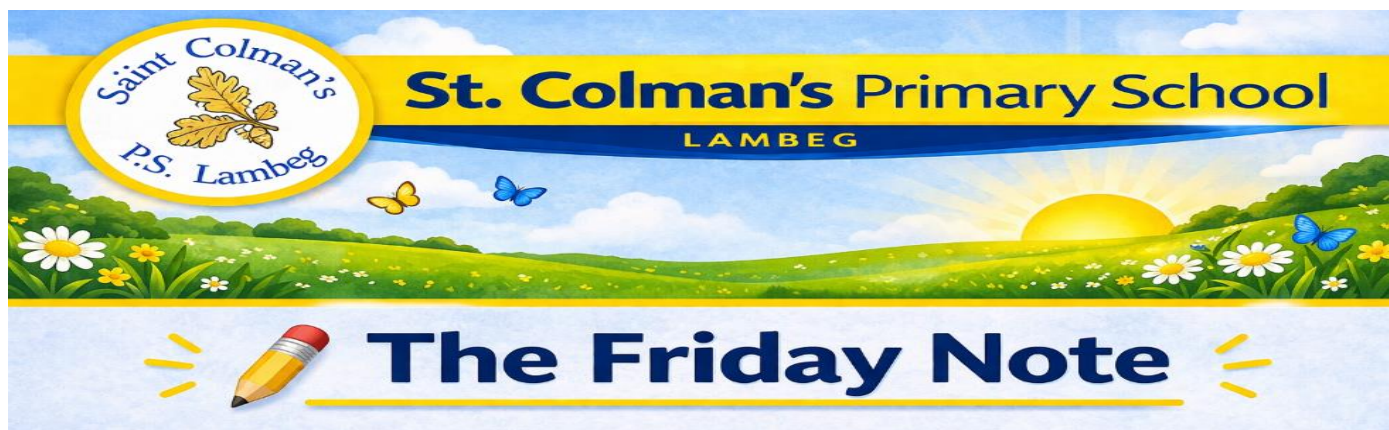




Friday 2nd October 2026

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.

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.

Halloween Break	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October
Parent/Teacher Meeting Day	Friday 27 th November (no school for pupils)
St Colman's PS Parent Association - Christmas Fayre	Thursday 26th November 2026 (5.00pm-8.00pm)

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! 🎅 🎁

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

We are delighted to have several teams representing St Colman's across a range of sports, providing fantastic opportunities for our children to participate, compete and represent their school with pride. With so many teams now competing, our current single set of playing kits is being shared across several sports. We are therefore hoping to secure a second school kit to support our growing sporting provision. If any local businesses or organisations would be interested in sponsoring or part-sponsoring a new school kit, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the school office for further information. Any support, big or small, would be greatly appreciated and would make a real difference to our young athletes!

Parent Workshop: Master Your Household Budget with Barclays Bank

**St Colman's
Primary School**

PARENT BUDGETING WORKSHOP
Delivered by Barclays Bank Education Officer

Key Details Box

**Date:**
Thursday 15th October

**Time:**
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Location:**
School Hall

Workshop Highlights

What we will cover:

**What is Budgeting?** – Basics of managing money

**Wellbeing & Finance** – How budgeting reduces family stress



**Budget Planners** – Examples & step-by-step walk-through

**Managing Your Money** – Practical tips to stay on track

Free to all parents and carers. All welcome!

RSVP: To register, please click the Google Form link in the story. 

What the session will cover:

- 💡 What Budgeting Is: The basics of managing money with confidence.
- 🧠 Wellbeing & Finance: How taking control of your finances supports family mental health.
- 📋 Budget Planners: Practical examples and a step-by-step walk-through.
- 🏠 Managing Your Money: Everyday tips to help you stay on track.

👉 How to Register: To help us arrange seating and materials, please click the link below to complete a quick 1-minute registration form:

👉 <https://forms.gle/hK4ayW5fzJMezd536>

We look forward to seeing you there!



Week Beginning Monday 5th October 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	3-4pm	Hall
	St Colmans Soccer P6-P7	3-4pm	Pitch
Tuesday	MR Sports Soccer P2-P7	2-3pm for P2/3 3-4pm for P4-P7	Pitch
	MR Sports Arts & Crafts Club P2-P7	2-3pm for P2/3 3-4pm for P4-P7	Mrs Meenagh's Room
	Irish Dancing	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
Thursday	St Colman's Netball Training	P6-P7 from 3-4pm	Hall
	MR Sports Lego Club P2-P7 (Please see table below)	P2-P3 from 2-3pm No 3-4pm this week due to staff training	Mrs Hanna's Room
	St Colman's Gaelic Training - CANCELLED (Please see table below)	No training this week due to staff training	

Important After-School Club Changes (8th & 13th October)

Due to essential staff training, there will be some changes to our after-school clubs on **Thursday 8th October and Tuesday 13th October**.

Please see the arrangements below.

Thursday 8th October	Tuesday 13th October
LEGO Club ☒ 2:00–3:00pm - Going ahead as normal ☒ 3:00–4:00pm - Cancelled Gaelic Training ☒ Cancelled Homework Club ☒ 2:00–3:00pm - Going ahead as normal ☒ 3:00–4:00pm - Cancelled ☒ 2:00–4:00pm - Cancelled	MR Sports – Soccer ☒ 2:00–3:00pm -Going ahead as normal ☒ 3:00–4:00pm - Cancelled MR Sports – Arts & Crafts ☒ 2:00–3:00pm - Going ahead as normal ☒ 3:00–4:00pm - Cancelled Irish Dancing ☒ 2:00–3:00pm - Going ahead as normal ☒ 3:00–4:00pm - Cancelled Homework Club ☒ 2:00–3:00pm -Going ahead as normal ☒ 3:00–4:00pm- Cancelled ☒ 2:00–4:00pm - Cancelled



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Important After-School > Club Changes <



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**Thursday
8th October**



LEGO Club

✗ 3:00 – 4:00pm – Cancelled

✓ 2:00 – 3:00pm – Still going ahead



Gaelic Training

✗ Cancelled



Homework Club

✗ 3:00 – 4:00pm – Cancelled

✗ 2:00 – 4:00pm – Cancelled

✓ 2:00 – 3:00pm – Still going ahead



**Tuesday
13th October**



MR Sports – Soccer

✗ 3:00 – 4:00pm – Cancelled

✓ 2:00 – 3:00pm – Still going ahead



MR Sports – Arts & Crafts

✗ 3:00 – 4:00pm – Cancelled

✓ 2:00 – 3:00pm – Still going ahead



Irish Dancing

✗ 3:00 – 4:00pm – Cancelled

✓ 2:00 – 3:00pm – Still going ahead



Homework Club

✗ 3:00 – 4:00pm – Cancelled

✗ 2:00 – 4:00pm – Cancelled

✓ 2:00 – 3:00pm – Still going ahead

All other after-school club arrangements remain unchanged.

Thank you for your understanding.



Week Beginning Monday 5th October 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 Beans & Peas Chips or Mashed Potatoes	Mediterranean Chicken Pizza Broccoli & Coleslaw Oven Roasted Diced Potatoes	Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Carrots & Green Beans Boiled Rice ~or~ Golden Herb Baked Chicken Carrots & Green Beans Mashed Potatoes	Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy Seasonal Vegetables Oven Roasted or Mashed Potatoes	Cheeseburger with Salad Corn on the Cob & Spaghetti Hoops Chips or Baked Potato
Dessert	Strawberry Mousse & Fruit	Raspberry Jelly with Vanilla Ice- cream & Two Fruits	Lemon & Blueberry Sponge with Custard	Oaty Biscuit with Milkshake	Fresh Fruit Salad with Raspberry Yoghurt



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway	Max McCrea	
P1 Mrs Hanna	Patrick McCann	Orlaith McMahon
P1 Mrs Meenagh	Calla Curran	Roman Taylor
P2 Ms Phoenix	Eoin Kelly	Hugo Hanna
P2 Mrs Henry	Donall Ward	Caolan McDade
P3 Mrs McDonnell	Oisin Gallagher	Eva McCaffrey
P3 Mrs Boden	Amelia Smith	Olivia McKenny Taggart
Mrs Toland/ Mrs Alexander	Toby Odumosu	Ava Madden
P4 Mr Kernan	Ruairi Tully	Heidi Gallagher
P4 Mrs Monaghan	Dylan Quinn	Lannah McCarthy
P5 Miss Cunningham/ Mrs Casey	David Forrester-Fitzsimmons	Orla Devlin
P5 Miss Raffo	Darcie McClenaghan	Liam Miscampbell
P6 Mrs Tandy	Alfie Hanna	Alex Nightingale
P6 Mrs McGrath/ Mr Carey	James Toal	Stella McDonald
P7 Mr Deery	Orah Long	Zach Thompson
P7 Miss McGinn	Cillian McCreight	Eva Jones
Mr Mc Cambridge	Tony Fitzpatrick	Jamie Johnston



And Finally...

It has been another enjoyable week at St Colman's, and it has been great to see so much happening both inside and outside the classroom.

Our P7 soccer team were out representing the school this week and made a fantastic start to their league campaign, winning the majority of their opening games. Well done to all the children involved.

We have lots of trophies to retain this year, so we are training really hard! 😊

It has also been brilliant to see our after-school clubs now in full swing, with the children making the most of some of the nicer weather we have enjoyed this week. We have many, many clubs and activities to offer the children and it is great to see so many children signed up to attend.

Please, please take a few minutes to read our Friday Note each week. I know it can often have lots in it but we do want to give parents a colourful snapshot of what is going on in school week to week. Occasionally, our arrangements have to change during the week due to circumstances outside our control. We will always use the Friday Note to keep you as up to date as possible with important dates, events and any changes to arrangements.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Baine
Principal

Principal's Award

**Principal's Award this week goes to Shea Wilson Rodgers P4, Grace Magee Quigg P7,
Erin McCorry P5... 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!





Christmas at St. Colman's 2026

Important Dates for Parents



Christmas Fayre (organised by Parent Association)



Date

Thursday 26th
November



Location

St. Colman's
School Hall



Time

5pm – 8pm



Extra Information

Tickets will be released
closer to the time.



P2 Nativity



Date

Tuesday 8th
December



Location

St. Colman's
School Hall



Time

10am – 11am
5pm – 6pm



Extra Information

Ticket information
will be released closer
to the time.



P1 Nativity



Date

Wednesday 9th
December



Location

St. Colman's
School Hall



Time

10am – 11am
5pm – 6pm



Extra Information

Ticket information
will be released closer
to the time.



P3 Nativity



Date

Thursday 10th
December



Location

St. Colman's
School Hall



Time

10am – 11am
5pm – 6pm



Extra Information

Ticket information
will be released closer
to the time.



P1 Open Afternoon



Date

Monday 14th
December



Location

Whole School



Time

1.30pm – 2.30pm



Extra Information

P1, P2, P3 children
to finish school at
12.30pm.



P4, P5, P6, P7 Carol Service



Date

Wednesday 16th
December



Location

St. Colman's
School Hall



Time

1.30pm – 2.30pm



Extra Information

Pupils only.



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day



Date

Thursday 17th
December



Location

St. Colman's
School Hall and
canteen



Time

11.45am – 1.15pm



Extra Information

Children may wear
Christmas jumpers
and/or accessories.



School finishes at 12 noon



Date

Monday 21st
December



Location

Whole School



Time

School finishes
at 12.00pm



Extra Information

There are no school
dinners on this day.



We look forward to celebrating
Christmas together!





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