



St. Colman's Primary School

LAMBEG



The Friday Note



Friday 16th 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.

Flu Vaccination Day	Thursday 22 nd October
Halloween Dress Up Day	Friday 23 rd October
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)

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!

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! 🎅📺



Week Beginning Monday 19th 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	Pitch
	MR Sports Arts & Crafts Club P2-P7	2-3pm for P2/3	Mrs Meenagh's Room
	Irish Dancing *P1 pupils can begin Classes after the Halloween break*	P2-P3 from 2-3pm P-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 (Now finished until after Halloween)		
	St Colman's Netball Training	P6-P7 from 3-4pm	Hall
Thursday	MR Sports Lego Club P2-P7	P2-P3 from 2-3pm	Mrs Hanna's Room
	St Colman's Gaelic Training	P5-P7 from 3-4pm	Pitch



Week Beginning Monday 19th 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	Frightening Friday
Dinner	Oven Baked Fish Goujons Peas & Sweetcorn Chips	Cottage Pie & Gravy Baton Carrots Oven Roasted Diced or Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread 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	<i>St Colmans Scaredy Boo Box!</i> <i>Fried Monsters Toes with Crispy Worms and Maggots</i> (Chicken Goujons & Chips Snack box)
Dessert	Yoghurt Tub & Melon Wedge	Brownie & Orange Wedges	Pineapple Upside-down Cake & Custard	Jelly Whip & Pear Slices	<i>Chilly Ghost Slab with Frankenstein's claw!!</i> (Ice- lolly & Halloween Muffin)



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway	Francis O' Neill	
P1 Mrs Hanna	Ava Conlan	Ava McAllister
P1 Mrs Meenagh	Molly Mooney, Harper Hepworth	Donal McCabe
P2 Ms Phoenix	Lucy Gormley	Cillian Savage
P2 Mrs Henry	Roise McCreight	Cole Quinn
P3 Mrs McDonnell	Ava Magee Quigg	Penelope Quinn
P3 Mrs Boden	Rosa Brown	Sophie McGreevy
Mrs Toland/ Mrs Alexander	Maria Sousa Machado	Archie Stacey
P4 Mr Kernan	Lorcan Jennings	Abigail McCallion
P4 Mrs Monaghan	Evie Doherty	Cormac Maguire
P5 Miss Cunningham/ Mrs Casey	Thea Murray	Robyn Kane
P5 Miss Raffo	Fiadh Johnston	Ava Thomas
P6 Mrs Tandy	Lily McNally	Zara Donaghy
P6 Mrs McGrath/ Mr Carey	Saorlaith McCarthy	Jude Collins
P7 Mr Deery	Brianna Finnerty	Ronan Maguire
P7 Miss McGinn	Rose Doherty	Eva Lee
Mr Mc Cambridge	Leon Harvey	Leo Dooley McCann

School Website: www.stcolmanslambeg.com



And Finally...

As we begin to approach the final week of our first half term, it is hard to believe just how quickly the weeks have flown by! It has been an extremely busy but very positive start to the school year. It has been particularly lovely to see our Primary 1 children settling so well into school life, finding their feet, making new friendships and becoming part of the St Colman's family. Across the school, there has been so much wonderful learning taking place. It has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and energy our children bring through the gates each morning.

A quick reminder that McQuillan Contracts have notified us of roadworks taking place on Monday 19th October between 9.30am and 4.30pm. Queensway will be closed between Bells Lane and Lambeg Train Station during these hours. Thankfully, this should not affect the morning drop off but we would ask parents to allow a little extra time when collecting children in the afternoon. We appreciate that roadworks can be frustrating, particularly around school times. Thank you for your patience.

On the sporting front, a huge congratulations to our P7 boys' Gaelic team, who enjoyed a fantastic day competing in Division 1 of the Cumann na mBunscol competition, topping their group and securing a place in the semi finals! They now join our girls' team, who have also qualified for the semi finals next Wednesday. It is wonderful to have both teams progressing so well. We look forward to seeing the boys and girls showcasing their skills and representing St Colman's with pride next week. Best of luck to everyone involved!

You may also have noticed some building work taking place at St Colman's Chapel, directly opposite the school. Red safety tape has been placed around the site. The builders have asked us to remind everyone not to walk through or beyond these areas. If you are parking or approaching from the opposite side of the road, please use the pedestrian crossing at the top of the road, beside the canteen, and make your way down to our front gates from there. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe while this work is being carried out.

As we approach the Halloween break, a reminder that Friday 23rd October will be our Halloween Dress Up Day! Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their favourite Halloween costumes or fancy dress. Please do not feel under any pressure to go to additional expense for the occasion. There is absolutely no need to buy anything new! The day is simply about having a bit of fun, enjoying the Halloween excitement and finishing off what has been a fantastic first half term together. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes!

Finally, as we look towards the last week before our Halloween break, I want to thank all of our families for the support, encouragement and kindness you continue to show our school. There is always so much happening at St Colman's but it is the little things we see every day - children helping one another, friendships growing, smiles in the playground and the pride children take in their achievements - that make our school such a special place.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Mr Baine
Principal

Principal's Award

Principal's Award this week goes to

Ruairi Tully P4, Temi Banmeke P7, Lara McCarthy P7... 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!



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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!

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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)*

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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