



St. Colman's Primary School

LAMBEG



The Friday Note

Friday 23rd 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 26 th November 2026 (5.00pm-8.00pm)

Flu Vaccine Follow Up Day

If your child was absent or sick on Flu Vaccine day, the school nurse will be back on Wednesday 4th November to follow up. You must have had your vaccine letter completed prior to this.

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.



Week Beginning Monday 2nd November 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		
Thursday	St Colman's Netball Training	P6-P7 from 3-4pm	Hall
	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 2nd November 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	Margherita 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, Mini 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	The Whole Class	
P1 Mrs Hanna	Eabha McCarthy	Tiernan O' Rourke, Alessia Christian
P1 Mrs Meenagh	Farrah Beirne	Finn Armstrong
P2 Ms Phoenix	Lucia Boden	Matthew Rafferty
P2 Mrs Henry	Mia Bailie	Daniel Egan
P3 Mrs McDonnell	Erin McGuinness	Owen McClean
P3 Mrs Boden	Arthur Smyth	Conor Seenan
Mrs Toland/ Mrs Alexander	Caoimhin Clarke	
P4 Mr Kernan	Clodagh McCorry	Joseph Rodgers
P4 Mrs Monaghan	James Middlesworth	Carter McCrory
P5 Miss Cunningham/ Mrs Casey	Ellie McCrea	Barra Coleman
P5 Miss Raffo	Parker McAuley	Canice McCreight
P6 Mrs Tandy	Dylan Hill	Odin Johannesson
P6 Mrs McGrath/ Mr Carey	Oran Greer	Maisie Taylor
P7 Mr Deery	Zoe Press	Rhys Herron
P7 Miss McGinn	Alaia Grant	Cailin McQuillan
Mr Mc Cambridge	The Whole Class	

Principal's Award

Principal's Award this week goes to Mei Gibbons P4, Antonia Diamond P7, James Reid P7, Malachy McDaid P7, Mya Murphy P6, ... 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!





And Finally...

I want to extend a huge thank you to all who have supported the school throughout this first half term and those who have kindly contributed towards our voluntary school fund. Your generosity is genuinely appreciated and makes a real difference to what we can provide for our children. We have a number of projects we hope to progress throughout this school year, with a particular focus on further developing our outdoor learning spaces and opportunities. These are improvements that will benefit children right across the school and your contributions go a long way towards helping us turn these plans into reality. We fully understand the financial pressures facing families and please be reassured that we never take your kindness or generosity for granted.

Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to our parents, staff and, of course, our wonderful children for the way everyone responded to the very unusual and challenging events of Monday morning. We have been overwhelmed by the messages of kindness, concern and support we have received from our school community over the past few days. The safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff will always be our absolute priority, and every decision we make will continue to be guided by that principle. Thank you again for your prompt, calm and efficient collection of the children - it made the whole school response so much easier.

The resilience of our children never ceases to amaze me. After everything that happened on Monday, they came bouncing back through our gates on Tuesday morning, full of smiles, excitement and stories to tell, almost as though nothing had happened! It has been wonderful to see them so happy and settled throughout the rest of the week. The friendships, laughter, kindness and sheer enthusiasm they bring to school each day really would do your heart good. Sometimes, in the midst of all the busyness that comes with school life, it is worth reminding ourselves just how fortunate we are to spend our days surrounded by such fantastic kids. They really are a credit to their families and to our school.

Finally, as we reach the end of this first half term, I want to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work that has taken place across every classroom. Our youngest children have settled beautifully into school life, new friendships have blossomed, routines have become established and our older pupils have continued to set a wonderful example for those around them. Whether it has been in the classroom, on the sports field, through music or in the many little moments of kindness we witness every day, there has been so much to celebrate.

I hope all our children, families and staff enjoy a lovely, relaxing and well-deserved Halloween break; take the opportunity to recharge the batteries, enjoy some family time and perhaps indulge in a few Halloween treats along the way!

Thank you once again for your continued support and for everything you do to make our school such a special place.

Have a wonderful Halloween break everyone!

Mr Baine
Principal



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