St. Colman's Primary School

LAMBEG

The Friday Note

Friday 6th November 2026

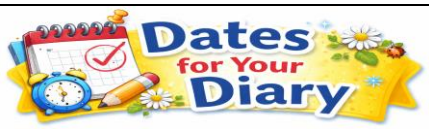
Good afternoon everyone, please see below our Friday Note with key updates, upcoming events and celebrations from across the school.

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.

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

Parent- Teacher Meetings

A reminder that the parent teacher meetings will be on Friday 27th November. The booking form to book your parent teacher meeting will open on **Tuesday** for families with **two or more children** in the school, allowing them to coordinate appointments more easily. The system will then open to **all other families on Wednesday**. As in previous years, we kindly ask everyone to follow these arrangements. Any appointments made before the allocated booking day, for example a family with one child booking on Tuesday, will be cancelled and will need to be rebooked when the system opens to them.

St Colman's School Bus

Due to road works taking place around the Lisburn area over the next 2 weeks, our school bus will be slightly delayed collecting the children from the school site which will result in a later drop off time than usual.

Saint Colman's Annual Book Fair is Coming!

We are delighted to welcome our annual **Book Fair** to **Saint Colman's** from **Wednesday 11th November to Friday 13th November**. There will be a fantastic selection of exciting and engaging books for children of all ages and interests. During the week, each class will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their teacher, browse the books on display, and choose any books they would like to purchase.
The Book Fair will also be open **after school each day**, giving families the chance to visit together and explore the wonderful range of books available. Every purchase helps support our school, as proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to provide new and exciting books for classrooms throughout Saint Colman's. Thank you for your support in helping us foster a love of reading among our pupils.
We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the joy of books together.

Vision for Catholic Education in Ireland Framework Launch

We are incredibly proud that St. Colman's Primary School was chosen as the primary school representative at the launch of the Vision for Catholic Education in Ireland Framework at St Mary's University College, Belfast. Our P7 pupils created a wonderful display which was showcased for all attendees, including the Bishop, Archbishop, and Minister for Education. The children represented themselves, their families, and our school exceptionally well throughout the event. We are absolutely delighted with their efforts and the positive impression they made. Well done, P7!





Week Beginning Monday 9th 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-P7 (fully booked for this term)	P1-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		
	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

School Clubs finish week of 16th November -- MR Sports clubs finish week of 23rd Nov

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Week Beginning Monday 9th 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 Fingers Peas & Carrots Chips & Mashed Potatoes	Homemade Beef Bolognese Sweetcorn & Coleslaw, with Pasta Spirals	Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread with Broccoli, Carrots & Boiled Rice ~or~ Roast Vegetable Sausages & Gravy Broccoli, Carrots & Mashed Potatoes	Roast Gammon, Stuffing & Gravy Seasonal Vegetables Oven Roasted or Mashed Potatoes	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons, 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	Banana Mousse with Biscuit

Advance Notice – Cancellation of Homework Club & MR Sports – Thursday 26th November

To allow time for the setting up of the Christmas Fayre there will be no Homework Club from 3-4pm or Lego from 3-4pm on Thursday 26th November.



Acorn Class Ms Hannaway	Francis O' Neill	Cian Turley
P1 Mrs Hanna	Xyaire McShane	Nika Rooney, Elle Boyd
P1 Mrs Meenagh	Lorcan Monahan	Arabella Ward
P2 Ms Phoenix	Conor Kavanagh	Fiadh McVeigh
P2 Mrs Henry	Cian Hawkins	Ari Curran- Joyce
P3 Mrs McDonnell	Davin Coleman	Maggie White
P3 Mrs Boden	Eimear Boyle	Harry Carragher
Mrs Toland/ Mrs Alexander	Ava Madden	Maria Sousa Machado
P4 Mr Kernan	Odhran McGreevy	Annabelle Gormley
P4 Mrs Monaghan	Frankie McCabe	Imogen Ross
P5 Miss Cunningham/ Mrs Casey	James Flanaghan	Orlaith McKervey
P5 Miss Raffo	Decla Donaghy	Finn Alexander
P6 Mrs Tandy	Neve Bailie	Evie Clarke
P6 Mrs McGrath/ Mr Carey	Oliver English Brennan	Ellie Harkin
P7 Mr Deery	Lorcan Mooney	Aria Campbell
P7 Miss McGinn	Jack Ferguson	Jude Murray
Mr Mc Cambridge	Temi Banmeke	Aiden Hebditch

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Principal's Award

Principal's Award this week goes to Oscar Cullen 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!



And Finally…

Many of you will have noticed some differences to the rear of the school - particularly since the Halloween break.

The playframe sadly, had to be removed due to irreparable defects and the area covered with fresh tarmac. The polytunnel has been restructured and reinstalled and soon new fencing and gates will be placed around the pond area. The children have been working very hard on giving the ECO hill and garden area a big "autumn" tidy and things are really starting to shape up.

We are in the process of organising fresh playground markings to really reinvigorate the children's playspace and the School Council has just hit me with their wishlist for play equipment - they drive a hard bargain!!!! Being a principal to 401 children isn't for the faint hearted!

Unfortunately, school does not get support from our formal support bodies to allow for these improvements, despite application and lobbying we pay for these works ourselves.

These improvements happen because of the outstanding support we get from parents and carers. Thank you. We really appreciate and value it.

In school we are always searching for new ways to improve the children's experience and we are confident that these recent improvements will really help.

Enjoy your weekend.
Mr. Baine



School Holiday List 2026/27

Term 1

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

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