

# St. Colmcille's PS Newsletter

September 2025



## Upcoming Dates

**Thursday 2nd October**

National Poetry Day

**Monday 6th October**

World Teacher Day

**Wednesday 8th October**

Family Bingo Night

**Friday 10th October**

World Mental Health Day

School Closes 11.45am

**Sun 12th - Sun 19th Oct**

Mental Maths Week

**Mon 27th - Fri 31st Oct**

School closed -

Halloween Holidays

## A Week of Celebrations

**6th-10th October 2025**

### Day One

School Mass - 09:30  
Poetry Competition

### Day Four

Mental Maths & Spelling Bees  
Anniversary Flag Design Project

### Day Two

Time Capsule Project  
School Model Artwork Project

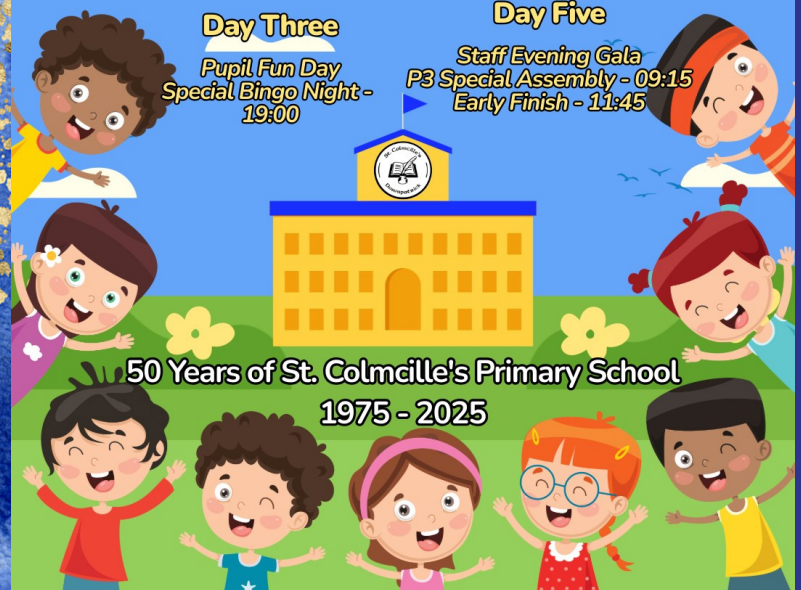
Walk Down Memory Lane  
Photo Displays & Refreshments -  
09:15-11:00 & 14:00-16:00

### Day Three

Pupil Fun Day  
Special Bingo Night -  
19:00

### Day Five

Staff Evening Gala  
P3 Special Assembly - 09:15  
Early Finish - 11:45



## Welcome Back

The children were treated in recognition of their great behaviour & positive attitude in the first few days back to school. We are so proud of how well everyone has settled in and are excited for all the fun and learning ahead this term. Keep up the fantastic work!

## 50th Anniversary

We are delighted to be planning a week of fun for our pupils and their families to celebrate 50 Years of St. Colmcille's PS!



## Latest School Improvements

Summer may have brought a break from the classroom, but we've been hard at work behind the scenes!

We're thrilled to share some exciting improvements to our school environment — all designed to give our amazing children the very best opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.

New additions include:

Climbing Area

Brand New P7 Classroom

Learning Pods & Partitioned Spaces

50th Anniversary Mural

We believe our children deserve the very best — and this is just the beginning! More exciting improvements are on the way.



## Climbing Fitness Zone Now Open!

We're thrilled to unveil our brand-new Climbing Fitness Zone — another fantastic addition to our outdoor space, representing a development investment of £20,000!

This is a space that will inspire active play, build confidence, and promote physical wellbeing for all our pupils.

A huge thank you to our Outdoor Education team who have worked hard to deliver this development and to our PTFA for their fundraising to support the project.

## Congratulations Ruby

This month marked Ruby's graduation as a fully registered assistance dog with Assistance Dogs NI - ADNI. The celebration was full of joy, shared with furry siblings and loving families. Huge thanks go to the incredible trainer Gary and all the boys and girls at our school, who played a vital role in the training journey. The highlight of the day was a delicious pupcake made by Carol... which Ruby quickly devoured!

You can follow Ruby on Instagram to see her work in school as well as her rest and relaxation time:  
[instagram.com/moments\\_withruby](https://www.instagram.com/moments_withruby)

Well done Ruby, we are so proud of you!



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*Upcoming Dates  
for Sacraments*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation (P3)*  
Wednesday 11th March 2026 -  
(times for each class will be sent by teacher)  
St. Colmcille's Church

*Sacrament of Confirmation (P7)*  
Tuesday 21st April 2026 - 11am  
St. Patrick's Church

*Sacrament of The Eucharist (P4)*  
Saturday May 2nd 2026 - 11am  
St. Patrick's Church

**STARTS MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER**

**ST COLMCILLE'S  
YOUTH CLUB**



Age 8-P7  
6:45-8:10PM

Year 8 plus  
8:15-9:30PM

Admission  
**£2**

**Activities**

Football and Sports  
Arts and Crafts  
Fun Games  
Beauty Programme  
Food Provided



**MONDAY NIGHTS @  
BALLYMOTE SPORTS AND  
WELLBEING CENTRE**



**New Get Active!**

**Soccer & Sports Coaching**

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## Meet Our First Aid Heroes!

We're proud to have a dedicated First Aid Team here at St. Colmcille's PS, working tirelessly to keep our pupils and school community safe and healthy every day.

Our First Aid Team are fully trained and equipped. They operate:

- Fully Stocked First Aid Station
- Portable First Aid Travel Packs
- Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs)
- LifeVac Anti-Choking Devices
- Eye Wash Station for immediate treatment of eye-related incidents

These life-saving tools are stationed throughout the school, ensuring quality first-aid care is provided when needed. Huge thanks to our First Aid Team for your expertise, care, and commitment to safety!



## PTFA Committee & AGM

As part of the AGM, the following members were elected to the PTFA Committee:

Chairperson: Andrea McMenamin  
Vice-Chairperson: Denise Hunter  
Secretary: Michelle Burns  
Treasurer: Katrina Smyth

We look forward to working with the PTFA this year, as always, to continue making memories for our pupils and providing them with a first-class learning environment.

## Roald Dahl Day

On Monday 15th September, St. Colmcille's Primary School celebrated Roald Dahl Day. A joyful occasion dedicated to the life and legacy of the world famous author who wrote over 20 beloved children's books. Since 2006, this annual event has honoured the late Roald Dahl, bringing his magical stories and unforgettable characters to life in classrooms around the globe.

To mark the occasion, each class awarded a Golden Ticket to one pupil who demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, positive participation and impressive effort on the day.



## Exciting News from Our Fairy Garden

We're delighted to unveil the brand new housing development in our magical Fairy Garden!

A huge thank you to Ms Hunter and all the pupils who helped to design the Fairy Garden and create these fantastic fairy houses.

Another beautiful outdoor space that encourages our imagination to come to life!

