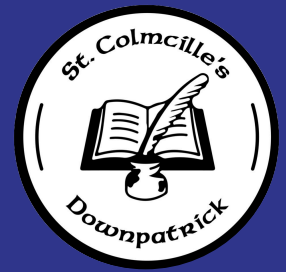


# St. Colmcille's PS Newsletter

October 2025



## Upcoming Dates

**4th - 28th November**

Parent Teacher Meetings

**10th - 14th November**

Anti-Bullying Week

**Monday 10th November**

Odd Socks Day

**16th - 22nd November**

Road Safety Week

**Tuesday 18th November**

Flu Vaccinations

**Monday 1st December**

Open Evening

**Thursday 4th December**

Christmas Dinner Day

**Wednesday 10th December**

Christmas Fun Day

**Tuesday 16th December**

Foundation Stage

Christmas Shows

**Friday 19th December**

School Closes at 11:30



## Superstar Sisters

We are so very proud of these great girls- in thinking of others by donating 30.5 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust! They also raised £1000 in the process to add important financial support to their great work.



# St. Colmcille's Primary School and Learning Support Centres

## Open Night

### Monday 1st December 2025

4:30-6:30pm

Principal's Address 4:30pm



Visit: [stcolmcillesps.co.uk](http://stcolmcillesps.co.uk)

Phone: 02844614177

Email: [saustin015@c2ken.net](mailto:saustin015@c2ken.net)

## A Week of Celebrations

We began our Week of Celebrations on Monday 6th October with a special Mass to honour the role our school has played in the community over the past 50 years.

On Tuesday (7th October) we buried our time capsule filled with information encapsulating our school's rich heritage and vibrant community spirit.

On Wednesday 8th October, we had a fantastic Fun Day filled with laughter and unforgettable memories!

Friday was kick-started by a fantastic and heartfelt assembly from our brilliant Primary 3 pupils!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our main sponsors:

McKeever Sports (£1000)  
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## 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration

What a night to remember! On Friday 10th October, we gathered at the beautiful Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle, to mark 50 incredible years of St. Colmcille's Primary School. The evening was a huge success, with a wonderful turnout of current and former staff, dedicated volunteers, PTFA representatives, and our esteemed guest of honour, Philip Campbell, Chairperson of Newry, Mourne and Down Council — and a proud former pupil of our school. A heartfelt speech from our Principal, Mr Austin, set the tone for the evening and gave thanks to the many staff and volunteers who have contributed to our school's success over the years and made a positive impact on the lives of our pupils. This was followed by a touching moment of grace led by our former School Chaplain, Father Brendan Mulhall, in which he gave thanks for 50 years of St. Colmcille's and asked God's blessing for the future. Guests enjoyed a delicious three-course meal and lively entertainment to round off the night. A massive thank you to all the staff and PTFA members who worked tirelessly to plan and deliver such a beautiful, decadent, and fitting celebration.



**HSC** South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust **FFP Down CIC**

### LISTEN UP LADS! FREE MEN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT

Wednesday 19 November 2025  
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Down Leisure Centre, Downpatrick

- Free Haircuts by local barber Jamie Longfield (first come first served).
- Free Information stands with health and wellbeing advice and community organisations.
- Local social and support groups.
- Free blood pressure and blood glucose checks.

Workshops available:

- 1) Maintaining positive wellbeing
- 2) Physiotherapy advice on living well with age.

Workshops will be available on a first come first served basis.

For more information please contact:

Kellyanne: 07971 327 791  
or Niall: 07971 334 537

This event is facilitated by the Primary Care MDT Social Work Service based within local GP surgeries.

Light refreshments provided.

Open to all men and their families within the Down GP Federation area. No booking required.

## Meet Our New Rights Council Members!!

We're so excited to introduce the amazing pupils who will be leading St Colmcille's on our journey to becoming a Gold Rights Respecting School this year!

They'll be busy organising fun activities, planning exciting events, and sharing important information about children's rights with our whole school community.



## Maths Week Ireland

We had another fun, busy week at St. Colmcille's as we celebrated Maths Week Ireland 2025 with lots of fun and engaging activities across the school. Several classes participated in live lessons and completed problem-solving tasks with thousands of other children across Ireland.

Right across our Key Stages we had children making the most of our great outdoor areas to complete maths tasks.

Finally, congratulations to our Maths Champions who impressed their teachers with their efforts and determination in all the Maths Week tasks. Well done to all our winners!



## Halloween Fun Day!

What a spooktacular day we had celebrating Halloween across the school! From dancing at the disco to tasty treats and eerie decorations, the fun was non-stop!

A massive thank you to our amazing PTFA for transforming the hall into a haunted wonderland — your creativity and effort made the day extra special!

Shout-out to our brilliant Primary 7 pupils, who ran a fantastic tuck shop as part of their learning in Financial Well-being and Junior Enterprise.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a howling success!



## Halloween Costume Competition!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our spooktacular Halloween Costume Competition!



Our PTFA had the tough job of choosing the best dressed boy and girl in each Key Stage — and what a frightfully fantastic array of costumes they had to choose from! Congratulations to all our winners — and well done to everyone who joined in the fun.




## P6-7 Gaelic Blitz

Our P6-7 Gaelic football teams recently took part in a spirited and competitive blitz, facing off against St. Nicholas Ardglass, Sacred Heart Dundrum, and Cedar Integrated Primary School, Crossgar. The boys demonstrated great determination and teamwork in their matches. Their performances showed real grit and enthusiasm, with players supporting one another and pushing through challenging moments. They showed true resilience and sportsmanship throughout all matches. The Girls' team truly shone, going undefeated in their games with impressive teamwork, energy, and positivity. Their communication on the pitch and commitment to each other were standout features, and their success was a testament to their growing confidence and skill. Overall, the blitz was a fantastic experience for all involved. Thank you to St. Nicholas for the invitation and we look forward to seeing you again!




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  - ✓ Parent/Guardian's Photographic ID E.g. Passport or Driving Licence
  - ✓ Proof of Address (dated within the last 3 months) E.g. Utility Bill, Bank Statement, Tenancy Agreement
- 2. Return your completed application form and documents to your school**



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