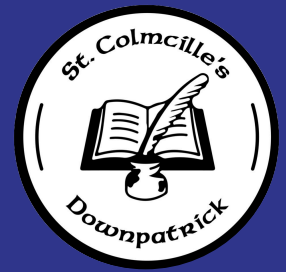


St. Colmcille's PS Newsletter

November 2025



Upcoming Dates

Thursday 4th December

Christmas Dinner &
Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 8th December

LSC4 Mental Health
Workshop

Wednesday 10th December

PTFA Fun Day &
Human Rights Day

Thursday 18th December

P7 Titanic Trip

Friday 18th December

School Closes at 11.30am

Monday 5th January

School reopens

**PTFA CHRISTMAS
FUN DAY**

**Wednesday
10th December**

School day fun includes:
Scavenger Hunt
Santa Fun Run
Bingo for Classes P4 - P7
Tuck & Christmas Shop
Christmas Movies & Stories

Bingo Evening 7pm - 8pm
Doors Open from 6.30pm
Movie & treats for younger children
Must be booked on School Money

St. Colmcille's
Parent Teacher &
Friend Association

Community Connections

We have been delighted to host a 12-week cycle of knitting and crocheting sessions every Wednesday evening.

Following this success, we are excited to announce that sessions will resume in the New Year.



Anti-Bullying Week at St Colmcille's PS!

On Monday 10th November, we launched Anti-Bullying Week in vibrant style by wearing our oddest, brightest, and boldest socks.

This year's theme, "Power for Good," encouraged us to think about the many ways we can make a positive impact—whether by speaking up, supporting a friend, or helping to create welcoming and inclusive spaces.

Throughout the week, every class took part in engaging and thought-provoking activities that explored the theme, sparked creativity, and built teamwork.

We learned what to do if we experience or witness bullying:

Speak to a trusted adult
Support others safely
Say "Stop Bullying" clearly and confidently

Thank you to everyone who took part and made this week such a success!



SCHOOL PERFORMANCES
2025-2026

**FOUNDATION STAGE (P1/P2)
CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE**
Tuesday 16th December
Morning Show: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Afternoon Show: 3:30 pm (for those families unable to attend in morning)
Please note: Children will be collected at the earlier time of 1:00 pm to allow for a break/snack before returning for the afternoon performance.

**LSC1 & EYSPC
CHRISTMAS SHOW**
Thursday 18th December at 9:30am

**P5 & LSC3
ST PATRICK'S DAY SHOW**
Friday 13th March at 9:30am

**Key Stage 1 (P3/P4 & LSC2)
EASTER SHOW**
Friday 30th March at 9:30am

P6, P7 & LSC4 SUMMER TALENT SHOW
Thursday 18th June

Our Values

Compassion
Integrity
Humility
Justice
Forgiveness
Kindness
Courage
Peace

St Colmcille's Primary School

One Stop Shop

Domestic abuse continues to affect many women across our communities and access to the right information and support can quite literally change - or save - lives. For some, simply hearing that help is available may be the first step towards safety and support.

Upcoming Dates (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Venue: Down Arts Centre, Irish Street, Downpatrick

- Tuesday 27 January 2026
- Tuesday 24 February 2026
- Tuesday 31 March 2026

Support available from:

- Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid
- Community Advice Newry, Mourne & Down
- DfC – Benefit Information
- Police – Newry, Mourne & Down
- NI Housing Executive
- Solicitor

The One Stop Shop provides a free, safe and confidential space where women can access advice, information and specialist support - all under one roof.

A multi-agency service for all women experiencing domestic abuse. Confidential, free and immediate advice and support for:

Physical Abuse |
Emotional Abuse | Sexual Abuse | Financial Abuse |
Technological Abuse |
Coercive Control

No appointment needed

Women's Aid, Solicitor,
Police, Crime Prevention,
Benefits Info, Money Advice
& Housing Advice

You don't need to make an appointment and you don't have to face anything you're not ready for.

Need Immediate Support?

domestic and sexual abuse

helpline 0808 802 1414



**DOWN ARTS
CENTRE**
Irish Street
Downpatrick

Next
dates

25th Nov 2025
27th Jan 2026
24th Feb 2026
31st Mar 2026
10am - 12pm

Held on the last
Tuesday of every
month except July,
August & December

Downpatrick Credit Union Visit

We were delighted to welcome representatives from Downpatrick Credit Union to discuss the benefits of opening a Credit Union account!

Throughout the visit, pupils learned all about the importance of saving, budgeting, and managing their finances responsibly. Our guests shared valuable tips on how to set financial goals and make smart choices with money.

Please contact your child's teacher via Seesaw if you would like a registration form to open an account for your child, or you can pop into the Downpatrick Branch, located in Market Street.

Money Ready Workshops

For the past weeks, P6 & P7 took part in fantastic workshops led by Michelle from Money Ready. These workshops focused on financial responsibility. In the sessions, children explored the importance of financial planning, the benefits of thinking carefully before we spend our money and ways to encourage financial responsibility in their lives.

It was a fantastic learning opportunity for our Primary 6 & 7 children and a great support to them moving forward. Thank you to Michelle and the Money Ready team for their visit!



Sports and PE Update

It is wonderful to see everyone enjoying the many sporting opportunities on offer in St. Colmcille's. Our Netball and Football teams are continuing to train hard each week. We are looking forward to welcoming Triathlon Ireland to promote fitness and athletics during PE lessons and plan to launch Basketball and Table Tennis After School Clubs in the not too distant future.

We also have Gaelic and Dance Club on Mondays and Multi-Sports on Wednesdays from 3-4pm for children in P4-7. If anyone has any suggestions regarding new sports or activities they would like to try, they are always welcome to put suggestions forward to our School Council!



KEEPING ACTIVE IN ST. COLMCILLE'S.

Gaelic Games

Football



Netball

Golf



Table Tennis

Athletics



Community Chess Afternoons

Come and play chess and enjoy some refreshments- experienced players and complete beginners welcome!

2pm-3pm
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 27th November
Thursday 4th December
Thursday 11th December

Complete the form to register at this link:
forms.office.com/e/1GnJlPhmBX

Or scan the QR code:



Ballymote Community Project Sponsors Sports Kits

A huge thank you to Ballymote Community Project for generously sponsoring our brand-new sports kits!

Pictured with our pupils and staff are Mr. Paddy Kelly (Chair), Mr. Joe Torney (Secretary), and Ms. Danielle Carlin (Centre Manager).

The Ballymote Community Project is an outstanding local organisation that supports numerous groups and charities within our community. They have consistently partnered with our school, through initiatives such as the Christmas Appeal and Summer Scheme Provision, and we are truly grateful for their continued generosity and commitment.

