

St. Colmcille's PS Newsletter

December 2025



Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th January

School reopens

Thursday 22nd

January

Bee Safe - Safety Awareness course
P7 & LSC4

Friday 30th January

Parental Mental Health Day

1st -7th February

National Story Telling Week

Mon 9th - Fri 13th Feb

School closed - Mid Term

P1 Enrolment Information

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Night earlier this month!

If you would like further information about our school, or the enrolment process, please contact the school office on 02844614177 or email saustin015@c2ken.net

Please take note of the key dates in the poster below

If you, a friend or family member is seeking a place for a child within our P1, EYSPC or LSC Classes, please complete the short form at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BQgeBAGAMQ>



It is important to read:

- ✓ the Primary School Admissions guide; and
- ✓ the published Admissions Criteria of your listed Primary Schools.

Visit www.eani.org.uk/admissions for further information

Christmas Fun at St. Colmcille's PS!

Our pupils had an absolutely magical time celebrating during our Christmas Fun Day! From solving clues on the Santa Trail scavenger hunt to enjoying festive stories read by Mrs Claus, the day was packed with Christmas cheer.

The tuck shop was a huge hit, serving up plenty of tasty treats, and everyone looked fantastic in their bright and colourful Christmas jumpers.

It was the perfect way to celebrate the season: sharing the excitement of storytelling, having fun with friends, and experiencing the joy of learning beyond the classroom.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make these days so special.



Choir Update

Our school choir had the most magical experience on Saturday 29th November, performing in the beautiful Down Cathedral alongside the Downshire Brass. The children proudly sang four carols before joining the band for a special combined piece – an unforgettable moment they absolutely loved. We are so grateful to have been invited, and a huge thank you to Robert from Downshire Brass, who kindly visited the school afterwards with Christmas cards and selection boxes for every child. The boys and girls have been singing at events throughout December and continue to represent our school with such joy and pride. We couldn't be more proud of them!

Titanic Belfast

Our Primary 7 class had a wonderful trip recently, where they explored the exhibition of 'Titanic Belfast', to consolidate their learning in their World Around Us topic 'Titanic'.

The class enjoyed the experience, which included the opportunity to explore the famous Titanic slipways, the SS Nomadic Ship which ferried passengers to the Titanic, as well the world-famous Titanic Belfast Museum. The tour first focused on the industrial and shipbuilding era of Belfast, before exploring the construction, launch and legacy of the Titanic. It was a great day out for the class and an excellent experience to conclude their topic.



Foundation Stage Christmas Shows

What a fantastic celebration of festive talent! It was wonderful to see so many families join us to enjoy the performances, along with tasty snacks and refreshments.

- Primary 1 delighted everyone with Wriggly Nativity.
- Primary 2 brought the magic with A Miracle In Town.
- EYSPC, LSC1 & LSC2 filled the hall with joy through a beautiful selection of Christmas songs.

A huge thank you to all the pupils and staff for making these shows so special, and to our families for your amazing support!

#ChristmasShows #FestiveFun



Competition Winner!

Congratulations to P6B pupil Bridie who won the Saint Patrick Centre Christmas Card Competition!

The chosen theme for the Christmas cards was 'There's No Place Like Home,' and Bridie blew the judging panel away with her effort, which featured her and her family decorating their tree.

Well done, Bridie!



Community Support

Spreading joy this festive season! We were delighted to support families across Downpatrick Family Of Parishes in the run-up to Christmas.

This was made possible thanks to the incredible generosity of our partners: Ballymote Community Project, County Down Rural Community Network, and Fountain Foodbank, who donated toys, food, and vouchers.

Thank you all for your kindness—together, we make a real difference! Wishing everyone a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year!



Thank you to all our partners for their kind and generous donations!



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