



*“Learning is Fun ...
Together as One.”*



May 2025



HAIL MARY

*Full of grace
the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among
women, and blessed is
the fruit of your womb,
Jesus. Holy Mary
Mother of God,
pray for us
sinners, now
and at the hour
of our death.
Amen.*



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RENAISSANCE
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1st May 2025

'Learning is Fun... Together as One'

Dear Parent/s

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and that all our pupils are well settled in to Term 3.

Although April was a short month at school, we had a very busy few weeks leading up to Easter with preparations for our Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, as well as our first ever Childrens' Stations of The Cross.

It is our aim that, not only do we try to keep alive the traditional features of our faith, but also, that we create new traditions that can continue through the generations.

In partnership with our families and our Parish community we hope to play our part in enriching the faith of the children in our care, through our daily teaching, our pastoral care and by our every day example.

Please keep this newsletter safe as a means of keeping you up to date with what's going on in school. Please also refer to our school website for menus, events and celebrations www.stpeterscollegeland.com

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Policies

Our main Safeguarding Policies have been updated and can be found on our school website under “Safeguarding”.

Next week I will send a questionnaire link to parents and pupils with the intention of collating your thoughts and opinions. It is hoped this will help inform our key priorities over the next three years, through our School Development Plan.

SUN CREAM

Please remember to apply sun cream each morning during May and June as the children will be outside for increased periods this term.

NO NUTS POLICY

Due to pupils with severe allergies we have a strict **NO NUTS** / nut products policy. Please ensure any birthday cakes sent into school are nut free / have no traces of nut.

Please also check all wrappers of lunch items and check that all spreads / toppings are nut free.

FIRE SAFETY

We carry out monthly Fire Drills in school. Please continue to reinforce the vital Fire Service message – “Get Out and Stay Out”

Safeguarding Team

Principal	Mrs Farrell
Designated Teacher for Child Protection	Mrs Bradshaw
Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection	Mrs Vallyly

*Chairperson of our Board of Governors is Mr Pat Brannigan

*Governor responsible for Safeguarding is Mr Thomas O'Hanlon

P3 ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our P3 children on their beautiful Assembly on the theme of God's Love. The P3 Class performed in front of the whole school and then again for their parents, grand-parents and family members. Such wonderful prayers, singing and actions. Thanks to Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Mackle for all the work that went into preparing this Assembly.



P7 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A huge well done to our P7 Class and School Choir on their superb enactment of the Stations Of The Cross during Holy Week.

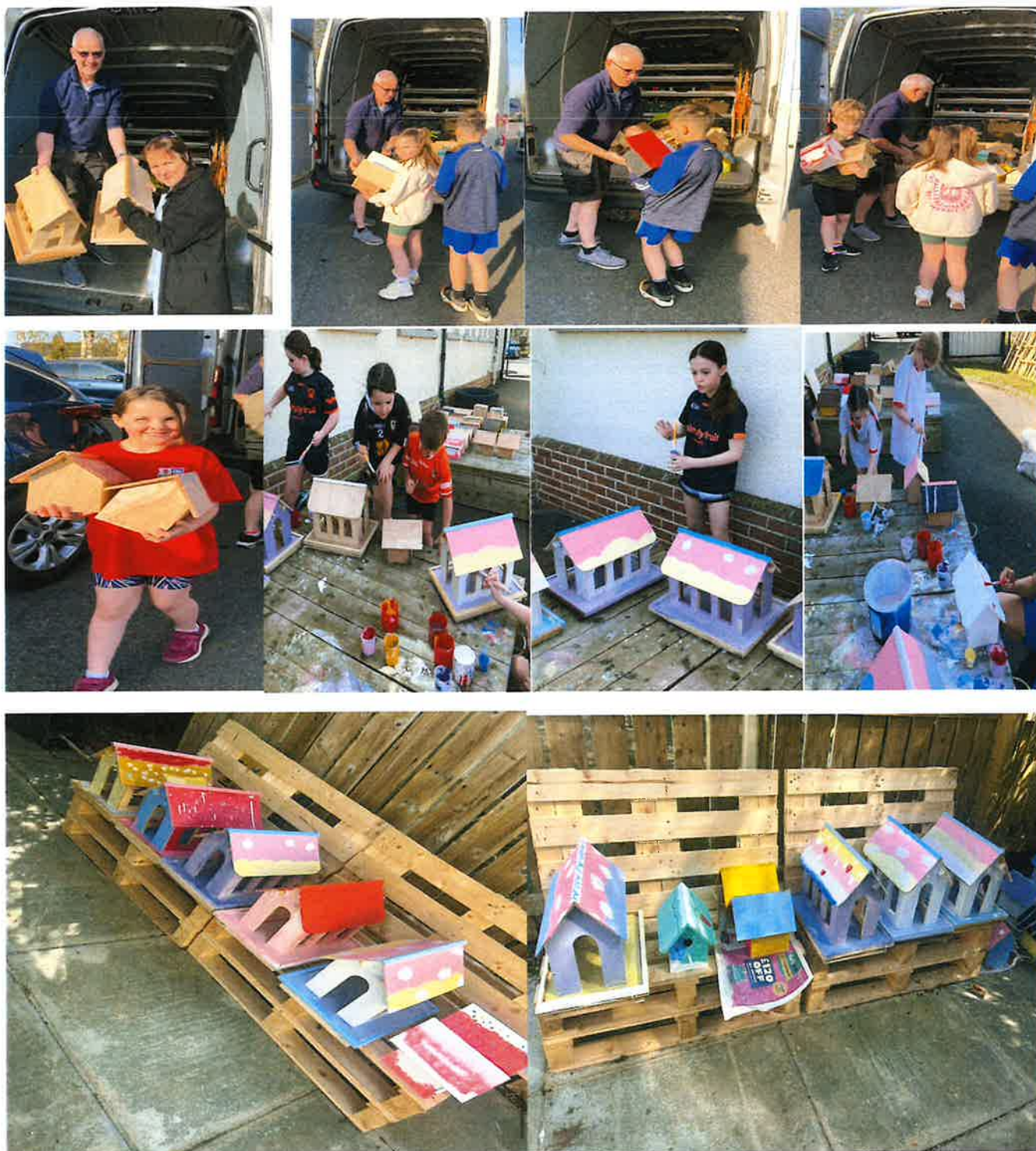
Such a reverent and meaningful ceremony, which captured the significance and sentiment of the Crucifixion of Jesus so beautifully.



BIRD HOUSES

Our ECO Council were absolutely delighted to hear that Mrs Murtagh's son, Sean, was donating these wonderful bird boxes. Thanks also to Joe for his service in getting the boxes picked up and delivered to our school.

The ECO Council had a busy morning painting the boxes. Thanks also to Petr and Matthew for overseeing this work!



ECO COUNCIL RAFFLE

Well done to our ECO Council for organising a super Easter Raffle.

First prize was a beautiful garden bench made and donated by past pupil Petr Killen. Mrs Mary Lennon was delighted to be the winner of this!

Well done also to our other prize winners – also delighted 😊



MARY'S MEALS

These children were delighted to receive their Mary's Meals badges in order to raise awareness of this very worthy cause.

The children wear their badges with pride and are delighted to promote the work and values of Mary's Meals.



Our wonderful Mary's Meals Committee continue to promote our Mary's Meals Blue Cup collection. Please try to send some loose change to your child's class for Mary's Meals Blue Cup Collection.

"If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one."
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

OUTDOOR LEARNING FAMILY MORNING

We have planned our second Outdoor Learning Family Morning for Saturday 17th May from 10am – 12noon.

Parents, grandparents, past pupils and members of our local community who are available to help with planting, painting and generally tidying are welcome to come along and join our staff in our efforts to improve and enhance our learning spaces. *"Learning is Fun ... Together As One."*

** Pupils from P3 – P7 should be accompanied by an adult.

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

As you are aware our school budget does not stretch to providing the luxury of extra treats, celebrations for our children, or even the basic curriculum necessities.

We are extremely grateful to our fantastic PTA, led by Mrs Aine Murray, for all their efforts in fund-raising, grant seeking and providing countless fun opportunities for our children.

EASYFUNDRAISING

If you have not already done so, our PTA would really like all families to register with Easyfundraising.

This simply means that every time you shop on line with over 8,000 different retailers, including John Lewis, Amazon and Ebay, you could help raise much needed funds, at no extra cost to yourself!

It only takes a few minutes to sign up using the Easyfunding website or App and after that, each time you shop online, you are raising funds for St Peter's 😊

PTA FAMILY FUN DAY in conjunction with our P6 and P7 Pupils

Our PTA hosted a fabulous Family Fun Day on Sunday 27th April at our school.

We had a brilliant afternoon with a wide range of fun filled activities including; a mobile Petting Farm Animal Area, a Gaming Truck an Obstacle Colour Run, Magical Fairy Tales by Queen Elsa as well as a range of Games & Activities.

In addition to this our amazingly entrepreneurial P6 and P7 pupils set up a variety of wonderful stalls, fun activities, crafts and yummy treats!

We sincerely thank our PTA for all their efforts in this fantastic fundraiser and would like to thank our event sponsor APM UK (Aidan Murray) for his fantastic support in sponsoring all the hired activities for our Family Fun Day.









INTERGENERATIONAL LINKS

We were delighted to continue our Intergenerational Links with Collegelands Nursing Home throughout April.

Our Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils were invited to take part in two separate Danceathons with the residents, focusing on Aerobics and Zumba.

They thoroughly enjoyed the dance sessions as well as bonding and making friends with the residents. The boys and girls carried out questionnaires with the residents to see what other activities they would like to come together to experience.



ROSARY GROUP

Our Rosary Group, led by Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Lennon, continues each Tuesday and Wednesday morning in Mrs Bradshaw's classroom.

We welcome all parents, grandparents and family members.

DAILY MILE

We will be continuing our **Nature Daily Mile** for pupils P3 – P7 throughout April. Pupils have a designated day and should bring wellies / old trainers to school.

Monday	P3
Tuesday	P4
Thursday	P5
Friday	P6 and P7

GAA

FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS - LOCAL CLUB SUPPORT

KMAC COACHING

Fundamental PE Coaching continues PE lessons in school each Wednesday with KMAC Coaching.

** We sincerely thank Collegeland O'Rahilly's GAC and St Colmcilles Grange GFC for their financial support in funding this initiative. **

GAA COACHING

GAA Coaching with Coach Owen McCormack for P1 - P7 continues each Thursday.

Thanks again to Collegeland O'Rahilly's and Mackle Pet Foods for sponsoring and facilitating this initiative.

Cumann na mBunscol

We were delighted to take part in **Cumann na mBunscol Week 2025** week beginning 14th April.



We thank Mr Martin, Mrs Devlin, Karol McQuade, Owen McCormack, O'Rahilly's GAC and St Colmcille's Grange and Mackle Pet Foods for all their support in promoting our Gaelic Games.

NEW SCHOOL SIGN

We are absolutely delighted with the installation of our new school sign which was enthusiastically designed by Mrs Campbell and our Pupil Council, expertly guided by Carl from Trade Signs.



NEW POLYTUNNEL

Our ECO Council, along with our Outdoor Learning Team were delighted to oversee the arrival and construction of our new Polytunnel.

Primary 4 pupils were equally delighted to be the first class to “check it out!!!”



MAY DATES

Friday 2 nd May	P7 Confirmation – Friday 2 nd May @ 5pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel, Maghery
Monday 5 th May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 6 th May	P7 Pizza Party organised by PTA
Monday 12 th May - Friday 16 th May	Assessment Week
Saturday 17 th May	Outdoor Learning Family Morning 10am – 12noon
Wednesday 21 st May	P7 – Strive NI Workshop
Thursday 22 nd May	St Patrick’s Academy Boys & Girls Blitz
Saturday 24 th May	P4 First Holy Communion in St Peter’s Collegeland @ 12 Noon
Monday 26 th May	May Bank Holiday – School closed all week

Key June Dates

Sports Day – Wednesday 4th June – Weather permitting – All Welcome

SUMMER CONCERT - THURSDAY 12TH JUNE @ 7PM more info to follow 😊

P7 Leavers Mass – Thursday 19th June @ 10am followed by Coffee Morning for P7 parents in school hall. P7’s Last Day

School finishes Friday 27th June @ 11am

End of Year School Trip Info

Our End of Year School Trips for each class which will take place in the middle of June.

I have included details on the following page, including price.

Mrs Campbell has endeavoured to minimise the cost of each class trip and would encourage parents to pay for trips through Parentpay; Parents can pay for trips in full, or in instalments.

SCHOOL TRIPS 2025

	Date	Place	Cost
Primary 1 & Primary 2	Friday 20th June	Dyan Mill Farm	£20 includes Lunch
Primary 3 & Primary 4	Tuesday 17 th June	We Are Vertigo Newtownabbey	£20 doesn't include Lunch
Primary 5 & Primary 6	Wednesday 18 th June	Lisburn Pool & Cinema	£25 doesn't include Lunch
Primary 7	Monday 16 th June	The Jungle Magherafelt	£30 includes Lunch

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation,

Best Wishes,

Brenda Farrell

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Principal