



NOVEMBER 2025



November .. We Remember



Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

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3rd November 2025

'Learning is Fun... Together as One'

Dear Parent/s

Well done to all our children on completing a very busy first half term of this school year.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Mid-Term Break and that our pupils are ready are ready to continue working hard and doing their best.

Over these Winter months I would really like to focus on the importance of Road Safety and Road Danger Awareness whilst travelling to and from school. In particular I would like to remind all parents / carers to:

- Switch on hazard lights when parking
- Ensure that children do not exit / enter car on road-side
- Accompany all children across the road
- Ensure that NO pedestrians enter the staff car park (staff are arriving and attempting to park safely – risk of reversing vehicles / visiting cars / deliveries etc)
- Ensure that younger pupils are held by the hand until safely supervised in the playground

Communication

The school email address for general correspondence is:

info@stpeters.collegelands.ni.sch.uk

School secretary, Mrs Campbell's email is:

dcampbell448@c2kni.net

Please ensure that you have provided Mrs Campbell with your current email address; we are endeavouring to increase the use of email for general correspondence.

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PARENT PAY

As you are aware we are working towards becoming a cashless school. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up to ParentPay. This is our preferred method of payment not only for dinner monies but also for Snack, School Trips, Breakfast & After School Clubs as well as swimming / music tuition etc. Currently over 96% of our transactions are with ParentPay which is excellent. The cost of a school dinner is £2.60 per day. Please ensure you select SPECIFIC days for dinners / clubs etc

If you are experiencing any difficulties signing up or using this system, please contact Mrs Campbell in the school office.

Cash is preferred for charitable donations eg Mary's Meals Cup / Air Ambulance Fundraiser, Bun Sales etc

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Policies

Our main Safeguarding Policies can be found on our school website under "Safeguarding".

If you would like to discuss any Safeguarding issue further please contact any member of our Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding Team

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

*Chairperson of our Board of Governors is Mr Pat Brannigan

*Governor responsible for Safeguarding is Mr Thomas O'Hanlon

PREVENTATIVE CURRICULUM

Each month we shall be delivering a new Preventative Curriculum message through our Assemblies, PDMU and Personal Safety Programme. The message for November is “ROAD SAFETY”

CPR for Kids

During the month of October our past pupil James and his dad, Dr Ciaran McKenna came in to school to train our P7 boys on girls in basic CPR.

This was as a follow up to our whole school participation on October 1st in Restart a Heart Live, the online CPR Training event which was also a Guinness World Record Event.

Our P7 Pupils were given the opportunity to practise CPR and were guided through the basic principles by Ciaran and James.



SHARED EDUCATION

Our Primary 6 and Primary 7 Class continue with their “Spaces to Be” and are enjoying numerous activities based on developing friendships, tolerance, perceptions and perspectives. We look forward to meeting our partner school, Hamiltonsbawn PS, in Loughgall Park for a day of Shared Learning facilitated by PlayBoard NI.



CROSS COUNTRY

We are super proud of these Primary 6 pupils who represented our school brilliantly at the first round of Flavahan’s Primary School Cross Country Race at the Golf Club in Banbridge ... smiles all round!!



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INTERGENERATIONAL LINKS PROGRAMME

We are delighted to reconnect with Collegelands Nursing Home for our Intergenerational Links programme. Our Primary 5 pupils were excited to work with Alison and the residents on their Arts and Crafts Project, making lots of spooky decorations which were presented by members of our Pupil Council to The Navan Centre. The decorations were used by Navan Centre as part of their Halloween Display.



Our Primary 6 Pupils had great fun with Alison from Collegelands Nursing Home, when they spent the afternoon decorating the Spooky Trail at The Navan Centre, Armagh. Thanks also to Mrs Hart for all her help with the decorations!



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ECO COUNCIL JUMBLE SALE

Our ECO Council organised a Jumble Sale in order to recycle pre-loved Halloween Costumes, bric-a-brac and unwanted toys and games. They were delighted to raise a total of £210 for school funds.



FIRE SAFETY VISIT

PRIMARY 5/6 enjoyed a very informative Fire Safety Lesson with Firefighter Fagan as part of our annual Fire Safety Preventative Focus during the month of November. The children were taught important lessons about Fire Safety in the Home and what to do / not do in the event of a fire.



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P3 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Mrs Bradshaw's Class prepared a beautiful assembly on Friendships. It was so lovely to see how P3 incorporated our Core Values of Love, Kindness and Faith into their Friendship Story.

Primary 3 were delighted to perform their wonderful Assembly for their parents, grand-parents and whole school community. We were treated to lovely prayers, singing, storytelling and dancing, all so confidently performed.



Super Work Primary 3!



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POST PRIMARY LINKS

Our Primary 6 and Primary 7 Classes enjoyed two fantastic African Drumming Workshops facilitated by the extremely talented and enthusiastic Mrs Laura Dynes, Music Teacher in St Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh.

Well done to both classes for their attention, participation and keenness to learn. Thanks to Mrs Dynes for this wonderful opportunity 😊



Our Primary 7 girls were delighted to be invited by the staff and cast of St Catherine's College to their outstanding performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in Market Place Theatre, Armagh.

A special congratulations to all of our past pupils who did us all proud!!

Special thanks to Maeve Hayes, past pupil of St Peter's and current Head Girl of St Catherine's for her very special welcome.



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LINKS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Primary Three enjoyed a wonderful Autumn Walk around the Mackle family Garden. Such a treat to explore the wide variety of trees, plants, flowers and shrubs – all in their splendour during the beautiful month of October. Thanks to James and Maurica for their warm welcome and, of course, for the delicious treats.

Special thanks to Mrs Mackle who has looked after this wonderful garden for many years.



RELIC OF ST CARLOS ACUTIS

We were absolutely delighted when Fintan Burns, our school's GAA County Coach brought a First Class Relic of St Carlos Acutis into school for us all to see.

Thanks to Fintan for bringing the Relic and thanks also to our parents and parish community members, as well as St Peter's Playgroup staff and parents who were able to join us for prayers to St Carlos. A very special and memorable morning.

Special thanks also to Fr Garrett for the thoughtful gift of the beautiful, framed picture of Carlos Acutis, and to the Clancy Family for the beautiful Carlos statue and memorabilia from the Beatification Ceremony in Rome.





BOOK WEEK 2025

This year we marked Book Week by exploring all the fun and relaxing places to read in our school grounds.

We also spoke about all the various reading platforms available and encouraged our pupils to make good use of all our resources available .. both off and online!

Next Term we will be focusing on the enjoyment of “Reading Together” and the benefits of just a few extra minutes reading each day!!

To celebrate Book Week we also had no written homework so that more time could be spent on reading for fun. 😊



“Reading is Fun ... Together as One”

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HALLOWEEN FUN

We had an amazing High 5 Friday on Friday 24th October.

Lots of fabulous costumes, sweet treats, Halloween Art and fabulous dancing and spot prizes at our Halloween Disco, thanks to DJ Robbie who played all of our favourite tunes! A super fun end to a very busy first half-term!!

Halloween 2025



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ASSEMBLY DATES

October	“Friendships” P3 Tuesday 14 th October @ 10am
November	“November Remember” Mass – Whole School – Date to be confirmed
December	P1 NATIVITY – Tuesday 9 th December @ 10:30am
January	Catholic Schools Week – Grandparents Day Mass– Date to be confirmed
February	P2 Assembly – “St Brigid”
March	P4/5 Assembly – “St Patrick
April	2 nd April 2025 @ 10am P7 Stations of The Cross
May	P5/6 Assembly “May is the Month of Mary”
June	P7 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

PE PROVISION

We are very grateful to both Collegeland O’Rahilly’s GAC and St Colmcille’s Grange GFC for all their financial support in recent years in funding our PE provision from P1-P7.

Mr Karol McQuade will continue to provide PE lessons each Wednesday in school, covering the core areas of the Northern Ireland Physical Education Curriculum.

Pupils from P4 - P7 will also have opportunity to receive Swimming Lessons and GAA County Coaching in either football or hurling / camogie at various times throughout the school year.

In addition to this provision Mr McQuade will be offering Gaelic & Fundamentals After School provision for pupils P2-P7:

Please see school website www.stpeterscollegeland.com for details and booking.

For further info / clarification please contact Mrs Campbell / Mr McQuade.

We look forward to continuing our partnership this year with KMQ Coaching, St Colmcille’s Grange and Collegeland O’Rahilly’s GAC and thank them sincerely for their ongoing support

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Pantomime – Market Place Theatre	Monday 1 st December – whole school
Christmas Holidays	Friday 19 th December – Early Closure @ 11am
	Monday 5 th January – Staff Development Day – School Closed for pupils
	Tuesday 6 th January School re-opens for pupils
First Holy Communion	Saturday 16 th May 2026 @12 Noon
Confirmation – Maghery Chapel	Friday 22 nd May 2026 @ 5pm

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher, if you have any queries or need further clarification. It is very important that we are made aware of any issues or concerns so that these can be addressed at the earliest possible opportunity.

I look forward to a busy and enjoyable half term and I thank you all for your continued and valued support.

Yours sincerely,

B Farrell

Principal