




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



February 2026



Prayer to Saint Brigid



You were a woman of peace.
 You brought harmony where
 there was conflict.
 You brought light to the darkness.
 You brought hope to the downcast.
 May the mantle of your peace
 cover those who are troubled
 and anxious, and may peace be firmly
 rooted in our hearts and in our world.
 Inspire us to act justly and
 to reverence all God has made.
 Brigid you were a voice for
 the wounded and the weary.
 Strengthen what is weak within us.
 Calm us into a quietness
 that heals and listens.
 May we grow each day into greater
 wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

COLLEGELAND

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RENAISSANCE
CHAMPION SCHOOL

2nd February 2026

Dear Parent/s

I'm delighted to say that we have had a very busy January; highlights include a very special and meaningful celebration of Catholic Schools Week, preparation for our participation in three exciting Shared Education programmes, the commencement of the P5 Singing Schools Programme, participation in the NI Road Safety Quiz, continued Intergenerational links with Collegeland Nursing Home and a very special Primary 2 Assembly.

We continue to place a great emphasis on our core values. This month we are focusing on **RESPECT**. We are teaching the children to show **respect** to each other, to have **respect** for themselves, to **respect** their world, their belongings and the belongings of others.

We are focusing on the importance of **respect** not only in our actions, but also in our words, the tone in which we speak, and how we make others feel. We are delighted that, in our school, the high level of respect exhibited by our pupils is often commented upon by visitors to our school – something we are extremely proud of.

Please try to reinforce all of our Core Values at home. Our children take great pride in being able to name them all and enjoy giving examples of how they model our Core Values at home and school 😊

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

COMMUNICATION

Please remember that your child's class teacher is the first point of contact for communication. Please phone the school if you would like to arrange either a phone call appointment or a face-to-face meeting. You may also email your child's teacher directly.

In order to comply with Safeguarding regulations it is important that teachers or other members of staff are not contacted by either their own personal mobile phone or social media messaging services.

Please continue to check the school website www.stpeterscollegeland.com for upcoming events, extra-curricular activities, newsletters and dinner menus.

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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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Team

Whilst all members of staff in our school have a responsibility for Safeguarding in our school, the Safeguarding Team with direct responsibility for Safeguarding are:

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

Our Safeguarding Team are here to protect the children in our care. We are also here to support all our families and signpost you towards services that may be useful in times of difficulty.

Please do not hesitate to phone the school to make an appointment with any member of The Safeguarding Team if you feel that you, your child, or any member of your family would benefit from a chat with ourselves or a referral to support agencies.

Safeguarding Policies & Procedures

For your reference our Safeguarding Policies and procedures are published on our school website, under "Safeguarding".

If you would like to discuss any aspect of our policies or procedures, please make an appointment to speak with any member of our Safeguarding Team.

ROAD SAFETY

- ✓ NO pupil or parent uses the main entrance gate – access is by the pedestrian gate only. Parents / pupils are NOT permitted to walk through the staff car park; there is a significant risk with reversing vehicles as staff try to park safely, visiting vehicles and delivery vans etc
- ✓ Pupils in P1- P4 MUST be held by the hand as they exit the pedestrian gate / return to the car.
- ✓ Pupils should be safely secured into the car on the side furthest from the road.

NO NUTS POLICY

Please remember that we have pupils in our school with severe nut allergies.

It is therefore vital that no nuts or nut containing products be brought to school.

Please be particularly vigilant, especially when sending in birthday cakes. Cakes will only be accepted if the label clearly states that the cake has no nut content.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE POLICY

Please ensure that children who are sick do not come to school until they have fully recovered. This is especially important during this flu season for the health and well-being of all our pupils and staff.

Remember to sign and return the Administration of Medicine form if your child needs to receive medicine during the school day.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is vital that your contact details are up to date. This is extremely important in the event of an emergency.

PARENT PAY

We are delighted almost 100% of our parents have now activated ParentPay. Please ensure that you are specific in selecting the **actual** day for dinner, breakfast/ after school etc

Do not hesitate to contact Mrs Campbell if you would like any more assistance or information regarding ParentPay.



STEM WEEK 2026

STEM WEEK is celebrated from **6th – 15th March 2026**.

The theme is **“Curiosity – What’s your question?”**

We are hoping to have a fun -filled week of experiments, investigation and games to promote curiosity, learning and skill building in the areas of Science, Technology & Maths.

If you or your company are interested in sponsoring STEM week please contact Mrs Farrell for further information.

PUPIL WELL-BEING

TOY DAY 2026

We had a fun-filled day on Toy Day, our pupils' first day back after Christmas.

Toy Day is a much-loved tradition and is planned in collaboration with our Pupil Voice, it is a very important feature in our St Peter's calendar. The boys and girls look forward every to bringing in a toy to show their friends and to make memories.



HIGH 5 FRIDAY – COSY CLOTHES AND CUSHIONS



We had a lovely day with our friends celebrating High 5 Friday!

Our Pupil Council's idea of having a "Cosy" day on such a cold January Friday went down an absolute treat... as did the Treat Snack and cushions 😊



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING



A huge well done to these two Primary 6 Pupils, Cassie and Emmet, who participated in the third round of Flahavan's Cross Country event at Palace Stables, Armagh. A super achievement on a cold January day!!

ARMAGH INTERNATIONAL ROAD RACE

We are delighted to have such a huge number of entries for Armagh International Road Race on Thursday 12th February. In total 25 of our pupils have entered! We wish these pupils lots of luck and look forward to cheering them on 😊



SINGING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

We are absolutely delighted to welcome back Mrs Orla Nugent and Mrs Sara-Jane Kelly for our Primary 5 Schools' Singing Programme.

Pictured are the three delighted P5 Singing Stars for January.



LINKS WITH OUR COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week on week beginning 19th January, the theme for this was Normal Lives, Called to Holiness.

We had a lovely morning celebrating Grandparents Day. Thanks to Fr Garrett for blessing our Grandparents and their gifts of rosary beads.

Thanks to our amazing staff for preparing the hall and for preparing and serving refreshments. Special thanks to Mrs Sandra Nugent, our school cook for the beautiful scones and to Mrs McKenna and her wonderful choir for the beautiful singing. Well done to our class representatives who so confidently led the special prayers. Special thanks to all our staff members, including our lovely teaching experience students, for all their help in making the gifts of rosary beads to present to our Grandparents.



ST BRIGID CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP

We sincerely thank Mr Frank Donnelly for hosting our traditional St Brigid's Cross Making Workshop in our Assembly Hall for the local community.

It was wonderful to see so many members of our community coming along to keep alive this lovely tradition. Sincere thanks to Frank for supplying all the rushes and for taking the time to explain the story of St Brigid and the symbolism surrounding the St Brigid's Cross.



Thank you!

ROAD SAFETY QUIZ

Congratulations to these Primary 7 pupils for their excellent participation in the Northern Ireland Primary Schools Road Safety Quiz.

The boys and girls prepared very well for this and represented our school very well.



SHARED EDUCATION

We are looking forward to our Shared Education activities this Term.

Our partner schools are Hamiltonsbawn Primary School and Clintyclay Primary School and the pupils involved are P1 & P2 (Outdoor Learning) and P3 & P4 (Numeracy)

Children will participate in a variety of activities including school-based workshops, trips to our partner schools and a trip to Loughgall Park.

On Shared Education days all pupils involved are required to bring a packed lunch and a small healthy snack (nut-free)

These are very exciting projects which promise to provide the children with opportunities for learning new skills, friendship building, tolerance, co-operation and collaboration.

SHARED EDUCATION DATES

PRIMARY ONE & PRIMARY TWO

Tuesday 3 rd February	@ St Peter's	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Tuesday 17 th February	@Hamiltonsbawn PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Tuesday 24 th February	@Clintyclay PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Tuesday 3 rd March	@ St Peter's	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Tuesday 10 th March	@Hamiltonsbawn PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Tuesday 24 th March	@Clintyclay PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Tuesday 31 st March	COMING TOGETHER DAY @ LOUGHGALL PARK	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Tuesday 28 th April	@ St Peter's	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Tuesday 12 th May	@Hamiltonsbawn PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Tuesday 19 th May	@Clintyclay PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack

PRIMARY THREE & PRIMARY FOUR

Wednesday 5 th February	@Clintyclay PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Friday 20 th February NOT WEDNESDAY 😊	@ St Peter's	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Thursday 26 th February	@ Hamiltonsbawn PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Thursday 5 th March	@ Clintyclay PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Thursday 12 th March	@ St Peter's	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Thursday 19 th March	@ Hamiltonsbawn PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Thursday 26 th March	COMING TOGETHER DAY @ LOUGHGALL PARK	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Thursday 30 th April	@Clintyclay PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Thursday 14 th May	@ St Peter's	Pkd Lunch & Snack
Thursday 21 st May	@ Hamiltonsbawn PS	Pkd Lunch & Snack

ASSEMBLY DATES

October	“Friendships” P3 Tuesday 14 th October @ 10am
November	“November Remember” Mass – Whole School
December	P1 NATIVITY – Tuesday 9 th December @ 10:30am
January	Catholic Schools Week – Grandparents Day Mass
February	P2 Assembly – “St Brigid” Monday 2 nd February @ 10am
March	P4/5 Assembly – “St Patrick” Wednesday 11 th March @10am
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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 14 th January	P5 SINGING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME commences every Wednesday for 10 weeks
Sunday 8 th February	P4 Do This In Memory Mass
Wednesday 11 th February	RED DAY – In support of Northern Ireland Air Ambulance
Thursday 12 th February	Armagh International Road Race
Thursday 12 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED – MID TERM
Friday 13 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED – MID TERM
Thursday 2 nd April @ 10am	P7 Stations Of The Cross
First Holy Communion	Saturday 16 th May 2026 @12 Noon
Confirmation – Maghery Chapel	Friday 22 nd May 2026 @ 5pm

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

Your child/ren will be bringing home their Literacy and Numeracy books on Monday 9th February so that you can have a look at their progress. There will be an opportunity for you to comment and I ask that these comment slips are filled in and returned with the class work books on Tuesday 10th February.

We look forward to a busy and fun-filled term and thank you all for your continued and valued support.

Yours sincerely,

B Farrell

Principal

