

**St. Colman's National School
Bellview, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.**



**ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE
in respect of admissions to the 2026/2027 school year**

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2026/2027 is available as follows from Monday 5th January 2026: –

To download at: www.stcolmansns.com

On request: By emailing reception@stcolmansns.com or writing to: St. Colman's NS. Bellview, Delvin Rd. Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026/2027 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to St. Colman's NS for school year 2026/2027
The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

The parish schools have a common period of taking and processing intake applications. This usually takes place in January/February of each year. Dates are decided at a meeting of Clergy and Principals in September of each year. The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	Monday 5th January 2026
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Friday 24³rd January 2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is <i>(This date must be within 3 weeks of the closing date for receipt of application or within 3 weeks of the application date for late applications)</i>	Posted out on Thursday 29th January 2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	On or before Friday 6th February 2026

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Number of places being made available in 2026/2027

The number of places being made available in Junior Infants is	52
The number of residential places is (boarding schools only)	n/a
The number of non-residential places is (boarding schools only)	n/a
The number of places being made available in the special class* catering for children with [insert category or categories of SEN catered for in the special class] is	n/a

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2025 / 2026 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for Junior Infants for the 2025/2026 school year

In respect of the 2024/2025 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 106

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/2026 school year:	
Number of places available:	52
Number of applications received:	108
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria:	<p>Category 1: 33 places offered and 32 accepted <i>Siblings of children currently enrolled or who have been enrolled in the school, including step-siblings, who are at least four years of age as of and including the 31st of December in the year immediately preceding their enrolment.</i></p> <p>Category 2: 22 places offered and 17 accepted <i>Children living within catchment area 1 who are at least four years of age as of and including the 31st of December in the year immediately preceding their enrolment.</i></p> <p>Category 3: 24 places offered and 0 accepted <i>Children living within catchment area 2 and children of permanent staff members who are at least four years of age as of and including the 31st of December in the year immediately preceding their enrolment.</i></p> <p>Category 4: 2 places offered and 0 accepted <i>Remaining children living within catchment areas 1 & 2 and remaining siblings of children currently enrolled or who have been enrolled.</i></p> <p>Category 5: 3 places offered and 1 accepted <i>Children from within the parish but outside the catchment area.</i></p> <p>Category 6: 0 offered <i>All other applicants.</i></p>
Total number of offers made	84
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	6