Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Email – Friday 25th of September 2026

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates -

Hot Lunch Scheme

All families are reminded to log on to Fresh Today website using their log in details on Thursdays in advance of the week ahead to order their child's preferred lunch selection for the following week. Families will need to send a small snack with their child for little break. Hot Lunches will be distributed to classrooms between 12.15 and 12.30pm. Families who need any assistance or need questions answered re: Freshtoday hot lunches should email kilkenny@freshtoday.ie or call 053-9235994.

Swimming / Aquatics

3rd and 4th class will attend swimming lessons in Thurles Leisure Centre starting Wednesday 16th of September and finishing on Wednesday 21st of October. Swimming costs €60 per pupil.

School Payments

Aladdin school payments facility opened on Monday 7th of September.

Nathan Culleton GAA GPO

Nathan Culleton will do hurling sessions with 3rd and 4th class starting on Tuesday 15th of September for 6 consecutive Tuesdays. 3rd and 4th class will need hurls and helmets on these Tuesdays.

Boys and Girls Gaelic Football

Gaelic football training for interested boys and girls in 4th to 6th class takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays at big break. Our boys' team will play St. Canices on Wednesday 30th of September in St. James' Park. Time TBC

Pupils using School Pitch

Pupils using the school pitch at breaktime and during sports coaching during the Winter months must wear boots or old runners.

Whole School Fire Drill

Our schools next Whole School Fire Drill will take place on Thursday 8th of October at 10.30am.

Pre School Supervision

Pre School Supervision by designated school staff will be in operation between 8.45am and 9am. No pupils should be dropped off at school before 8.45am. Designated members of staff will be present at front and back of school to supervise pupils between 8.45 and 9am. Between 8.45am and 9am pupils should enter through school entrance gates promptly and make their way to their class line at the back of the school. For the first week Junior and Senior Infants can assemble at entry point closest to their classrooms where they will be met by Class Teachers.

Up to date Contact Details

All families are asked to ensure that our school has up to date mobile phone numbers and email addresses as necessary so as our school can communicate suitably with all Parents/Guardians. Contact details can be changed by using Aladdin app or by calling or emailing Mary or Aimee in School Office. School phone number is 056 8831512. School email address is urlingfordns2020@gmail.com

Appointments Procedure

Any Parent/Guardian who is requesting to speak with a member of staff should do so through the school office. A convenient time which suits both staff member and Parent/Guardian will then be arranged.

Allergies/Medication

We ask the families of any pupils with allergies or specific medical requirements to please inform school staff so that pupils can be catered for suitably in school.

Work Experience Requests

TY work experience slots and LC work experience slots in term 1 and term 2 are now full. We cannot facilitate any more TY or LCA work experience slots in term 1 and 2

1:40pm Finish (Staff Meeting / Planning)

Our school's next 1:40pm finish for all classes to facilitate staff planning and staff training will take place on Tuesday 12th of January 2027

Homework

Homework is an important link between school and home. All Parents/Guardians are asked to check and sign their child's homework daily. If for any reason pupils are unable to complete homework assigned by class teacher - Parent/Guardian should write a quick note to explain reason for incomplete homework.

Confirmation Date for 5th and 6th Class Candidates

Urlingford NS Confirmation for 5th and 6th class Confirmation candidates will take place on Saturday 13th of February 2027.

Morning Club

Morning Club is up and running since Tuesday 1st of September. Any family who would like to avail of Morning Club should contact the school office between 8:30am and 12:30pm on 056 8831512 or email urlingfordns2020@gmail.com.

New Curriculum Framework Training Days

School will be closed to pupils on Monday 2nd of November 2026, Tuesday 2nd of February 2027, Wednesday 14th of April 2027 and Monday 31st of May 2027. Oide facilitators will be visiting the school to upskill staff on the new curriculum framework.

Student Council Election

Student council elections have been undertaken, and our new student council committee has been elected. Our first student council meeting of the 26/27 school year will take place on Thursday 1st of October at 12:35pm in the school hall.

Travel Green Campaign

Please see attached letter regarding our Travel Green campaign.

Thanks all. Enjoy the weekend.

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