

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

Transition to Secondary School

A transition to secondary school workshop for our 6th class pupils will be given by Ossory Youth to Ms. Horan's class on Tuesday 17th of February.

New Curriculum Training

School will be closed on Friday 13th of March and Friday 5th of June to facilitate teacher training in the new curriculum in Kilkenny Education Centre

Credit Union Quiz

Trial quiz to select U11 and U13 teams for the Credit Union Quiz will take place on Monday 26th of January in the school hall for 4th, 5th and 6th class.

Icy Weather Conditions

Kilkenny County Council have said they will treat the road in front of our school on icy frosty mornings when necessary. Our school caretaker, Anthony, will salt the footpath area between our school gates and the reception door on icy mornings when necessary also.

Sacrament of Confession (2nd Class)

Confession for Urlingford NS candidates will take place on Tuesday 17th of February at 7pm in Urlingford Church.

Notes for Absence

All families are asked to ensure absences are explained on the Aladdin app and to ensure to give a reason for the absence.

Ms. Rooney Retiring

Ms. Rooney, 2nd class teacher, who has served as a class teacher and post holder in our school for 20 years will be retiring from teaching on Sunday 22nd of February. We wish Ms. Rooney all the best in her upcoming retirement.

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 the class teacher, a parent or guardian should write a quick note to explain the reason for the incomplete homework.

Appointment 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.

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 the Aladdin app or by calling or

emailing Mary and Aimee in the school office. The school phone number is 056 8831512 and the school email is urlingfordns2020@gmail.com.

Diocesan Advisor Visit

Sr. Maria Comerford will visit out school on Tuesday 27th of January to speak with class teachers and pupils.

Swimming / Aquatics

2nd class swimming lessons will continue on Wednesday's up to the midterm break. All 2nd class swimmers are asked to make payment for swimming ASAP.

Tips to Promote Maths at Home

Our school website www.urlingfordns.com now has a page which gives suggestions on how to promote Maths at home.

Music Generation Tin Whistle Lessons – 3rd to 6th Class (22 weeks)

Tin whistle lessons for 3rd to 6th class will continue on Tuesdays.

Nutrition and Exercise Workshop

Amy Adams will deliver a workshop on nutrition and exercise to 4th – 6th class students on Friday 30th of January.

Work Experience Requests

Any past pupils of our school who would like to undertake T.Y., LCVP, SNA or Student Teacher work Experience in Urlingford N.S. are asked to email/post a letter to our school explaining why they would like to undertake work experience in an educational facility. The earlier we receive work experience requests the better. Our school receives a lot of work experience requests each year, early notice will better allow our school to provide a meaningful work experience slot to anyone interested in following education as a career choice.

Internet Safety

An internet Safety Talk for 4th – 6th Classes and Parents will take place on 26th of February 2026.

Stay Safe

Mandatory stay safe SPHE lessons for all classes will be taught term 2 of the 25/26 school year.

Enrolment

Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Urlingford NS are now accepting enrolments for the 2025/2026 School Year. Enrolment packs are available from the school office between 8:30am and 2:45pm Monday to Friday, by calling 056 8831512, by emailing urlingfordns2020@gmail.com or by postal enquiry to Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Urlingford NS, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny, E41 A567. Enrolment forms are also available from Mick's Pre-School and Angela's Pre-School in Urlingford.

St. Brigid's Crosses

St Brigid's Crosses made by our pupils will be for sale through the school office in the coming weeks. €3 each or €5 for 2.

St. Brigid's Day Mass

Whole school mass to celebrate St. Brigid's Day will take place on Friday 30th of January at 9:30am in Urlingford Church. 2nd to 6th class pupils will prepare songs, prayers and mass responses in advance.

Rugby Coaching

Selected classes will be receiving rugby coaching lessons with Leinster rugby coach Noel Devlin in February and March. More details to follow.

Adrian Mullen Visit

Kilkenny county hurler Adrian Mullen will visit our school on Friday 23rd of January for a question and answer session and to undertake a hurling coaching session with senior classes. The question and answer session will be with 3rd – 6th classes.

Rainbows

Reminder – Rainbows Programme will start this term. Children in 1st-6th class received information leaflets and an expression of Interest form in school on Monday, 12th January.

Please return forms to the office by Friday 16th January if you would like your child to be considered to participate in the programme.

Please contact the Rainbows Coordinator Deirdre McGovern via email rainbows@urlingfordns.com or leave a message with the school secretary (056) 8831512 if you have any queries.

Thanks to all for your support and have a good weekend.

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