

Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Weekly Friday Email – Friday 23rd of May 2025

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates/reminders

- 8th Green Flag

Well Done to Ms Rooney and our Green School Committee on achieving our schools 8th Green Flag. We aim to raise Green Flag on Friday 20th of June at 1pm.

- Trip to Tramore

Well done to 2nd Class who won the National Marine Biology Competition and won a Trip to Tramore for a Marine Exploration on Friday 13th of June. 2nd Class families will receive more details in the coming weeks.

- Cricket Coaching

Cricket Coach Bernard O Meara will visit our school on Thursdays 12th, 19th and 26th of June. All classes will receive an opportunity to enjoy a Cricket experience.

- Brick Flicks STEM ART Lesson

5th Class will receive a visit from Brick Flicks team for an Art and Engineering Experience on Monday 16th of June.

- Agriculture/Farming Talk for 4th to 6th Class

Former Agriculture Lecturer and Agriland Reporter Cathal McAleer will visit our school to speak to Senior Classes re life and work on the farm on Wednesday 11th of June.

- Pilates

A Pilates instructor will visit our school on Monday 16th of June for Well Being Week. All Classes will receive an opportunity to enjoy Pilates experience.

- Games Development Officer Visit

Kilkenny GAA Games Development Officer Nathan Culleton will visit our school for Hurling Coaching with 3rd class on Mondays 9th and 16th of June. 9 to 10am.

- Split the Pot (Camogie Club)

Urlingford Split the Pot for the next 3 Sundays on Sundays 18th of May, 25th of May and 2nd of June are in aid of Emeralds Camogie Club. All Support welcome.

- Pottery Lessons

4th Class will receive Pottery lessons from an Ossory Youth representative on Monday 26th of May.

- Felting Lessons

6th Class will receive Felting lessons from an Ossory Youth Representative on Friday 6th of June.

- Summer Uniform

During good Summer Weather conditions pupils can wear navy or blue shorts under school tracksuit or uniform at parents discretion. No red, yellow, pink, purple shorts etc please.

- Junior Infant Introduction Afternoon

New Junior Infants for 25/26 School Year will visit our school on Thursday 19th of June at 1.20pm. New Junior Infants will meet their Class Teacher for September. Mr Lonergan will meet new Junior Infant Parents in School Hall. Current Junior Infants will finish school at 12.30pm on Thursday 19th of June.

- Standardised Testing

Standardised Testing in Literacy and Numeracy for Pupils in 1st – 6th Class will take place between Monday 12th and Friday 23rd of May.

- Instagram Page + School Website

Keep up to date with school activities on our Instagram page [scoil_an_chroi_ro_naofa](#). This is an information page only and comments or messages will not be replied to. Our new school website www.urlingfordns.com is now online and will be updated weekly going forward. Any families who wish for their children **NOT** to be included in photos of school activity on School Website and School Instagram page are asked to notify school in writing.

- School Hurling and Camogie Matches

Roinn C Play off vs Tullaroan NS on Monday 26th in Freshford at 2.30pm. Bus leaves school at 1.45pm. Bus will drop off players at Woodsgift at 3.35pm and school at 3.40pm after match.

Country Cup semi Final on Wednesday 28th at 3.30pm in a neutral venue yet to be decided.

If we are successful in League play off vs Tullaroan we may have a league quarter final on Thursday 29th of June.

- Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for 6th Class pupils will take place on Thursday 12th of June at 9.30am. 3rd to 6th Class pupils will attend Graduation Mass. Siblings of graduating pupils in Infant Classes can be released to attend Mass on request. Parents Committee will provide refreshments for adults and treats for 6th Class in School Hall at 11am after Graduation Mass.

- Notes for Absence

All families are asked to ensure Absences are explained on Aladdin App and to ensure to give a reason for absence.

- 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.

- Friday Tests

All families are asked to sign their child's Friday Tests. Pupil should complete corrections in test copy if applicable.

- School Lunches

After consultation with pupils, parents and staff our school has decided to make efforts to try to transition to hot meals lunches for the 25/26 school year. More details to follow.

- 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 and up to date Home 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 in School Office. School phone number is 056 8831512. School email address is urlingfordns2020@gmail.com

- School Office Hours

School Office hours are between 8.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday during school year. Phone calls and emails to our school are recommended between 8.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

- 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 as pupils can be catered for suitably in school.

- 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.

- School Tour Dates

Junior and Senior Infants will visit Castlevew Farm in Durrow County Laois on Thursday 29th of May. Price of Tour and Bus for Junior + Senior Infants is e24.

1st + 2nd Class will visit Nore Valley Farm in Bennettsbridge County Kilkenny on Thursday 12th of June.

Price of Tour + Bus for 1st + 2nd Class is e21.

3rd + 4th Class will visit Reptile Zoo + Playstation in Kilkenny on Wednesday 4th of June.

Price of Tour + Bus for 3rd + 4th Class is e30.

5th + 6th Class will visit Adventure World, Limerick University on Thursday 19th of June.

Price of Tour + Bus for 5th + 6th Class is e50.

School Tour Payments are now open on Aladdin.

Kind Regards

Mr Lonergan

Principal

Urlingford NS