

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

The Premier Credit Union quiz for U11 and U13 teams takes place on Friday 6th of February in the Presentation Sports Complex in Thurles at 6.30pm. Teams should arrive at 6.15pm.

6th Class Graduation

The 6th class graduation mass will take place on Friday 12th of June at 9:30am in Urlingford Church.

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.

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.

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.

Staff Transition

Mr. John Duggan will be teaching 1st class after the February midterm and up to the end of the year while Ms. O'Driscoll is on maternity leave. Ms. Saoirse Gleeson will be teaching 2nd class after February midterm and up to the end of the year in Ms. Rooney's absence due to her retirement.

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.

First Responders Training

4th to 6th class will receive First Responders Training from Urlingford / Graine First Responders on Wednesday 18th of February.

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 Chroi Ro 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. Patrick's Day Parade

Urlingford NS is eager to give pupils the opportunity to again participate in this years' Urlingford parade. Once we know if pupils from senior classes are definitely available, we will work on a plan for the 17th of March.

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.

Rugby Coaching

1st to 6th classes will be receiving rugby coaching lessons with Leinster rugby coach Noel Devlin in February and March. 1st to 6th class will receive two rugby sessions each.

Amy Adams Dietician and Exercise Coach Visit

Amy will visit our school on Friday 6th of February to deliver a lesson with 2nd to 6th class.

- 09:10 to 09:55 - 6th Class
- 09:55 to 10:10 - 5th Class (in Ms. McGovern's Room)
- 11:00 - 11:45 - 4th Class
- 11:45 - 12:30 - 3rd Class
- 13:00 - 13:45 - 2nd Class

Green Schools Big Travel Challenge

Please see the attachment below regarding The Big Travel Challenge!

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

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