

Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Email – Friday 3rd of October 2025

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. Any queries re hot lunches should be emailed to kilkenny@freshtoday.ie.

Swimming / Aquatics

3rd and 4th class will attend swimming lessons in Thurles Leisure Centre starting Wednesday 17th of September and finishing on Wednesday 22nd of October. Swimming costs €60 per pupil.

5th and 5th Class will attend Swimming between Halloween and Christmas.

School Payments

Aladdin school payments facility will be open from Monday 1st of September.

Green Schools

Travel Survey by Ciara Hanrahan on Friday 10th of October at 9.30am.

Start of Car idling Campaign on Monday 3rd of November.

Walkability Audit with Ciara Hanrahan on Tuesday 25th of November.

Travel Workshop with Senior Classes by Ciara Hanrahan.

Boys and Girls Gaelic Football

Training for interested Boys and Girls in 4th to 6th Class continues on Mondays and Wednesdays at Big Break.

Girls Footballers will play Tullaroan on Thursday 9th of October in Emeralds GAA Club.

Boys Footballers will play a Kilkenny CBS on Wednesday 8th of October in Emeralds GAA Club.

Tips to Promote Reading at Home

Our school website www.urlingfordns.com now has a page which gives suggestions on how to promote reading at home for the different classes in Primary School.

Maths Week

Maths Week will take place between 11th and 19th of October. Classes will be exposed to fun interactive Maths games during Maths Week.

Library Visits

Senior Infants and First Class will visit Urlingford Library before Halloween Break for Author recitals.

Pupils using School Pitch

Pupils using School Pitch at breaktime and during Sports Coaching during the Winter months must wear boots or old runners.

Mandatory School Closure Days

School will be closed for pupils on Wednesday 12th of November – School staff must attend Kilkenny Education Center for Child Protection Training.

School will be closed on Fridays 13th of March and 5th of June for pupils to facilitate new Primary Curriculum Framework Training for Teachers in Kilkenny Education Center.

Flu Vaccine

All pupils and staff in our school will receive the opportunity to receive the Flu Vaccine in our school on Thursday 23rd of October. Murphys Pharmacy in Urlingford will be making this opportunity available. Consent Forms will be sent home early next week. Completed Flu Vaccine Forms must be returned before Friday 17th of October.

Whole School Fire Drill

Our schools next Whole School Fire Drill will take place on Thursday 9th 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 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.

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.

Families are asked to sign and check Test Copies when sent home for viewing.

School Photos

Any family who does not want their child or children to be included in Class photos during school activities is asked to email the school at urlingfordns2020@gmail.com for the attention of the relevant class teacher. Our school has a school website and Instagram page to help publicise school activities and pupils' achievements.

Nore Vision Visit

Tory from Nore Vision Group will visit our school again on Thursday 2nd of October to deliver a Biodiversity lesson re Biodiversity in The Loughans Special Area of Conservation area in North Kilkenny. 3rd and 4th Class will visit The Cabragh Wetlands on Monday 6th of October (weather permitting).

Healthy Snack for Little Break

We do not allow certain items to be brought as part of pupils' lunches. Recommended healthy snacks include juice drinks, yoghurt drinks, sandwiches, fruit, cheese, scones, crackers, rice cakes.

Items that are not allowed include fizzy drinks, sweets, chocolate, buns, biscuits, bars, peanuts, crisps and chocolate rice cakes.

Student Council Meeting

Our newly formed Student Council will meet for its first meeting on Friday 3rd of October.

Games Development Officer Visit

Kilkenny GDO Nathan Culleton will visit our school on Thursday 14th of October, 11th of November and 2nd of December to deliver hurling coaching to 3rd and 4th class. 3rd and 4th class will need hurling gear on the above dates.

William Kinsella FAI Soccer Coach

FAI Soccer Coach will visit our school twice before Easter Break to deliver Soccer Coaching to 5th and 6th Class.

Thanks all. Enjoy the weekend.

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