

Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Weekly Friday Email – Friday 11th of April 2025

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates/reminders

- 4th Class Cake Sale for Trocaire

Thanks to all who supported Wednesdays Cake Sale and well done to 3rd and 4th Class for running such a successful event.

- 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.

- Schools Hurling + Camogie

Interested boys and girls in 4th – 6th Class will train on Mondays and Wednesdays at Big Break from 12/2/2025 onwards. Efforts will be made to visit Emeralds GAA Pitch on Fridays after St Patricks Day so as children can play practice matches.

- School Hurling+ Camogie Matches

4th round of schools hurling league is at home vs Lisdowney Schools on Wednesday 30th of April.

- Transport to and from AWAY Hurling + Camogie Matches

Pupils attending AWAY Hurling and Camogie matches on buses organised by school will be asked to bring in e5 to help cover the cost of transport to and from Extra Curricular Hurling/Camogie Games. E5 will not cover full price of transport but it will help make participation in AWAY Extra curricular events/matches more viable into the future.

- Hurling/Camogie Helmets

Our school has a small stock of small and medium sized helmets available for E35 if anyone would like to order one. Orders can be made by calling school office on 0568831512 between 8.30 and 12.30 on school days.

Easter Raffle –

- Thanks to all who supported this years Easter Raffle. We hope to in a position to erect nets behind goals on school pitch in early July. This will make the playing pitch, playground, walking track and staff carpark a safer place for all in our school community.
- Emeralds Stars Inclusion Camp

Emeralds Camogie and GAA Club are making efforts to set up an Inclusion Camp (Emeralds Stars) for children with additional needs. Emeralds GAA are holding a welcome morning on Sat 26th April @ 11.15am in Urlingford GAA pitch for those interested. Please see attached poster below for all details.

- Service of Light Date

Service of Light for Confirmation Candidates in 5th and 6th Class will take place on Monday 12th of May in Graine Church at 7.30pm.

- Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for 6th Class pupils will take place on Thursday 12th of June at 9.30am.

- 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.

- ASD Training (School Closure)

School will be closed for pupils on Friday 2nd of May to facilitate Whole Staff ASD Training. Whole Staff ASD Training will be delivered by Alva McManus from NCSE in School Hall.

- 1.40pm Finish for All Classes

As per our schools 2024/2025 School Year Calendar all classes will finish at 1.40pm on Tuesday 6th of May to facilitate Teacher Planning and Teacher Bi Cinealta Training.

- Ger Brick Internet Safety Talk

Ger Brick from iNetSafetyTalk on Monday will deliver online Internet Safety Lessons to 4th, 5th and 6th Class on Monday 28th of April.

Ger Brick will deliver a remote Online Safety Talk for Parents/Guardians on Monday 28th of April at 7pm.

- **Parent Guardian Information Evening - Internet Safety / Anti-Cyberbullying with Ger Brick**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87517271479?pwd=TE51Tjlnb1J0RjhyYVZwQTdwR0lodz09>

Meeting ID: 875 1727 1479

Passcode: 147147

Please Note :

* Ger Brick (the host) will join the meeting 20 minutes in advance of

the scheduled meeting start time

* Actual Start time : 7pm

- Book Fair

Khans Book Shop Kilkenny will host a Book Fair for whole school in school hall on Thursday 8th of May. Timetable etc to follow.

- Swimming Payment Window on Aladdin

Pupils in 1st/2nd Class can now pay for upcoming Swimming Lessons via Aladdin. Swimming costs e49. First Swimming Day for 1st/2nd is on Wednesday 30th of April.

- 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.

More details re School Tours will be sent out to families in advance of Tour dates.

- Transition to Second Level Education Lesson

Ossory Youth Transition to Secondary School Lesson for 6th Class Pupils takes place on Tuesday 6th of May.

- Easter Holidays

School re-opens after Easter Break on Monday 28th of April at 9am.

Kind Regards

Mr Lonergan

Principal

Urlingford NS