

## **Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Weekly Friday Email – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2025**

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates/reminders

- 8<sup>th</sup> Green Flag

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

- Trip to Tramore

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

- Cricket Coaching

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

- Brick Flicks STEM ART Lesson

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

- Agriculture/Farming Talk for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> of June.

- Pilates

A Pilates instructor will visit our school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> class on Mondays 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of June. 9 to 10am.

- Split the Pot (Camogie Club)

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

- Felting Lessons

6<sup>th</sup> Class will receive Felting lessons from an Ossory Youth Representative on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

- 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](http://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

Training again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

- Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of June at 9.30am. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Last day for school written homework will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of June. Class teachers may give some learning work at class teachers discretion.

- 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](mailto: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

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

Price of Tour + Bus for 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> Class is e21.

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

Price of Tour + Bus for 3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Class is e30.

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

Price of Tour + Bus for 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> Class is e50.

School Tour Payments are now open on Aladdin.

- Teacher Positions for 25/26 School Year
  - ASD Class- Ms Ryan
  - Junior Infants- Ms Kirwin
  - Senior Infants- Mr Doyle
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Class- Ms O Driscoll
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class- Ms Rooney
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Class- Mr Dowling
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Class – Ms Phelan
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Class – Ms McGovern
  - 5<sup>TH</sup> Class – Mr Hennessy
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Class- Ms Horan
  - Lead SET – Ms Ahern
  - SET2 – Substitute Teacher for full school year to be recruited
  - SET 3 - Substitute Teacher for full school year to be recruited
- 5<sup>th</sup> Class Splits for 25/26 School Year

Our school will have 9 mainstream class teachers in the 25/26 school year. Due to this 5<sup>th</sup> Class will be divided into two smaller more advantageous sized class groups. 5<sup>th</sup> Class for 25/26 school year will be divided alphabetically while also giving consideration to gender balance in the groups, to level of SET (Special Education Teaching) need in both splits and also ensuring pupils have a friend in the new 5<sup>th</sup> Class Group. Alphabetical split was decided upon as best option after consultation with current and previous years class teachers so as to maximise teaching and learning time and the smooth running of classes. Class Splits will be communicated to parents/guardians in mid June. Efforts will be made in 25/26 school year to devise a formal school policy for Class Splits into the future.

- Bi Cinealta Policy

Draft Bi Cinealta Policy is attached below. Parents/Guardians can feel free to give feedback on Bi Cinealta Policy by emailing [urlingfordns2020@gmail.com](mailto:urlingfordns2020@gmail.com)

Kind Regards

Mr Lonergan

Principal

Urlingford NS