

Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Email – Friday 12th of September 2025

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

1.40pm Finish (Staff Meeting/Planning)

Our school's first 1.40pm finish for all classes to facilitate Staff Planning and Staff Training will take place on Tuesday 16th of January 2025.

Colaiste Mhuire Visit

Principal of Colaiste Mhuire Johnstown Martin Gleeson will visit our school to speak with 5th and 6th Class pupils at 11a.m on Monday 15th of September in Ms Horan's Classroom. 5th and 6th Class will visit Colaiste Mhuire, Johnstown for open Day on Friday 26th of September.

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.

Reviews

Our schools Anti Bullying, Bi Cinealta and Child Safeguarding Reviews by Staff and Board of Management will take place at September Meetings.

Urlingford Town Team

Please see message from Urlingford Town Team re Hall refurbishment attached below.

Vaccinations

Junior Infant 4 in 1 MMR vaccinations will be administered by the HSE in the school hall on Monday 22nd of September.

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.

School Payments

Aladdin school payments facility is now open

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 have a Challenge Game vs Johnstown/Crosspatrick girls on Monday 15th of September at 1.20pm in Emeralds GAA pitch. Girls will be back at school for home time.

2nd Round of Boys Football League is at home vs Freshford NS on Wednesday 17th of September. Time TBC.

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 Day

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

EAL Teaching Timetable

Our Schools English as an Additional Language Lessons with Ms Delaney will resume on Tuesday 16th of September.

Whole School Fire Drill

Our schools 2nd Whole School Fire Drill will take place on Friday 10th of October at 10.30am.

SET Forms

Any families who have received SET/Learning Support forms for signing are asked to complete and return asap so as SET Timetable can be up and running for Monday 16th of September.

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.

School Photos

Any family who does not want their child or children to be included in Class photos during school activities is asking 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 on Thursday 25th of September to deliver a Biodiversity lesson re Biodiversity in The Loughans Special Area of Conservation area in North Kilkenny.

Farm Walk

It is hoped 3rd and 4th Class will participate in a local IFA Teagasc organised Farm Walk on a local Galmoy Farm on Tuesday 23rd of September. Other local schools Crosspatrick, Galmoy and Johnstown will be attending the Farm Walk also. More details to follow.

Thanks all. Enjoy the weekend.

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