

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

### **Rainbows**

Rainbows sessions for selected pupils will start on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of February from 2:45 to 3:45pm.

### **New Curriculum Training**

School will be closed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of March and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of June to facilitate teacher training in the new curriculum in Kilkenny Education Centre.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation**

The 6<sup>th</sup> class graduation mass will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto:urlingfordns2020@gmail.com).

### **Assistant Principal II Post Holder**

Ms. Ahern will become our schools new Assistant Principal II from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February onwards.

### **Tips to Promote Maths at Home**

Our school website [www.urlingfordns.com](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> will resume on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Staff Transition**

Mr. John Duggan will be teaching 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> class after February midterm and up to the end of the year in Ms. Rooney’s absence due to her retirement.

### **Work Experience Requests**

After consultation with Colaiste Mhuire, Johnstown, our school will only be able to facilitate 3 TY students on work experience in future years. TY students wishing to avail of work experience must now submit a letter in writing explaining why they want to work in the education sector in the future and what they can offer our school when on TY work experience here.

### **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.

### **Hurling / Camogie Training**

The next training will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and will be on Monday and Wednesday from now on for interested 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> class pupils.

### **Enrolment**

Scoil an Chroí Ró 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](mailto: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 year’s Urlingford parade. Green Schools members, footballers, camogie players, tinwhistles and all pupils in 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are welcome to attend the parade as part of the school float.

### **Rugby Coaching**

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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class Hurling/Camogie Blitz**

3<sup>rd</sup> class hurling and camogie blitz including our school, Crosspatrick, Johnstown and Galmoy schools will take place in Emeralds GAA pitch on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. Each

team will receive 3 matches. The first match will be at 9:30am. The blitz will finish around 11:15am. Please see the schedule for the blitz attached below.

### **School Year Calendar**

Our 2026/2027 school year calendar is available on our school website, [www.urlingfordns.com](http://www.urlingfordns.com).

### **Split The Pot Fundraiser**

Split The Pot Fundraiser is in aid of our school on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 22<sup>nd</sup> of February and 1<sup>st</sup> of March. All support is welcome. Please see flyer attached.

Thanks to all for your support and enjoy the midterm break.

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