

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to all those who supported this year's Easter raffle fundraiser for our school.

### **Rainbows**

Rainbows sessions for selected pupils will continue on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of April.

### **New Curriculum Training**

School will be closed on 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).

### **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 continue on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of April.

### **Green Schools Clean Up**

Ms. Ahern and our school's Green Schools committee will coordinate a clean up day in the Urlingford area on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of May

### **Secretary Office Hours**

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of March the school office will have Mary present between 8:30am and 12:30pm Monday to Friday. Aimee will not be present in the office in the afternoons. Aimee will undertake secretarial hours remotely. Families are asked to please phone and email the school between 8:30am and 12:30pm.

### **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.

### **Stay Safe**

Mandatory stay safe SPHE lessons for all classes will be taught term 2 of the 25/26 school year.

### **Hurling / Camogie Training / Matches**

Hurling/camogie trainings will be on Mondays and Wednesdays in March, April and May at big break. Both boys and girls U13 school teams will most likely have league matches after the Easter break.

### **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.

### **New Junior Infant Afternoon**

New junior infants joining our school on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2026 will receive an opportunity to visit our school and meet their teacher on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of June at 1:15pm. Current junior infants will finish school at 12:30pm on this day.

### **School Year Calendar**

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

### **County Photos**

County photos will visit our school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of May to undertake class and individual family photos as necessary.

### **Communion Preparation Mass**

The next communion preparation mass will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of April at 6:30pm in Urlingford Church. Selected pupils will read prayers of the faithful at mass on this day.

**Morning Club/Pre School Supervision 7:45am to 8:45am**

Any families who would like to receive more information about our possible morning club supervision in the 2026/2027 school year are asked to email [urlingfordns2020@gmail.com](mailto:urlingfordns2020@gmail.com) (subject: Morning Club)

**Emeralds Little Stars**

Please see poster attached for Emeralds Little Stars which is beginning on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

Thanks to all for your support and enjoy the Easter break. School re-opens after the Easter break on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of April at 9am.

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