

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

### **1:40pm Finish (Staff Meeting / Planning)**

Our school's next 1:40pm finish for all classes to facilitate staff planning and staff training will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.

### **Rainbows**

Rainbows sessions for selected pupils will continue on Thursdays between 2:45pm and 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 RSE Visitor / Speaker**

Mary Dillon, RSE speaker, will visit our school to deliver an RSE talk / lesson to 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **Book Club Session**

The next book club session for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> class will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **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**

Hurling/camogie trainings will be on Mondays and Wednesdays in March, April and May.

### **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.

### **Student Council Meeting**

Our next student council meeting will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of March at 12:35pm.

### **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Urlingford NS is eager to give pupils the opportunity to again participate in this years' 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>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class will receive a rugby coaching session on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of March with Leinster rugby coach Noel Devlin.

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

Well done to all involved in a very enjoyable, well run hurling blitz this morning in Emeralds GAA club.

### **School Year Calendar**

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

### **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.

### **St. Patrick's Day Mass**

The whole school will attend mass in Urlingford church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of March at 11:30am. Pupils will serve, sing, read etc at mass on the day.

### **Cumann na mBunscoil Quiz**

Cumann na mBunscoil for 4 members from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class takes place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:30pm in Newpark Hotel. Pupils attending will need to be at the venue at 7:15pm and wear school tracksuit or uniform.

### **Second Chance to Avail of Internet / Online Safety Talk**

Ger Brick's internet safety talk will be available to view again on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm. The link for the online safety talk will be sent out to all parents in advance of the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

Thanks to all for your support and enjoy the weekend.

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