

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

Well Being Week

Well being week takes place between Monday 11th and Friday 15th of May. Acts of kindness awards will be given out in each individual classroom on Friday the 15th.

National COW Day

Our school will be celebrating National COW Day (Cycle on Wednesdays/ Weekdays) taking place next Wednesday the 13th May, where we encourage as many children as possible to cycle or scoot to school. We look forward to it! Please see poster attached.

Disposal of Left Over Lunches

All Fresh Today lunch containers should go home with pupils every day. No Fresh Today lunches should end up in the school bins.

Summer Uniform

Pupils can wear navy shorts instead of school pants / tracksuit bottoms between now and the summer break if the weather is appropriate.

New Curriculum Training

School will be closed on Friday 5th of June to facilitate teacher training in the new curriculum in Kilkenny Education Centre.

6th Class Graduation

The 6th class graduation mass will take place on Friday 12th of June at 9:30am in Urlingford Church.

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.

Tips to Promote Maths at Home

Our school website 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 3rd to 6th will continue on Tuesdays up to Tuesday the 19th of May.

Secretary Office Hours

From Monday 9th 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.

Hurling / Camogie Training / Matches

Hurling/camogie training will be on Monday 11th of May at big break. The girls will play Freshford next week.

New Junior Infant Afternoon

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

John Leahy Visit

John Leahy will deliver an Addiction Awareness talk to 5th and 6th class on Wednesday 27th of May at 9:15am.

School Year Calendar

Our 2026/2027 school year calendar is available on our school website, www.urlingfordns.com

County Photos

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

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 (subject: Morning Club).

Games Development Officer Visits for 3rd and 4th Class

3rd and 4th class will receive hurling coaching from Nathan Culleton on Wednesday 13th of May and 3rd of June.

Book Fair

Khan's Books Kilkenny will put on a Book Fair for all classes on Thursday 21st of May in the school hall.

Community Garda Visit

Sergeant Steve Allen from Kilkenny Garda station will visit all classes on Monday 11th of May.

Standardised Tests

Literacy and numeracy standardised tests will take place between Monday 11th and Friday 15th of May for 1st to 6th class.

School Tour Dates

Infants & ASD Class – 14th of May 2026 to Parson's Green Farm.

1st & 2nd Class – 16th of June 2026 to Castlecomer Discovery Park.

3rd & 4th Class – 29th of May 2026 to Abbeylix Bog Walk and Play Zone.

5th & 6th Class – 17th of June 2026 to Jumpzone and Croke Park .

Thanks to all for your support and enjoy the long weekend.

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