

Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Weekly Friday Email – Friday 14th of March 2025

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates/reminders –

- St Patricks Day Parade

Urlingford NS will have a float in this years St Patricks Day Parade. Pupils who have volunteered to walk with school should be at GAA Club grounds at 1.10pm on Monday 17th. Pupils will be ready for collection at other end of town at 2pm.

- School Closed Tuesday 18th of March

As per our 24/25 School Year Calendar our school will be closed on Tuesday 18th of March.

- 5 a side Soccer

All of 6th Class enjoyed a great day in Thomastown on the 13th. Well done to our Girls Team who qualified for County Finals on Thursday 20th of March in Thomastown at 10am. Girls and staff involved will leave school at 8.50am and return at 2.30pm

- Bi Cinealta Anti Bullying Strategy

Our school will be implementing new Bi Cinealta Anti Bullying Procedures from the 1/9/2025 onwards. Our schools Anti Bullying Policy can be accessed by visiting school website at www.urlingfordns.com or on request from school Office. Our Senior Class pupils have recently been working on a new Student Bi Cinealta Policy. If any Parent/Guardian has any concerns re possible Bullying they can make an appointment with their childs Class Teacher by emailing school office or calling school office between 8.30am and 12.30pm. Parent/Guardian Bi Cinealta Questionnaires will be sent home to all families for completion in early April in advance of Easter Break. Feedback from Parent questionnaires will be used when constructing our School Bi Cinealta Policies

- Instagram Page + School Website

Keep up to date with school activities on our Instagram page [scoil_an_chroi_ro_naofa](https://www.instagram.com/scoil_an_chroi_ro_naofa). This is an information page only and comments or messages will not be replied to. Our new school website www.urlingfordns.com is no online and will be updated weekly going forward. Any families who wish for their children **NOT** to be included in photos of school activity on School Website and School Instagram page are asked to notify school in writing.

- Schools Hurling + Camogie

Interested boys and girls in 4th – 6th Class will train on Mondays and Wednesdays at Big Break from 12/2/2025 onwards. Efforts will be made to visit Emeralds GAA Pitch on Fridays after St Patricks Day so as children can play practice matches.

- School Hurling+ Camogie Matches

Round 2 of Schools Camogie League vs Tullogher Rosbercon Schools takes place on Wednesday 19th of March at 2pm in Emeralds GAA Clun. Girls + Teachers involved will leave school at 1.30pm. Girls will be ready for collection at Gaa Club after match at 2.50pm. A reminder text re Camogie match will be sent out on Tuesday 18th of March.

1st round of boys hurling league is at home vs St Johns NS on Monday 24th of June at 2pm.

- Transport to and from AWAY Hurling + Camogie Matches

Pupils attending AWAY Hurling and Camogie matches on buses organised by school will be asked to bring in e5 to help cover the cost of transport to and from Extra Curricular Hurling/Camogie Games. E5 will not cover full price of transport but it will help make participation in AWAY Extra curricular events/matches more viable into the future.

- School RSE Plan

As per our schools RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) Plan the relevant age and class appropriate RSE lessons for different Class Groups will be taught in January, February or March before Easter Break.

- Service of Light Date

Service of Light for Confirmation Candidates in 5th and 6th Class will take place on Monday 12th of May in Graine Church at 7.30pm.

- Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for 6th Class pupils will take place on Thursday 12th of June at 9.30am.

- Notes for Absence

All families are asked to ensure Absences are explained on Aladdin App and to ensure to give a reason for 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 class teacher - Parent/Guardian should write a quick note to explain reason for incomplete homework.

- Friday Tests

All families are asked to sign their child's Friday Tests. Pupil should complete corrections in test copy if applicable.

- School Lunches

Online orders for Glanmore school lunches should be ordered before Friday in advance of the week ahead. All classes including Junior Infants can now order preferred lunches online. Glanmore Lunches can be contacted at 01-8976026 and customerservice@glanmorefoods.ie if any families are having difficulty with online ordering process.

- 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 and up to date Home 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 in School Office. School phone number is 056 8831512. School email address is urlingfordns2020@gmail.com

- School Office Hours

School Office hours are between 8.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday during school year. Phone calls and emails to our school are recommended between 8.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

- 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.

- ASD Training (School Closure)

School will be closed for pupils on Friday 2nd of May to facilitate Whole Staff ASD Training. Whole Staff ASD Training will be delivered by Alva McManus from NCSE in School Hall.

- Ger Brick Internet Safety Talk

Ger Brick from iNetSafetyTalk on Monday will deliver online Internet Safety Lessons to 4th, 5th and 6th Class on Monday 28th of April.

Ger Brick will deliver a remote Online Safety Talk for Parents/Guardians on Monday 28th of April outside schools. Link to access Online Safety Talk will be emailed out to Parents/Guardians in advance.

- **Scoil an Chroi Ro Naofa Urlingford NS Now Enrolling for 2025/2026 School Year -**

Scoil an Chroi Ro Naofa Urlingford NS are now accepting enrolments for the 2025/2026 School Year.

Enrolment Packs are available from school office between 8.30am and 3pm Monday to Friday or by calling 056 8831512 or by emailing urlingfordns2020@gmail.com or by postal enquiry to Scoil an Chroi Ro Naofa Urlingford NS, Urlingford, Co Kilkenny E41A567. Enrolment Forms are also available from Micks Pre School and Angelas Pre School in Urlingford. Deadline for receipt of completed Enrolment/Registration Forms is Sunday 30th of March. Confirmation of Acceptance letters will be issued before 25th of April. New pupils joining school will receive an opportunity to visit our school on a date to be arranged/finalised in June 2025.

- Book Fair

Khans Book Shop Kilkenny will host a Book Fair for whole school in school hall on Thursday 8th of May. Timetable etc to follow.

- Swimming Payment Window on Aladdin

Pupils in 1st/2nd Class can now pay for upcoming Swimming Lessons via Aladdin. Swimming costs e49. First Swimming Day for 1st/2nd is on Wednesday 30th of April.

- Alcohol/Drug/Addiction Awareness Talk

John Leahy Alcohol/Drug/Addiction Awareness Speaker will visit our school to deliver a talk to 5th and 6th Class on Thursday 10th of April. Talk is part of HSE 'Don't Start, Stay Smart' Program.

Kind Regards

Mr Lonergan

Principal

Urlingford NS