

Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Weekly Friday Email – Friday 9th of May 2025

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates/reminders

- 8th Green Flag

Well Done to Ms Rooney and our Green School Committee on achieving our schools 8th Green Flag. Ms Rooney and selected members of Green Schools Committee will attend Presentation Ceremony in Hotel Kilkenny on Tuesday 13th of May.

- Games Development Officer Vist

Kilkenny GAA Games Development Officer Nathan Culleton will visit our school for Hurling Coaching with 3rd class on Mondays 9th and 23rd of June. 9 to 10am.

- Pottery Lessons

4th Class will receive Pottery lessons from an Ossory Youth representative on Monday 26th of May.

- Felting Lessons

6th Class will receive Felting lessons from an Ossory Youth Representative on Friday 6th of June.

- Summer Uniform

During good Summer Weather conditions pupils can wear navy or blue shorts under school tracksuit or uniform at parents discretion. No red, yellow, pink, purple shorts etc please.

- Communion

Sacrament of the Eucharist for Communion Candidates takes place on Saturday 10th of May at 11am in Urlingford Church.

- Junior Infant Introduction Afternoon

New Junior Infants for 25/26 School Year will visit our school on Thursday 19th of June at 1.20pm. New Junior Infants will meet their Class Teacher for September. Mr Lonergan will meet new Junior Infant Parents in School Hall. Current Junior Infants will finish school at 12.30pm on Thursday 19th of June.

- Standardised Testing

Standardised Testing in Literacy and Numeracy for Pupils in 1st – 6th Class will take place between Monday 12th and Friday 23rd of May.

- Instagram Page + School Website

Keep up to date with school activities on our Instagram page [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 and Camogie Matches

Boys League match vs Castlecomer schools on Wednesday 14th at home in Emeralds GAA club.

Girls League semi final vs Tullogher Rosbercon schools away in Tullogher on Friday 16th of May.

- 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.

- Hurling/Camogie Helmets

Our school has a small stock of small and medium sized helmets available for E35 if anyone would like to order one. Orders can be made by calling school office on 0568831512 between 8.30 and 12.30 on school days.

- 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 childs 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. Pupils should complete corrections in test copy if applicable.

- School Lunches

After consultation with pupils, parents and staff our school has decided to make efforts to try to transition to hot meals lunches for the 25/26 school year. More details to follow.

- 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.

- 1.40pm Finish for All Classes

As per our schools 2024/2025 School Year Calendar all classes will finish at 1.40pm on Tuesday 6th of May to facilitate Teacher Planning and Teacher Bi Cinealta Training.

- Swimming Payment Window on Aladdin

Pupils in 1st/2nd Class can now pay for upcoming Swimming Lessons via Aladdin. Swimming costs e49.

- School Tour Dates

Junior and Senior Infants will visit Castlevew Farm in Durrow County Laois on Thursday 29th of May. Price of Tour and Bus for Junior + Senior Infants is e24.

1st + 2nd Class will visit Nore Valley Farm in Bennettsbridge County Kilkenny on Thursday 12th of June.

Price of Tour + Bus for 1st + 2nd Class is e21.

3rd + 4th Class will visit Reptile Zoo + Playstation in Kilkenny on Wednesday 4th of June.

Price of Tour + Bus for 3rd + 4th Class is e30.

5th + 6th Class will visit Adventure World, Limerick University on Thursday 19th of June.

Price of Tour + Bus for 5th + 6th Class is e50.

School Tour Payments are now open on Aladdin.

Kind Regards

Mr Lonergan

Principal

Urlingford NS