

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

Food Miles Workshop (Green Schools)

1st and 2nd and 5th and 6th class will receive a food miles workshop from Chiara Hanrahan from An Taisce on Thursday 5th of March. 3rd and 4th class will receive their food miles workshop on Friday 6th of March.

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 13th of March and 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.

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.

Assistant Principal II Post Holder

Ms. Ahern will become our schools new Assistant Principal II from Monday 23rd of February onwards.

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.

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.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th of March. Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day.

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 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.

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 4th to 6th class are welcome to attend the parade as part of the school float.

Rugby Coaching

4th, 5th and 6th class will receive their 2nd rugby coaching session on Friday 6th of March.

3rd Class Hurling/Camogie Blitz

3rd class hurling and camogie blitz including our school, Crosspatrick, Johnstown and Galmoy schools will take place in Emeralds GAA pitch on Friday the 6th of March. Each

team will receive 3 matches. The first match will be at 9:30am. The blitz will finish around 11:15am. Please see the schedule for the blitz attached below.

School Year Calendar

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

Split The Pot Fundraiser

Split The Pot Fundraiser is in aid of our school on the 1st of March. All support is welcome. Please see flyer attached.

County Photos

County photos will visit our school on Wednesday 13th 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 11th 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 5th and 6th class takes place on Tuesday 10th 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.

Thanks to all for your support and enjoy the weekend.

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