

Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Email – Friday 24th of October 2025

Hi All,
Please read the following school updates –

Used Clothes Collection

Thanks to all families who supported our Used Clothes Collection Fundraiser.

End of Summer Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform or full school tracksuit on return to school after the Halloween Break on Monday 3rd of November.

HSE Vision and Hearing Nurses

Nurses will visit our school on Friday 28th of November at 9am. Consent forms will be sent home after Halloween Break and forms should be returned before Friday 7th of November.

Book Club

Book Club opportunities for 1st to 6th Class will be made available to 1st to 6th Class at Big Break after Halloween Break. Dates for Book Club will be given out after Halloween.

Halloween Break

School re-opens after the Halloween Break on Monday 3rd of November at 9am.

Hot Lunch Scheme

Please remember to update your app following on from the Fresh Today upgrade. New activation codes have been given to children this week.

All families are reminded to log on to Fresh Today website using their log in details on Thursdays in advance of the week ahead to order their child's preferred lunch selection for the following week. Families will need to send a small snack with their child for little break. Hot Lunches will be distributed to classrooms between 12.15 and 12.30pm. Any queries re hot lunches should be emailed to kilkenny@freshtoday.ie.

Swimming / Aquatics

5th and 5th Class will attend Swimming between Halloween and Christmas on Wednesdays. Swimming expenses should be paid asap on Aladdin Payment Portal.

Boys and Girls Gaelic Football

Training continues on Mondays and Wednesdays at big break. The last round of the league for the boys is vs St. Johns on Wednesday 5th of November at 2pm. Girls Semi Final Opposition and date TBC.

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.

Pupils using School Pitch

Pupils using School Pitch at break time and during Sports Coaching during the Winter months must wear boots or old runners.

Mandatory School Closure Days

School will be closed for pupils on Wednesday 12th of November – School staff must attend Kilkenny Education Centre for Child Protection Training.

School will be closed on Fridays 13th of March and 5th of June for pupils to facilitate new Primary Curriculum Framework Training for Teachers in Kilkenny Education Centre.

Whole School Fire Drill

Our schools next Whole School Fire Drill will take place on Thursday 6th of November at 10.30am.

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. .

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 or Aimee in the School Office. The school phone number is 056 8831512. School email address is urlingfordns2020@gmail.com

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 that pupils can be catered for suitably in school.

Music Generation Tin Whistle Lessons – 3rd to 6th Class (22 weeks)

Music Generation tin whistle lessons by Paula Dowling will start on Tuesday 4th of November and finish on Tuesday 18th of May. All 3rd to 6th class pupils should ensure to have a tin whistle in the key of D for the 4th of November. Tin whistles are available from the school office for €8.

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.

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 the reason for incomplete homework. Families are asked to sign and check Test Copies when sent home for viewing.

School Photos

Any family who does not want their child or children to be included in Class photos during school activities is asking to email the school at urlingfordns2020@gmail.com for the attention of the relevant class teacher. Our school has a school website and Instagram page to help publicise school activities and pupil's achievements.

Healthy Snack for Little Break

We do not allow certain items to be brought as part of pupils' lunches. Recommended healthy snacks include juice drinks, yoghurt drinks, sandwiches, fruit, cheese, scones, crackers, rice cakes. Items that are not allowed include fizzy drinks, sweets, chocolate, buns, biscuits, bars, peanuts, crisps and chocolate rice cakes.

Student Council Meeting

Our newly formed Student Council will meet again on Tuesday 18th of November in school Hall at 12.35pm.

Games Development Officer Visit

Kilkenny GDO Nathan Culleton will visit our school again on Tuesday 11th of November and Tuesday 2nd of December to deliver hurling coaching to 3rd and 4th class. 3rd and 4th class will need hurling gear on these dates.

William Kinsella FAI Soccer Coach

FAI Soccer Coach will visit our school again on Thursday 6th of November for lessons with 5th and 6th class.

Shoebox Appeal

The deadline for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal is Monday 10th of November at 9.15am.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parents are encouraged to book in a slot for Parent Teacher Meeting with relevant Teachers on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th of November on Aladdin.

Internet Safety

An internet Safety Talk for 4th – 6th Classes and Parents will take place on 26th of February 2026.

Jumble Sale, Coffee Morning and Christmas Carol Service

Parents association coffee morning and 5th/6th class jumble sale will take place on Friday 5th of December. Christmas Carol service for the whole school will take place on Friday 12th of December at 9.30am in Urlingford Church.

Thanks to all for your support during our first half term. Enjoy the Halloween Break.

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