

Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Email – Friday 28th of November 2025

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

Green Schools Committee

Malcolm Noonan will visit our school to meet Ms. Rooney and our Green Schools Committee on Monday the 8th of December at 1:15pm to discuss all matters green schools and travel.

Chiara from Green Schools will do a quiz with 2nd and 3rd class on Wednesday 17th of December.

Our idling campaign was a great success – thanks to you for switching off your engines! We only had an average of 3 cars idling each day. Please continue to switch off your engines which benefits us all.

Christmas Raffle Cards

Parents' Association Christmas raffle cards for our school fundraiser will be distributed early next week.

Book Club

Book Club opportunities for will be made available to 1st to 6th Class students. The next Book Club gathering will take place on Tuesday 2nd of December at big break in the school hall.

Hot Lunch Scheme

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

Christmas Quiz

Christmas quiz for 4th to 6th class will take place on Friday 19th of December.

Christmas Annuals

Christmas annuals will be distributed in early December.

Christmas Cards

Design-A-Card Christmas cards will be distributed in early December.

Santa Stroll

Santa stroll for all classes will take place on Thursday 18th of December.

WOW Day

Christmas walk on Wednesday takes place on the 17th of December.

Christmas Jumpers

Pupils can feel free to wear Christmas jumpers from Friday 12th of December.

Swimming / Aquatics

5th and 5th Class will attend Swimming between Halloween and Christmas on Wednesdays. Swimming expenses should be paid a.s.a.p. on Aladdin Payment Portal. 5th and 6th classes 6th week of swimming will take place on Wednesday 17th of December at the usual time.

Gaelic Football

Boys Roinn B County final versus Rower Inistioge takes place on Saturday 6th of December at 3.30pm in MW Hire, Dunmore

Training for boys and girls will take place again on Monday 1st of December at big break.

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

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.

Complaints Procedures

Please find copy of the school complaints procedure attached below.

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 started on Tuesday 4th of November and will finish on Tuesday 19th of May.

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.

Games Development Officer Visit

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

Internet Safety

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

Jumble Sale and Christmas Carol Service

5th/6th class jumble sale will take place on Friday 5th of December at 9am. We will be collecting unwanted toys, books and games in good working order from Monday 24th of November. Please bring in toys in a labelled bag.

Christmas Carol service for the whole school will take place on Friday 12th of December at 9.30am in Urlingford Church.

Coffee Morning

Parents' Association coffee morning will take place on Friday 5th of December at 9am. Any families who can help with baking / supplying cakes, buns, tarts etc are asked to please drop items to the school between 8:30am and 8:45am on Friday morning. All help is greatly appreciated.

SNA Care Needs Review

Our school will be receiving an SNA Care Needs Review on Monday 8th and Thursday 11th of December.

Thanks to all for your support and have a good weekend.

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