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11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Well done to all the pupils who have done great work in what has been a very busy term. Don't forget to check out the school [website](http://www.kiltalens.ie) to keep up to date with reports, photos and event updates that are ongoing in the school. A number of activities have taken place since the beginning of the year including:

- Family Fun Day; Tin Whistle lessons for Senior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class; GAA football training; Children's Book Festival Zoom with Paddy Donnelly and Tom Palmer; Dance Lessons; Bio-Diversity with Ross Wareham; athletics in Fairyhouse; KidsComp After Class School Club for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Class; Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony; Exploration Dome; the Whole School attended the Panto in TLT, Drogheda; Golf Taster Day; whole-school mass; Yoga; Parents' Information Webinar on Internet enabled Devices Agree to Agree Initiative; 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class First Aid Training; Catholic Schools' Week, Grandparents' Day; Soccer training; Heritage Visit (Ross Wareham), Credit Union Quiz; Well Being Week; Book Fair; Swimming; Cross Country in Navan Racecourse; GAA hurling & Camogie Coaching; Boys' & Girls' mini 7s, Cumann na mBunscol and 5-a-side soccer; Active School Week; Meath Athletics Coaching; Tara & District Credit union visit the school every second week for the children to lodge money in their savings account; Active School Flag activities; Bí Cineálta and core subject teaching etc..
- During February we had an incidental inspection from our designated inspector (Department of Education) and an inspection from the Diocesan Advisors. Feedback from both inspectors was positive and complimentary of the quality of teaching and learning that was observed throughout each respective inspection.
- Staff members have undertaken a number of curricular and non-curricular activities including Bí Cineálta, Primary Maths Curriculum, Primary Language Curriculum, Physical Education, Wellbeing, Leading and Supporting Inclusion (EAL) in schools.

Please note: for any child **cycling to school**, one email from their parents giving permission will suffice for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you to Mark Durnin, Martin Clarke and Ger Murphy for maintaining the school buildings and grounds. Thank you to Darryl Ratty for his generous donation of PE equipment.

Regina Purcell is the green officer for Kiltale GAA and she visited the school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April to select the winners of the Anti-litter poster competition. Thanks to Regina for organising this and well done to all the winners.

Please find attached our "**Calendar of Events for Term 3 2024/25**".

- Thank you to the **Parents' Association (PA)** for their support throughout the year. New members are always welcome to join, as it is a great way to support school initiatives and meet new people in the community. We would like to thank the PA for their contributions to the Agree to Agree initiative, for arranging the **Family Fun Day** planned for **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025** and for organising their **Great Irish Bake 2025** fundraiser today 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in aid of Children's Health Ireland.
- Well done to all of the pupils who participated in the **FAI 5-a-side** soccer competitions in Navan and the Cumann na mBunscol's **Mini 7's** in Gaelic football. In term 3 we will be taking part in rounders, camogie, hurling and cross-country athletics. Fixtures and times for these events will be



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confirmed after Easter. Also in Term 3 we have a whole school panto as gaeilge, "Seachtopus", and a surprise visit from the Garda Mounted Support Unit (horses).

- Well done to the student council and active school committee who have been working hard and coming up with some great initiatives and ideas throughout the year.
- Our Board of Management (BOM) has met throughout the year to review and to plan ahead with regard to the teaching, learning and general development of our school. A number of issues were raised and decisions were approved by the board members at our last meeting including:
  - The BOM would like to remind parents that all pupils are required to bring in their own small wash bag with face cloth / hand towel and hand sanitiser. These will be used for toilet breaks and also before break time too e.g. applying hand sanitiser before food. A reminder to wash the face cloth / hand towel regularly.
  - The BOM would also like to remind parents that pupils are not allowed to enter the **school grounds until 8.50am each morning** on health and safety grounds.
  - From **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025** all children will enter the school yard in the morning between the garages and school building and **not** along the front of the school. To ensure the safety of all pupils no one should walk in front of the school building to enter the yard in the mornings anymore.
  - Thank you to McCormack Farms for their generous donation this year. We will use the funds to purchase resources to support teaching and learning in Kiltale NS.
  - The BOM would also like to remind parents to pay any outstanding monies owed. Due to inflation and rising costs across society, it is becoming increasingly difficult for our school to meet these costs and expenses. Without your financial support, the BOM will have to reconsider our participation and engagement in any future outings like tours, sports, etc.

Please find attached our **School Calendar for 2025/26** with our planned closures. Please note this Calendar is subject to change at various stages during the School year.

The **Bus Éireann School Transport Family Portal** is open for Applications and Payments for the upcoming School Year 2025/26. **The closing date is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

Thank you to every staff member in Kiltale N.S. for all their hard work and dedication to ensure the very best outcomes in terms of teaching and learning are achieved on a daily basis. There is great community spirit among all staff, pupils and parents that benefits everyone in the school. Well done to all involved.

Thank you to all of the parents for your continued support and cooperation throughout the year. Wishing everyone in the school community a very Happy Easter. Enjoy the break.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Colin McElroy,  
Principal,

Orla Dunne  
Acting Deputy Principal.

**First Confession** for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 between  
4pm and 6pm

**First Communion** for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 11am



**Family  
Fun Day  
21<sup>st</sup> June  
2025  
2-5pm**