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Dear Parents,

10th June 2025

Congratulations to everyone in 2nd class who made their **First Confession and First Communion**. The First Communion was a wonderful day of celebration for all the families involved. The Communion Class was excellent, leading the prayers and doing the readings. The boys and girls who sang in the choir were amazing. Many thanks to Ms. Lisa Rooney and Ms. Ailbhe Hackett who prepared the choir and our organist Ms. Eileen Ryan. Thank you to Ms. Brown for preparing the pupils and to everyone who helped make the First Communion and Confession go so well. Thank you to Fr. Wojciech who helped prepare the children throughout the year. A very special word of thanks to the 1st Class parents who arranged and prepared refreshments in the hall for all the families involved after the ceremony.



Congratulations to the girls who reached the semi-final of the camogie and rounders. Their positive attitude and exemplary team spirit were evident in every match played. Well done girls!

Congratulations to the boys' rounders team from 5th & 6th Class who won their semi final on Thursday 22nd May 2025. The final will take place in the Navan O'Mahony's GAA grounds on the **TRIM ROAD** this **Monday 16th June 2025** at 1pm against Skryne NS. Good luck in the Final.

Congratulations to the Boys' hurling team who have qualified for the Cumann na mBunscol Division 4 final. This will take place on Friday 13th June at 4pm in Trim GAA. Good luck to all the players involved.

Please find attached our updated "**Calendar of Events for Term 3 2024/25**" please take note of relevant dates.

- **GAA Football Coaching** has changed from Friday 13th to **Thursday 12th June** and due to a clash of scheduling Monday 16th June's session has been cancelled.
- **Cycling for 5th & 6th Class** will now take place at 9.30am on **Thursday 12th June** and the final session will be at 1.15pm on **Tuesday 17th June 2025**.
- As is our tradition here in Kiltale NS our **New Junior Infants** for 2025/26 will visit their classroom, their teacher and Principal on the **23rd June 2025** at 1.45pm. Invitations were sent home on the 6th May 2025.
- **School Tours** - In June all classes are going on School Tours as follows:-
 - 6th June - 3rd & 4th Class are going to Sport Ireland Campus, Blanchardstown.
 - 11th June - 5th & 6th Class are going to Clara Lara.
 - 12th June - 1st & 2nd Class are going to Rockfield House.
 - 16th June - Junior Infants & Senior Infants are going to Causey Farm.
- The Family Fun Day is now on from **2 to 4pm** on **Saturday 21st June 2025**.
- The 6th Class Graduation Mass will be at 11am on Monday 23rd June 2025.
- **Wednesday 25th June** is the last day in school for 2024/25.
All pupils finish at 12 noon.

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As the 2024/25 school year is in the final term we are organising our **2025/26 school year**.

- Please find attached our **Calendar for 2025/26** stating our start and finish dates and planned days off. (Please note this Calendar is subject to change at various stages during the School year).
- **Circular 0011/2025** states that each school will operate on the basis of a general average of One Classroom teacher for every 23 pupils for the 2025/26 school year. School authorities are requested to ensure that the number of pupils in any class is kept as low as possible, taking all relevant contextual factors into account. (e.g. classroom accommodation, fluctuating enrolments, etc.).
- Within this context **Classes for the 2025/26** will be assigned as follows:-
 - Junior & Senior Infants;
 - 1st Class;
 - 2nd & 3rd Class;
 - 4th & part of 5th Class;
 - Part of 5th & 6th Class;

Advice was sought on this issue from the IPPN, the Inspectorate, the CPSMA (Patron body), Teachers and Principals. Small schools by their nature have to regularly divide classes each year due to the pupil/teacher ratio. This has been the procedure adopted in Kiltale NS for the last number of years. It is impossible to accommodate every parents' request. All decisions are made for the benefit of every pupil in the school. Final numbers within each class group will be confirmed along with their class teacher before the end of term. There are a number of factors to consider when classes are divided each year including:

1. It is considered best to form mixed ability groups.
2. The process of forming new friendships is a life skill which is important to develop.
3. A positive and supportive attitude from parents is a key element.
4. It will seldom be possible to satisfy all demands from pupil groupings or parents. This decision will lie ultimately with the Principal and the Board of Management who must consider the needs of every child in the class.
5. It would be the intention that once a new class group is formed, no alterations will be made thereafter to ensure the organisation of teaching and learning in the classroom.

Procedures for contacting the school

Please follow these steps should you need to contact the school regarding your child or school related issue:

1. Contact class teacher initially;
2. Then the Principal;
3. Then the Chairperson of the Board of Management.

Always try to resolve any issue informally through dialogue, effective communication and collaboration. The Board of Management encourages and supports all staff members to achieve a healthy work-life balance. Having clear boundaries between work and personal time is important for our wellbeing. All staff members have a right to disconnect from work outside of their normal working hours. All staff will respond to emails during office hours only.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.
Le gach dea-ghuí,

Colin McElroy,
Principal,

Orla Dunne
Acting Deputy Principal.