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15th October 2025

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Board of Management(BOM): Agreed Report - The Board of Management held their first meeting of this school year on Thursday 9th October and issued the following BOM agreed report:

- Fr. Yohanna Jacob was welcomed to the community of Kiltale and to the BOM as Patron Nominee.
- Child Protection Policies were ratified and are available on the [school website](#).
- Monies raised through various fundraising initiatives this year will be used to subsidise school activities including swimming, tin whistle, heritage in schools, Christmas panto for the whole school and investing in the supply of books for all children to access.
- It was agreed to subsidise the cost of Term 1 activities by 50%. A letter requesting your share of the costs will be emailed soon.
- Friendship Week - 3rd - 7th November 2025
 - On Tuesday 4th November we will hold our **KiVa Launch night** in Kiltale NS for adults only. An outline of the KiVa programme will be given and refreshments will be served on the night. Thank you to the Parents' Association for providing the refreshments.
 - During the week the children will be involved in a range of activities based upon the themes of friendship, inclusion and respect for difference.
 - We will be holding a **Silly Sock Day** fundraiser on Friday 7th November as part of our Amber Flag renewal activities. Children are asked to bring in at least €2 to support this initiative.
- Please **Save the Date - 2nd December 2025** - our planned date for the Tree Lighting Ceremony this year.
- Family Fun Day will be held in September 2026.

Parents' Association 2025/26 - The officers for 2025/26 are:

- Chairperson - Aileen O'Gorman
- Co-Secretary - Karina McGuirk & Claire Doherty
- Co-Treasurer - Bernie Byrne & Labhaoise O'Dea

The Parents' Association are planning a Table Quiz in Kiltale GAA clubhouse for their next fundraiser in February 2026. Further details will be confirmed closer to the time.

Gaelic Football - Over the last few weeks our 4th, 5th & 6th Class boys and girls have been taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol Meath Primary School Football Competition. Both teams played really well. Well done to both teams and their mentors Ms. Brown, Mrs Durnin, Mr. McElroy, Ms. Flood and Ms Connolly. Many thanks to parents who carpooled to these events.

We have attached our updated **Calendar of Events**. Please check out the activities for the rest of term 1.

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Jersey Day - Friday 17th October 2025 - Good luck to Kiltale in the Senior Hurling Final this weekend. All boys and girls can wear their Kiltale colours or PE uniform.

John Donoghue will train the hurling and camogie teams on Friday 17th October in the afternoon. Please ensure your child brings their full gear for hurling/camogie. Many thanks to John for working with the teams.

Mini 7's - Boys and Girls from 4th to 6th Class will be taking part in the Mini 7's hurling and camogie competitions final dates and venues to be confirmed. As with all our teams, preference will be given to the pupils in the oldest classes first. Good luck to both teams.

Athletics - On Wednesday 19th November the children from 4th to 6th Class who qualify in their age group will travel to Fairyhouse Racecourse to compete in the Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country event. Best of luck to all involved.

Parent Teacher Meetings - 26th & 27th November we are holding 10 minute meetings to inform parents of their child's progress so far this year. We will send out exact dates and times after the halloween break.



Christmas Card Fundraiser - The children will be doing their artwork for this year's Christmas cards the first week back after the Halloween break. More details will be distributed in November.

Nasal Vaccinations - Friday 17th October 2025 - All the children with permission will get their vaccination.

Aladdin Payments Due - Thank you to everyone who has already paid their Kiltale Fees and Voluntary Contribution for this 2025/26 school year. We look forward to receiving any outstanding payments before Friday 24th October 2025. Thank you for your support.

All children will be on the grass everyday. Please ensure they have their pull-ups, spare socks, shoes and appropriate clothing for our changeable weather.

At **Halloween** we like to celebrate with the children on the day of the holidays. We would like them to dress up in their Halloween costumes coming to school on **Thursday 23rd October**, due to the school being **closed Friday 24th October for voting in the Presidential Election**. Due to health and safety concerns, please leave the props, chains, hatchets, wands etc., at home and please avoid scary clown outfits as some children are afraid of clowns! It should be fun but if it presents a difficulty for you or your child, there is no pressure. If they are not coming in costume, they can wear their tracksuits instead.

Please remember: Despite the time of year, we still cannot allow nuts, or products containing nuts, into the school. NUT FREE SCHOOL.

A reminder that school is closed from **Monday 27th October** and **Monday 3rd November 2025**. will reopen

I would like to thank all the parents for their continued support and cooperation to date. Wishing you all the very best for the mid-term break.

Le gach-dea ghuí,

Colin McElroy,

Principal.

Orla Dunne,

Acting Deputy Principal.