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Dear Parents,

The school closes today **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 12 noon** for the summer holidays. We are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful 6<sup>th</sup> class but they are excited about moving on to greater challenges in post-primary school. We wish them well and many wonderful adventures ahead.

The school will reopen on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 9am** for the new school year. On behalf of all the staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during the school year. We hope you have a very enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you all again in August. In the meantime we would like to draw your attention to the following:

A number of activities and events have taken place since the beginning of the year alongside core subject teaching and learning:

- Soccer and GAA training; Yoga; athletics in Fairyhouse; Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, whole-school mass, Catholic Schools' Week, Grandparents' Day, Heritage in school guest speakers, Active School Flag, Credit Union Quiz, Agree to Agree Initiative, Boys' & Girls' mini 7s, Cumann na mBunscol, 5-a-side soccer, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Hill of Tara Tour, Book Fair, Dress up for World Book day, Cross Country Athletics, Street Basketball, Dance, TLT Pantomime for the whole school, First Confession and Communion for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 6<sup>th</sup> Class visited the Dail and Trinity College, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class took part in the mini rounders, all classes went on their summer tour, 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class took part in four weeks of swimming lessons, Track & Field Athletics, Skipping workshops, Dave from Cohort Training taught 6<sup>th</sup> class First Aid sponsored by Stephen Leonard Fund, RSE Relationship Programme by Accord Dublin (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class), Sports Day, Heritage Environmental School Visit (Ross Cochrane), Student Council, Student Teachers, Sensory research and workshops, Ice Cream Van visited all classes, Pizza party for sports teams this year, Cycle Safety for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class, 10 at 10, wellbeing activities, outdoor learning lessons and activities, etc.,

Thank you to all the parents who expressed their delight with the wide-ranging activities provided to all pupils this year. With your support, we will endeavour to provide these inclusive activities to every pupil next year.

**Teaching Arrangements for 2025/26 School Year-** In our newsletter of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 we informed you of the Classes for 2025/26. Here are the Teachers assigned to each class:-

- Junior & Senior Infants - Room 5 - Ms. McCormack;
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class - Room 4 - Ms. Dunne;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class - Room 2 - Ms. Donnelly;
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Class - Room 3 - Ms. Brown & Ms. Durnin (Job Sharing);
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class - Room 1 - Ms. Connolly & Ms. Flood (Job Sharing);
- Support Education Teacher (SET) - Mr. McElroy
- Principal Release Post - Ms. Jennings



**Please note:**

Ms. Brown / Ms. Durnin and Ms. Connolly / Ms. Flood will be teaching in a job-sharing capacity. All are very experienced teachers who will work closely together to ensure consistency and continuity in teaching and learning is maintained in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes respectively next year. The Board of Management approved these positions and are confident that the job share positions will continue to benefit the school as a whole for next year.

**Board of Management -** Thank you to the Board of Management (BOM) members who give of their time voluntarily to assist in the running of the school. The BOM would like to thank everyone who has paid their fees to the school over this year. The BOM requests that any outstanding fees are paid before the end of this school year.

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**School Report** - Your child's report card is now available on Aladdin. You can view the report card on the Connect home page. If there is anything you feel you need to address, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher on their email.

**School Crest** - The school crest will be available from the school office at a cost of €5 in September.

### **School Uniform** -

As of September 2025 we have introduced a new uniform consisting of the following:

- Children in Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will only wear the School Tracksuit consisting of -
  - New school tracksuit top and black bottoms
  - Blue polo t-shirt,
  - Runners,
  - The complete school tracksuit, including the crest on the sweatshirt and black bottoms, is available from Ted Murtagh's in Trim.
- Please note that **only Junior Infants starting in 2025/26 will be expected to purchase the new school tracksuit**. All existing school tracksuits that have been purchased by parents will still be permitted as part of the school uniform. In the future, the new school tracksuit should be purchased and will be available in Ted Murtagh's from July 2025. By making these proposed changes we hope to improve the quality of the uniform and make life easier for parents in terms of their daily routines.
- Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class will wear the current School Uniform, ie. their uniform remains unchanged. This decision was made to mark the pupils' transition to the senior end of the school. Moreover, it will assist pupils as they prepare for their transfer to post-primary school where the traditional and more formal uniform styles are commonplace and mandatory. Pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class will wear the old/new tracksuit on P.E. days **ONLY**.
- The student council made the final call by holding a Whole School Vote, giving every pupil a voice on their future school uniform.



**Free Schoolbooks 2025/26** - As communicated to you during the year, the Government are funding "Free Schoolbooks" to all Primary pupils for the school year 2025/26. This grant is used to purchase Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks. We have ordered these and will have them for every pupil when they return to school in August. Please note that the current funds allocated to Kiltale NS by the Department of Education is the same as last year **€80 per child**. A reminder that the scheme does not cover **Photocopying, Arts & Crafts Fees and Pupils' Insurance**. You will receive a letter by email this week informing you of these fees and the Voluntary Contribution. Please pay as soon as you can or before Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 by the epayment link.

**We urgently request that all school text books and library books be returned to the school by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

**Parents' Association** - We would like to thank the Parents' Association for their work during the year. Their support is always very important to us here in the school. The Parents' Association (PA) have worked closely with the Board of Management on various fundraising initiatives and policy initiatives during the year. We are grateful to the PA and all of the community who contributed to these initiatives throughout the year. This collaborative approach ensured that every child had access to and benefitted from these wonderful events and resources throughout the year. The Board of Management will review and finalise the fundraising initiatives in consultation with the Parents' Association in term one for the 2025/26 academic year.

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**Family Fun Day-** Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising the Family Fun Day last Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025. Everyone had a great day and it was a great success. Thanks to all parents, staff and pupils - both past and present - who attended on the day. The total amount raised was **€1,860.25** which will be used to purchase a stage for all future performances for all pupils in Kiltale NS.

**School Activities-** This year was a very exciting year with a number of activities, tours and events that created a super atmosphere around the school. Well done to all the pupils who performed in our school Tin Whistle concert in June. It was a huge success. All our school teams made us proud this year. Congratulations to the girls who reached the semi-final of the camogie and rounders and the boys who reached the semi-final of the hurling. Their positive attitude and exemplary team spirit were evident in every match played. Well done! Congratulations to the boys' rounders team from 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class who won their final on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 in the Navan O'Mahony's GAA grounds on the Trim road against Skryne NS. The last time a team of boys from Kiltale NS won the Boys rounders was 2002. This is an amazing achievement, well done to everyone involved. I would like to thank Ms. Elaine Reilly, Ms. Sandra McGrath and Mr. Ivan Purcell for their input with the teams this year. Also thanks to all the parents who helped with carpooling by providing their cars and time. We look forward to building on their success next year.

**Kiltale Camogie Club -** Please see the flyer attached.

**School Website -** Please see our website for up to date information and photos of recent events in the school [www.kiltalens.ie](http://www.kiltalens.ie)

We depend on you, the parents as the primary educators and our partners, to keep up the good work keeping the focus on 'oral language as the key to reading' and supporting your child with shared reading and literacy support at home. Keep reading the stories; going to the library; playing outside; discussing and debating every opportunity you can find; listening to the reading; asking the questions; and enjoying this wonderful time of learning in your child's life. We would like to remind parents that our door is always open should you need to contact us at any stage during the school year.

Thank you for all the support and cooperation throughout the year. Best wishes to you all this summer.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Colin McElroy  
Principal

Orla Dunne  
Acting Deputy Principal

Maura Dineen  
Chairperson, Board of Management.

