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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

14th January 2026

Happy New Year to you and all your families. Wishing you all the very best for the year ahead.

During these cold months we cannot emphasise enough how important it is for every pupil to wear the correct **school uniform**. Children in Junior Infants to 2nd Class wear the School Tracksuit everyday. Children in 3rd to 6th Class will wear the School Uniform and their tracksuit on PE days ONLY unless otherwise told. Teachers will be carrying out regular checks to see who is wearing their correct uniform.

Yoga Started Tuesday 6th January for 4 weeks. Children should wear their PE uniform on this day.

Active Break Every Day Challenge from 19th January to 13th February 2026

The Department of Education and Youth is encouraging all schools to participate in this year's Active School Flag '**Active Break Every Day**' challenge which asks teachers and their classes to commit to a movement break, every day, across the four weeks of the challenge. We have signed up for this challenge as part of our Active School Flag renewal this year.

Catholic Schools' Week

Catholic Schools' Week 2026 will run from Sunday 19th January to Saturday 24th January, 2026. The theme for 2026 is '**Normal Lives, Called to Holiness**'.

NCSE Led SNA Review 28th January 2026. - Postponed until 2026/27

As outlined in Circular No. [0049/2024](#), the NCSE have committed to undertake a rolling programme of reviews of SNA mainstream allocations to ensure that SNAs are allocated to schools with students who have the greatest level of significant care needs.

Parents' Association Fundraiser on 6th February 2026

This term our Parents' Association (PA) are hosting a Table Quiz and Raffle in Kiltale GAA Clubhouse. Full details will be circulated closer to the day. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize, please contact the PA on kiltalepta@gmail.com

Virtual reality eye tests for 2nd to 6th Class on 9th February 2026

Trim Optical Centre is offering vision tests to the children in 2nd to 6th Class. Research has shown that undetected vision problems can significantly impact learning and sporting ability. An email will be sent this evening for you to give your child permission to participate in this initiative.

Grandparents' Day Wednesday 11st February 2026

Grandparents' Day will be celebrated on **Wednesday 11st February 2026** and Fr. Yohanna will celebrate **mass at 10am** in Kiltale church for all pupils. Parents and Grandparents are most welcome to attend. You are also very welcome to drop into the school after mass for

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refreshments and to see the work on display in the hall and in the classrooms around the school. Please contact the Parents' Association if you are free and willing to help out on the day.

Heritage Workshop 12th & 13th February

We have Aidan Dockery, a guest speaker from Heritage Ireland, visiting our school to share his knowledge of History, Geography, local studies and storytelling.

Please see a timetable attached of events that are scheduled for term 2.

Enrolment for 2026/27 School Year - We are currently enrolling pupils for the school year 2026/27. Please submit enrolment forms to the school by **Tuesday 24th February 2026**. Please find attached the Admissions Notice and our application form for Admission 2026/27. If you have no child enrolling please pass this on to any neighbours or friends that might have an interest in sending their children to our school. If you need additional copies of the admission form please contact us by email at office@kiltalens.ie or you can download it from our website, [Admission Form 2026/27](#). You can check out our website, www.kiltalens.ie, "Starting School" for more information.

We want the children to be outside as much as possible everyday during their breaks. As a result, we would encourage all students to wear a warm coat, a hat, a scarf and gloves, etc., during break times. Pull ups and outdoor shoes can be worn on the grass (waterproof trousers or an old pair of tracksuit bottoms to pull on over their clothes), by all pupils. Please provide a waterproof bag for these to be stored in when not in use.



Thank you for your continued support and cooperation and best wishes to you all for the year ahead.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Colin McElroy
Principal

Orla Dunne
Acting Deputy Principal