



14/01/2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you are keeping well.

### **School Lunches**

The school lunch service is now up and running. Please ensure that lunches for the week ahead (e.g. Monday) are ordered by **the previous Friday at the latest**, as orders placed after this time will not be processed in time.

### **Credit Union Savings Scheme**

The **Credit Union Savings Scheme** returned today and will take place **every Wednesday for the remainder of the term.**

### **FAI 5-a-Side Soccer Blitzes**

The boys and girls in **Mr Gibbons' Room** are invited to take part in the FAI 5-a-side soccer blitzes. Dates are outlined below.

We would appreciate parental assistance with lifts on these days where possible. Participation is **optional**, and there is no obligation for pupils to take part. The blitzes usually begin at 10am and conclude by 12:30pm.

Kiltullagh Pioneers Pitch – Girls Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Kiltullagh Pioneers Pitch – Boys Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

### **St Brigid's Crosses & Catholic Schools Week**

We will be making **St Brigid's Crosses** towards the end of the month. To support this, we would appreciate if children could bring in **rushes**.

As part of **Catholic Schools Week**, the children will attend Mass in Kilrickle Church on **Friday morning, January 30th**, where the crosses will be blessed.

Parents are very welcome to attend.

## **Grandparents' Day**

We will be celebrating **Grandparents' Day** on **Friday, 13th March**. This is always a lovely occasion, with music, songs, poems and light refreshments.

- **Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Grandparents and parents are warmly invited. Further details will follow.

## **Gymnastics, Swimming, Tin Whistle & Rugby**

The children in the different classes will be partaking in a number of activities this term and this is all linked on the Google Calendar: <https://www.kilricklens.org/calendarandbooks>

### **Rugby (No Cost, all classes and in School)**

- **Thursday 22nd January:** 1:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. (*1<sup>st</sup> Class Upwards*)
- **Thursday 5th February:** 1:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. (*1<sup>st</sup> Class Upwards*)

### **Swimming (Cost TBC) All Classes**

All sessions take place from **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

- **Week 1:** Friday 17th April
- **Week 2:** Friday 24th April
- **Week 3:** Friday 1st May
- **Week 4:** Friday 8th May
- **Week 5:** Friday 15th May
- **Week 6:** Friday 22nd May
- **Week 7:** Friday 5th June
- **Week 8:** Friday 12th June

## **Gymnastics**

**Cost:** €20 per child (*ePayment*) *All Classes*

- **Tuesday 17th February:** 1:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
- **Tuesday 24th February:** 1:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
- **Tuesday 3rd March:** 1:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
- **Tuesday 10th March:** 1:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
- **Tuesday 24th March:** 1:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

- **Friday 27th March:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **Tin Whistle – 1<sup>st</sup> Class – 6<sup>th</sup> Class**

- **Commencing:** Tuesday 13th January
- **Runs for the full term**

#### **Cost:**

- 1 child: €30
- 2 children: €55
- 3 children: €75

Money to be given in cash to Yvonne directly.

### **School Closures**

- **Thursday 29th January:** School closed for teacher training on the new Primary Curriculum Framework
- **February Midterm:**
  - Thursday 19th February 2026
  - Friday 20th February 2026


### **Loughrea Jerseys**

We will be presenting a **Best of Luck** card to **Shane O'Brien**, Dessie's son, on Friday in Dessie's pub, to wish him well as **Loughrea compete in the Senior Club All-Ireland**.

Pupils who support Loughrea are invited to come along wearing their colours to present the card.

Kind Regards,

Colm Gibbons



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Principal

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