



12/02/2026

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We would appreciate you taking note of the information below, as much of it contains important updates regarding the upcoming weeks and months in our school.

Hurling Dates

Thank you to Cappataggle GAA Club and Connacht Development GAA who will be facilitating hurling sessions for all the boys and girls in our school. These sessions will begin on **Thursday, February 26th** and take place on the school grounds. Hurls and helmets are available at school for those children who do not have them.

The first six sessions are for **Mr. Gibbons' and Mr. Kelly's classes**, while **Ms. Gallagher's class** will have sessions in the future. All dates are outlined in the **Google Calendar** for each class, and we ask parents to keep an eye on this over the coming weeks as hurling sessions will continue **from February through to June**. For convenience, the dates are also briefly outlined below:

- 26/02 - Mr. Gibbons / Mr. Kelly's Class
- 05/03 - Mr. Gibbons / Mr. Kelly's Class
- 12/03 - Mr. Gibbons / Mr. Kelly's Class
- 19/03 - Mr. Gibbons / Mr. Kelly's Class
- 26/03 - Mr. Gibbons / Mr. Kelly's Class

- 16/04 - Mr. Gibbons / Ms. Gallagher's Class
- 23/04 - Mr. Gibbons / Ms. Gallagher's Class
- 07/05 - Mr. Gibbons / Ms. Gallagher's Class
- 15/05 - Mr. Gibbons / Ms. Gallagher's Class
- 21/05 - Mr. Gibbons / Ms. Gallagher's Class

- 28/05 - Mr. Kelly / Ms. Gallagher's Class
- 04/06 - Mr. Kelly / Ms. Gallagher's Class
- 11/06 - Mr. Kelly / Ms. Gallagher's Class
- 18/06 - Mr. Kelly / Ms. Gallagher's Class

Gymnastics

Gymnastics commence for all children on **Tuesday 17th February** and will run for 6 weeks. The cost is €20 / child - an epayment has already been sent to you.

Swimming Fees

The cost of swimming lessons is **€75** in total. There will be **6 sessions**, and the session dates are outlined below.

- Friday 17th April - 11 - 12 noon
- Friday 24th April - 11 - 12 noon
- Friday 1st May - 11 - 12 noon
- Friday 8th May - 11 - 12 noon
- Friday 15th May - 11 - 12 noon
- Friday 5th June - 11 - 12 noon.

School Tour Dates

School tour dates are outlined below:

- **5th and 6th Class:** Trip to **Delphi** (two-night trip) from **Tuesday, June 2nd to Thursday, June 4th**
- **2nd to 4th Class:** **Thursday 4th June** to Westport Adventure Centre*
- **Junior Infants to 1st Class:** **Thursday 4th June** Loughwell Farm Park, Moycullen.

*we are waiting for final confirmation on this.

Details and prices for tours will be communicated to each family individually, depending on which tours their children will attend.

Ash Wednesday Mass

We will be attending Ash Wednesday Mass in **Kilrickle Church at 10am on Wednesday 18th February** where children can receive the blessing of the ash as we begin the Season of Lent. All are welcome to attend.

Junior Infant Enrolment

We ask families who are aware of children due to enrol in **Junior Infants this September**, and who have not yet completed enrolment, to please do so as soon as possible. The closing date is approaching, and there is a considerable number of new infants enrolling this year.

Rosary

The boys and girls in **Mr. Gibbons' room** have been invited to say the Rosary with members of the community on **Friday mornings in Kilrickle Church**. Attendance is optional and usually lasts no longer than **15 minutes**. Children who do not wish to attend will remain at school during this time.

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day will take place in the school on **Friday, 13th March**. This is a lovely morning of **music, songs, poems, and light refreshments**, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** and concluding at **12:30 p.m.** Grandparents and parents are warmly invited, and further details will be shared by class teachers.

School Lunches Feedback

We appreciate all feedback received regarding the school lunches. If you have any questions, queries, or compliments, please email:

mrgibbons@kilricklens@gmail.com

Soccer Blitz

As outlined in the last newsletter, the boys and girls in **Mr. Gibbons' room** are invited to take part in the **FAI Five-a-Side Soccer Blitz**.

- **Girls' event:** Wednesday, 4th March
- **Boys' event:** Friday, 6th March
- **Venue:** Kiltullagh Pioneers Pitch

Both blitzes usually begin at **10:00 a.m.** and conclude by **12:30 p.m.** Participation is optional, and there is no obligation for pupils to take part. We would appreciate **parental assistance with transport** on these days where possible.

School Book Fair

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place from **Friday, 13th March to Friday, 20th March**. This is always a very enjoyable and well-supported event within the school, and children will have the opportunity to purchase books during these school days.

Parents will also have an opportunity to purchase books from **2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** on the days of the book fair.. The Book Fair will take place in the **kitchen area of the community hall**.

School Bus Application

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping our school secure a **school bus for next September**. We have more than enough pupils to qualify and therefore ask **families to** apply for a bus place when applications open in **April**.

The **maximum annual cost** is **€50 per child**. If a place is not secured, this payment is **fully refunded**. Further information will be shared closer to the time when the application portal opens. If you have any questions, please contact the school via email.

Bottle Return Scheme

Our **school bottle return scheme** is still running. If you have any bottles you wish to donate, please send them to the school and we will recycle them as part of this initiative.

Confirmation and Communion Dates

Please note that in May we will be celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in Kilrickle Church.

Confirmation will take place on **Friday, May 22nd at 11:00 a.m.**

First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday, May 23rd at 11:00 a.m.**

Pupils who are not directly involved with the ceremonies will form the school choir for both ceremonies. **We would greatly appreciate your child's availability to participate in the choir on both of these important occasions.**

If your child is unable to attend either date, please inform your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

School Closures

Please note the following upcoming school closures:

- **Midterm Break:**
School will be closed on **Thursday, 19th February** and **Friday, 20th February**.
School will reopen as normal on **Monday, 23rd February**.
- **Monday and Tuesday 16th and 17th March** - St. Patrick's Weekend.
- **Easter Holidays:**
School will close on **Friday, 27th March at 12:00 p.m.**
School will reopen on **Monday, 13th April**.
- **Curriculum In-Service Day:**
The school will be closed on **30th April** to facilitate a **Primary Curriculum in-service day** for teachers, supporting the rollout of the new Primary Curriculum Framework.

Google Calendar

As there are many events taking place over the coming weeks and months, we encourage families to keep a close eye on the **school Google Calendar** to stay informed.

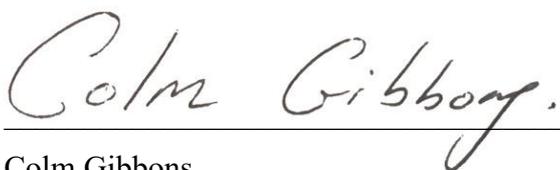
<https://www.kilricklens.org/calendarandbooks>

School Website

Our **school website** showcases a wide range of the wonderful work taking place throughout the school. It is a great place to visit the blog and keep up to date with school activities. The website link is provided here: <https://www.kilricklens.org/blog>

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school: kilricklens@gmail.com

Kind regards,



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