



05/12/25

Dear Parents,

I hope you are keeping well as we prepare for Christmas. Please take note of the important information below.

Hot Meals Programme

As mentioned previously, the Hot Meals Programme will begin in January, commencing on **Thursday, January 8th**. Further information will be provided in early January, including login details explaining how to select your child's lunch, view meal options, and access other relevant details.

Please note that there is **no obligation** for parents to avail of this programme.

Cinema Trip

The boys and girls will attend the cinema on **Wednesday, December 17th** during school time. We will return before 2:00 p.m. so that infants are available for collection as normal.

The list of available films has not yet been released, but we will inform the children once it becomes available.

The Parents' Association has kindly offered to provide goodie bags for the children.

The cost of the trip is **€10 per child**, and both the Board of Management and the Parents' Association have contributed **€150 each** to help reduce the cost. A payment request for this will be sent to you in the coming days.

Community Car Park Use

The children in Mr. Gibbons' class will be completing Cycle Right training in the community car park on **Monday, December 15th** and **Tuesday, December 16th**.

Please be advised that a section of the car park will be cordoned off for this programme on those dates. An additional email will be sent to parents this week in Mr. Gibbons' class outlining what is needed for the days.

Raffle

If there are any remaining raffle tickets to be returned, please do so **early next week**. The raffle will take place during the interval at the Christmas play, and additional raffle tickets can be purchased on the night

Christmas Play

The school's Christmas play will take place on **Thursday, December 11th** in the Community Hall. There will be **two performances** on the night.

We currently have less than **10 tickets** remaining. If you require one, please contact **Mr. Gibbons** directly. Unfortunately, this will be a **ticket-only event**.

There will be a **tuck shop**, and teas and coffees will also be available.

The **first performance** will begin at **6:15p.m.** and **doors open at 5:45pm.**

Children in the **Junior Play** should arrive to **Ms. Gallagher's classroom at 5:30 p.m.**

Children in the **Senior Play** should arrive at the school **no later than 6:00 p.m.**

Ms. Gallagher has issued a separate email to Junior Play parents with other important information.

There will be **dress rehearsals** for the Senior Play during school time on both **Monday and Wednesday**.

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m., and we kindly ask all families to arrive on time to avoid disruption for performers on stage.

Santa's Visit

Santa Claus will visit the school on **Thursday, December 18th at approximately 10:00 a.m.**

A big thank you to the Parents' Association for sponsoring Santa's gifts and the Board of Management for facilitating his visit!

Mass – December 8th & January 6th

Children will attend Mass in Kilrickle Church on:

- **Monday, December 8th at 10am** – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- **Tuesday, January 6th at 10am** – Feast of the Epiphany

School Ethos Survey

We are asking all families to take part in this important government survey, which will help shape our school's ethos—and that of primary schools nationwide—in the coming years.

Please take a minute to complete it here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Your participation is greatly appreciated.
The survey closes on 16 December 2025.

If you want an alternative version (shorter, more formal, or for a poster), just let me know!

Gymnastics Classes

Gymnastics sessions will begin on **Tuesday, February 17th** and will run for **six weeks**.
A payment request will be issued in the new year once the final cost is confirmed.

School Closure Dates

The school will be closed on the following dates to facilitate planning days for the New Primary Curriculum Framework:


- **January 29th 2026**
- **April 30th 2026**

A reminder that school will finish at **12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19th** and will **re-open on Monday, January 5th**.

It has been another incredibly busy and successful year in Kilrickle National School. I would like to sincerely thank the whole school staff, children, parents, Parents' Association, Board of Management and our wider community for your dedication and support — it is what makes our school such a wonderful place.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colm Gibbons". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons

Principal

Kilrickle N.S.