

18th September 2025

Board of Management News

The Board had its first meeting of the year this week.

A vacancy has occurred among the Parent Nominees on the Board of Management. The Executive will now decide how to proceed with the election of a parent nominee in accordance with the Governance Manual for Primary Schools and will be in touch shortly.

Currently the board have an e-tender up to transform a storage space into a wheelchair accessible toilet and to provide universal access to the main entrances and the hall. This is a long process but we hope it will be completed this term.

The new energy efficient boiler is now set up. The Building Management System installed alongside the boiler is now fully operational. We look forward to a cosy winter!

New roller blinds were installed during the summer in all classrooms. This makes for a brighter environment while providing necessary shade on the sunnier days.

The Board thanked Ruth Crowley who designed the new sign, with Modern Printers, installed on the J1 gable. The funding came from a REACH grant organised with Ruth, Paula and the PTA.

Your ongoing support for all school events and initiatives in 2025/26 is appreciated.

Executive Committee Updates

- **KSP Fun Run:** Sunday, October 6th at 12 pm in Castle Park. Online registration will open soon, with an option to register on the day. More details next week.
- **Voluntary Family Contribution:** Voluntary and can be paid in instalments. Thank you for your ongoing support.

GAA News

The Gaelic Football season has kicked off at Kilkenny School Project! Over 40 pupils from 4th, 5th, and 6th classes make up our two teams, who have been training hard over the past two weeks. Our mixed team celebrated a great win yesterday against Carrickshock, while the girls' team put in a strong second-half performance today against St John of Gods in tough conditions. We're delighted to welcome Michelle Kavanagh, who joins David Weadick on the KSP management team. Best of luck to the teams!

IT

An extra class set of Chrome books was purchased and are ready for use in classrooms. This will add greatly to our IT provision. We have an up-to-date Digital Panel in all classrooms, a set of tablets, two sets of Chromebooks and some iPad for the pupils to use.

The REACH grant, organised by the PTA helped fund a Digital Camera and a green screen so it will be all systems go this year.

Environment News

KSP is taking part in Kilkenny County Council's "**Team Up to Clean Up**" initiative. All equipment has arrived, and pupils will be helping keep our community clean in the coming weeks.

Curriculum News

Teachers will be sending out their Curriculum Notes and classroom procedures over the coming week.

It is now possible to contact teachers directly through the Aladdin App. Teachers use this daily to call the roll and they will check their Noticeboards daily. Please allow time for the teacher to get back to you. You can always contact via the office.

This year our focus will be on Bí Cineálta (Anti Bullying), Wellbeing, Inclusion and the New Mathematics Curriculum. We will keep you informed and involved throughout the year.

Co-Curricular Activities

This half term:

- **Monday:** Creative Movement with Ciara (3rd–6th)
- **Tuesday:** GAA Skills with Liam. Liam will be with us all year and will get around to all classes
- **Wednesday:** Music Makers with Lilian (Junior Infants–2nd), String Programme with Andrea (3rd–6th)
- **Thursday:** Junior Gymnastics with Lisa (Junior Infants–2nd),
- **Spanish with** Christine (5th–6th)
- **Friday:** Swimming with Daphne & John (Senior Infants–5th, 6 sessions)

Please check Aladdin for payments—these contributions keep activities running. Payments can be spread out as suits your family.

Drop Off Reminder

- **Bus children only:** Drop-off from 8:45 am
- **All other pupils:** From 8:50 am onwards
- **9:05 am** school opens

This arrangement ensures buses can access the turning circle safely, keeping our children safe. Pupils dropped at the front gate before 8:50 am are unsupervised until the side gates open. Please continue to drive carefully through the Turning Circle.

Mobile Phone Policy

The revised KSP Mobile phone policy is in a draft format. Please contact the office if you would like to be involved in working on the draft. The group of interested parents from last year will be contacted over the next few weeks.

Food

Allergies & Healthy Eating

KSP is a **nut-free school** (including outdoor nuts such as conkers and hazelnuts). Pupils do not share lunches or treats. Our Healthy Eating Policy encourages nutritious snacks and drinks for Little Lunch. Children eat their small snack or little lunch at 10:45 and the Hot Lunches are served from 12:20.

School Lunches – Hot Meals

Thanks to Nataliia for ensuring lunches are delivered on time and at the correct temperature.

Glanmore Foods' menu has been updated to meet Department of Social Protection guidelines. Meals are healthier and regularly checked. Parents can opt in or out at any time; meals are paid for only when delivered. The App has changed and Glanmore hope it will be more informative and will keep you updated on menu changes as they occur.

Insurance

- **Pupil Personal Accident Insurance:** Thank you to all who returned forms. Payment is via Aladdin; forms must be completed and signed. Insurance is optional.

Lost Property

With the changeable weather, coats, hoodies and jackets get taken off and left behind, such is the life of a busy school child. While every effort is made to locate the owner, the Lost Property has begun to grow again. We will hold on to lost property this year until the mid term breaks and holidays. We dropped two large bags of jacket to St Vincent de Paul during the summer. If any parent would like to volunteer to do this please let us know at the office.

