



Thursday 11th of September 2025

Number: 2

Dear Families of Powerscourt,

Homework Meetings

Each room will hold a homework meeting during the week of the 22nd of September. The teachers would request that a representative from each pupil, attend. The meetings will be held at 08.30 a.m. in your child's classroom and dates are as follows:

- Monday 22.09.25 – Room 2, 1st and 2nd Class
- Tuesday 23.09.25 – Room 4, 5th and 6th Class
- Wednesday 24.09.25 – Room 3, 3rd and 4th Class

School Secretary

I will be out of the office from Tuesday the 16th of September for a couple of weeks. Ms. Caroline McGarry, mum of past pupil Anna will be covering my leave. Caroline will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday 08.15 – 1.15 pm.

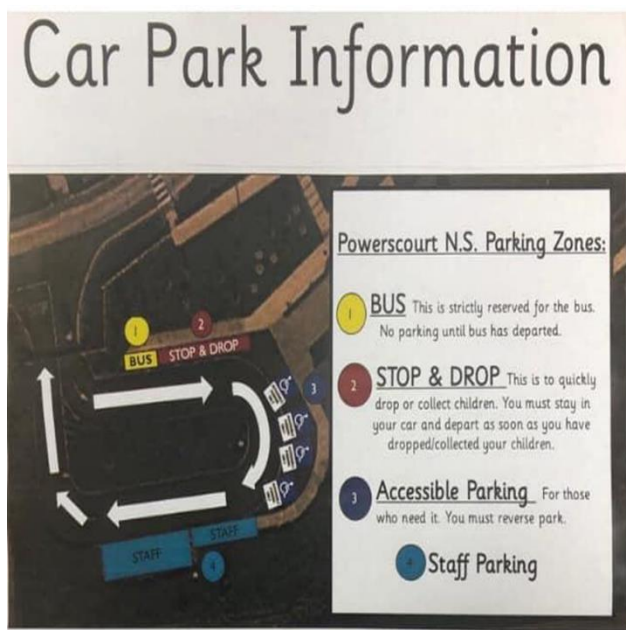
Stationary fee 2025/2026

Many thanks to all that have sent in their stationary fee for this school year. The collection will remain open until the end of this month.

Lollipop Volunteers

We are looking for more volunteers to help with the school lollipop crossing, especially for a Tuesday but all volunteers are welcome. Let the office know if you are able to help out.

Parking in the School



The parking circle at the school is for stop and drop only. Parents who wish to park and come into the school should park in the church grounds and come across via the pedestrian crossing. We request for children's safety that you reverse park into spaces.

The parking spots in the school are reserved for staff and visitors. Please be patient and vigilant in the car park.

All parents must park in the Church car park at morning drop-off time unless you can stop and drop off.

Infant parents who are collecting children at 1.10 pm may park at the school grounds.

If you are collecting a child at 2.10 pm you must park in the church carpark.

Swimming – Term 1

The Aladdin collection is now open. We would be grateful if payments for each term can be made before the end of the term. Many thanks.

Permissions and Consent forms

I have extended the permissions date on Aladdin. Please access your Aladdin to give or refuse consent as soon as possible.

After School Activities for Term 1: We have been busy finalising the below list with agencies and below is the timetable that we have confirmed. All activities will be available at 1.10 and 2.10 unless stated.

For Hockey, Playball and Basketball children are welcome to come along for a free trial lesson but they must register online before. No payment is needed at that stage.

Commencement dates for all afterschool activities are marked in Red.

Monday	Hockey - Registration https://www.playballkids.com/franchise/55 €90 per term, term will commence on Monday 15th of September
Monday	Let's Learn French with Greystones Language School Junior and Senior Infants 1.10-2.00 and 1 st -3 rd Class 2.10-3.00. €120 per 10 week term + €25 for book Children having fun, learning French through songs, games, and role play. Learning French in primary school prepares children for secondary school. Children develop their accent and learn lots of basic vocabulary. We use the structured La Jolie Ronde methodology For more info: contact Glenda at info@greystoneslangusges.com
Tuesday	Playball – Registration will be on https://www.playballkids.com/franchise/55 €90 per term, term will commence On Tuesday 16th of September
Tuesday	Speech and Drama with Oorla (Oorla has taken over from Francis Radic as she has retired)- Please contact Oorla directly on oorla.rafter@gmail.com or on 087 6503422 Term will commence on Tuesday the 9th of September
Wednesday	White Doodle Art (1st – 6th Class) - Book directly with Susie Wed Art Link https://www.whitedoodleart.com/service-page/doodlers-term-1-powerscourt-ns-wed Term will commence on Wednesday the 10th of September
	Basketball - Registration will be on https://www.playballkids.com/franchise/551 , €90 per term, term will commence on Wednesday the 17th of September
Thursday	Self Defence Heart and Soul with Sifu – Register directly with Sifu Felicity on 0857331022. Classes will Commence on Thursday the 11th of September for 14 weeks until Thursday the 18 th of December. €185 for 14 weeks of term to be paid in Cash directly to Felicity on the first day of term.

	https://www.facebook.com/p/Heart-Soul-Self-Defence-Academy-100068984598702/
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Friday	White doodle Art for Juniors and Seniors infants only at 1.10 p.m. Link https://www.whitedoodlear.com/service-page/mini-doodler-term-1-powerscourt-ns-fri Term will commence on Friday the 12th of September

PTT News:

Powerscourt NS Welcome Walk and Jigsaw fundraiser Sunday 21st September

Powerscourt NS will hold our annual Welcome Walk, where our community welcomes new families into the school, on **Sunday 21st September at 3pm**. This event will also align to our Pieta House Amber Flag initiative, creating healthy, inclusive environments that support the mental well-being of children in our school. This year we will support Jigsaw Wicklow on this walk.

Jigsaw Wicklow is a mental health charity for young people living in Wicklow city and county. They offer a free, non-judgemental and confidential service to young people between the age of 12 and 25. Part of their offering is community based mental health workshops. Powerscourt NS, as part of our Pieta House Amber House campaign, availed of these free workshops last year. A member of Jigsaw's team talked to Room 4 students about leaving primary school, navigating friendships and how they can access help if they feel they need it.

We will meet at 3pm under the POWERSCOURT DISTILLERY sign on the Powerscourt Estate (parking at the back of the main carpark opposite the garden centre). The gate down to the River Walk will be opened for us. We will walk down to the river and turn left, walking to the Golden Gate at the far end and back again to the forested area by the river where we will all congregate for refreshments. We ask families to donate €2 or whatever you can to Jigsaw at this point, so bring some change. This walk will be buggy friendly. Baked goods all welcome!

This week all the children will be assigned buddies in school.

What a great opportunity for families to meet their child's buddy and their families also?

Really looking forward to seeing you all there!

THE AMBER FLAG

PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

We are now busy pulling together our ideas and plans for this term and will share those soon but in the meantime and we are also looking for new members to join the Amber Flag Committee. If you are a parent who is passionate about supporting positive mental health, inclusion and neurodiversity we would be delighted to hear from you! We are excited to build on last year's success!

If you would like to learn more and get involved, please email amberflagpns@gmail.com or catch Kate McMullan (Mum of Rex, 1st class and Skye, senior infants), Zara Quinn (Mum of Blayre, 4th class and Ólan, 1st class -) or Aoife Clancy (Mum of Zeby, 2nd class) if you see us.

This is not just about recruiting more committee members - there may be a project in specific you would like to get involved in or if you have any suggestions or ideas, we would love to hear them.

There is no obligation when getting in touch with the Amber Flag Team. We want to facilitate a line of communication so that all parents / guardians have the freedom to suggest ideas and/or get involved in any way they wish.

Powerscourt National School:

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 21 st September	PTT Welcome Walk Powerscourt Distillery 3pm
Mon – Wed 22 – 24 th September	Homework meetings Room 2, 4 and 3 at 8.30 a.m.
Thursday 25 th of September	Junior Infant Vaccination Clinic
Friday 17 th October	Youth Club, Powerscourt NS Hall, 4 th – 6 th Class and 1 st Year 7-9 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church, Powerscourt:

Date	Powerscourt Church (All services at 11:30)
Sunday 5 th of October	Sunday Club for Harvest Festival

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Catherine Creed

Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) – Lynne Cashel

1. If you have any Child protection concerns, please contact DLP
2. If the DLP is unavailable, please contact DDL
3. If your concern is relating to the DLP, please contact the chairperson of the BOM, Rev. Catherine Hallissey.