



What an amazing start to the new year—Over 80 choir members and staff performed with the amazing Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland in the very first concert of the Peace Proms series on Saturday January 27th. It was an amazing experience for all involved and the culmination of lots of hard work and dedication from all the children, who were the most wonderful ambassadors for themselves and the school. Each and every child proudly sang and danced alongside over 1,000 other children, performing a varied repertoire from a range of musical genres. It was, without doubt, an experience we will all treasure as one of our highlights this year.



Holy Family School Uniform Review:

Pupil, Parent, Staff and Board of Management votes in our most recent uniform survey specifically about the pupils’ sweatshirt are as follows:

- Current Sweatshirt: 264 votes
- New Sweatshirt – 413 votes
- Neither – 5 votes

As a result of this poll, the new sweatshirt will be available to purchase from Mc Cannon’s Clothes Shop, The Market, Ennis, after Easter. Both our current sweatshirt and the new sweatshirt are and will be equally recognised uniform items in Holy Family Schools.

Please continue to wear the correct uniform to school every day — white polo shirt and navy track suit bottoms.

Black or Navy leggings are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn.

Valentine's Day
Cake Sale
Holy Family Junior & Senior School

How it works

- We invite parents, students, teachers and friends to make, bake or buy treats for our cake sale.
- Please drop the cakes & buns to the Café Wednesday morning before school.
- Each class will visit the cake sale during the school day
- Every student will get 3 treats for €2

Wednesday
Feb 14th
€2

Supporting the Parent's Association

W.O.W.
Walk on Wednesday

After the midterm break, we will recommence our WALK on WEDNESDAY initiative. On Wednesdays we will be encouraging the children to walk some or all the way to school. A Golden Boot will be awarded to the class who makes the most effort each week.

Homework Policy Review.

We are currently updating our Homework Policy and would greatly benefit from the opinions of our parents and guardians.

There will be a survey sent home with your child shortly asking a series of questions to help shape and influence the policy review. We aim to support each child’s ability to access and complete homework in an effort to support study skills required for secondary school. Your opinion is important and valued so please take the time to complete and return the survey to the class teacher.



Parking outside the School.

When dropping and collecting children from school, please adhere to parking regulations. **Dunnes Lane is strictly not allowed.** Parking in yellow boxes outside of school is also not allowed. We appeal for your cooperation on this to ensure the safety and welfare of all our school community and, in particular, pedestrians.

Sacraments 2024



6th class students:

- Ceremony of Light Tuesday 9th April @ 8pm in the Cathedral
- Confirmation Saturday 13th April @ 11am in the Cathedral

2nd class students:

- First Holy Communion Saturday 18th May, 2024.



After School Activities

2:45-3:30 pm.

Monday: Indoor Hurling and Quiz

Wednesday: Sportshall Athletics

Thursday: Basketball and Chess

New members welcome

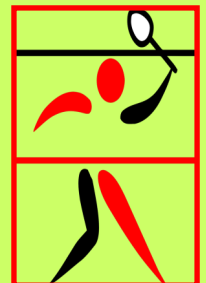
School Calendar Term 2 & 3 2024.

Mid-Term Break:	Thursday 15 th February and Friday 16 th February
Half Day Staff Meeting:	Tuesday 27 th February 2024 @ 12:30 pm
Referendum day - school used as polling station:	School closed on Friday 8 th March
St Patrick's Weekend:	Friday 15 th March to Monday 18 th March inclusive
Easter Holidays:	School will closes at 12 noon on Friday March 22nd. Monday 25 th March to Friday 5 th April inclusive
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 6 th May to Tuesday 7 th May inclusive
June Bank Holiday:	Monday 3 rd June to Tuesday 4 th June inclusive
School closing for Summer:	Wednesday 26 th June @ 12pm

Sports: We are having an extremely busy term of sport already with school teams involved in competitions in Badminton, Chess, Hurling, Camogie, Basketball and Gaelic Football. We are so proud of all our student athletes and love giving them the chance to express their talents representing the school! We are always looking for more children to get involved and would encourage all children to try out some different sports on offer! Below is a list of current afterschool activities – if your child wishes to attend on a given day, they are free to join – no registration needed.

All activities run from 2.45-3.30 pm.

Badminton News: Congratulations to Holy Family girls and boys teams who both qualified to play in the All Ireland Finals on February 28th in the National Badminton Arena, in Ballydoyle, Dublin. We are hugely proud of our badminton players. They are wonderful ambassadors for our school and we wish them well in this tournament.



Ireland Reads Day is Saturday the 24th of February 2024.

Throughout February and especially on Ireland Reads Day, **February 24th**, we're calling on people across Ireland to get lost in a good book. It doesn't matter what you read, where you read or how well you read, as long as you read. Because taking time to relax and do things you enjoy is important and reading is good for you. It relaxes your body by lowering your heart rate and easing the tension in your muscles. Studies have even shown that reading boosts your mental health by reducing stress by up to 68%. Ireland Reads is an initiative of the Government of Ireland to celebrate the joy of reading. It is funded by Healthy Ireland and supported by public libraries and many organisations that promote reading, literacy and the arts. All you have do is sit down for a read, for as long or as short a time as you can, and lose yourself in an adventure, a thriller, a romance, a comedy or all of the above.

<https://www.irelandreads.ie/>