



Principal's Message

Wishing all our families a happy, healthy and peaceful new year. We look forward to a new and exciting term at school and continuing to work in partnership with you and with your child/children in 2025. Attendance really matters so continue to make sure your child is in school every day so they don't miss out on all the new learning experiences that happen on a daily basis. As always if you have any worries or concerns be sure to make an appointment to speak with their class teacher.

Holy Family Senior School are now enrolling for the 2025/2026 school year. Application forms can be got from the school office or from our website www.holyfamilyseniorschool.com The closing date for applications is Thursday 30th January.

NOW ENROLLING

HFSS AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	Indoor Hurling/Camogie (2nd/3rd/4th)
WEDNESDAY	Sportshall Athletics (3rd/4th)
THURSDAY	Basketball (5th/6th) Chess (3rd/4th/5th/6th) 2.45-3.30



Mindfulness during February

We are delighted that every class will enjoy a creative mindfulness session during the month of February. Children will be supported in developing and using mindfulness and self-kindness practices which will help support their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Catholic Schools Week 2025

This week is Catholic Schools Week with the theme of 'Alive in Christ', focusing on hope and what it means to be fully alive as a human being.

Grandparents & Elderly Friends Day will be celebrated in our school on Wednesday, January 22nd.

We look forward to welcoming all our family members and friends to visit us on this day!

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22ND
CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL
10.00-11.00 - VISIT THE CLASSROOM
LITTLE CHAT ABOUT LIFE/SCHOOL IN THE PAST
11.00-11.30 - TEA & COFFEE IN THE CANTEEN

JUNIOR SCHOOL
10.00-10.30 -VISIT THE CLASSROOM
10.30-11.00 -TEA & COFFEE IN THE CANTEEN

SCHOOL TRAD BAND
WILL PROVIDE THE ENTERTAINMENT.

Grandparents or Elderly Friends
welcome



Attendance

Strive for Five will be introduced school wide for a period of three weeks in February. **Students must be present all day, every day and be on time.** At the end of every week, students achieving all 5 days, present all day, and on time, will be entered into a draw. Two students will win a voucher each week. This will occur every week for the three weeks.



Medical/Care Needs

At Holy Family School, we prioritize the well-being and success of every student. If your child has any **medical or care needs** that may require an individual plan or extra support, we encourage you to get in touch with us. By working together, we can ensure that your child receives the necessary care and support to thrive academically and personally. Please contact Antoinette Loftus at antoinette.loftus@hfss.ie or on (065)6828893 to discuss how we can best support your child.

Our fun English Classes for parents take place every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 am in The Parents' Room.

New parents are always welcome. Contact Darryl for more details.



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 Friday morning before school.
- Each class will visit the cake sale during the school day
- Every student will get 3 treats for €2

Friday
Feb 14th
€2

Supporting the Parent's Association

A collage of various cakes and pastries including donuts, cupcakes, and a slice of cake. There are also two red hearts at the top corners.

Our choir are so excited as we prepare for our Peace Proms 2025 concert on **March 1st at 8pm in UL Sports Arena**. As we have a lot of songs to learn all choir members are encouraged to practice at home, using the YouTube link to songs which has been shared over the past few months by Mrs. Hickey on Aladdin. This link will be shared again this week. When students thoroughly know the words and choreography they enjoy the concert to the fullest!!! So please encourage them to keep practicing at home! More details to follow via Aladdin closer to the concert.

All choir members will wear

- * a plain white top (t-shirt, blouse, shirt)
- * dark bottoms (uniform trousers are fine/skirt and tights)
- * dark soft shoes (runners/pumps).
- * **NO LOGOS, COLOUR OR DESIGNS ON TOPS OR TROUSERS.**



Sacraments - 2025 - 2nd class.

27/02/25 - Sacrament of Reconciliation
Cathedral @ 6pm.

10/05/25 - First Holy Communion
Cathedral @ 11am.



Sacraments - 2025 - 6th class.

11/03/25 - Ceremony of Light
Cathedral @ 8pm.

14/03/25 - Confirmation
Cathedral @ 11am.



Public Realm Construction Works on Station Road

Local access only outside HFJS on Station Road will continue for 3-6 months due to Public Realm Construction Works. Currently there is pedestrian access through the church grounds. As school receives updates or any changes to the current guidance you will be updated via Aladdin.

Importance of being on Aladdin

Aladdin Connect is our main form of communication with parents and it is vitally important that you have it installed on your phone and check it regularly. Important information, cancellation of after-school classes, school closures, etc. are all communicated through Aladdin. Lucy in the office or HSCL Darryl are more than happy to help any parent/guardian to get up and running on Aladdin or to help resolve any issues you may have. Please don't hesitate to call to either of them for help.



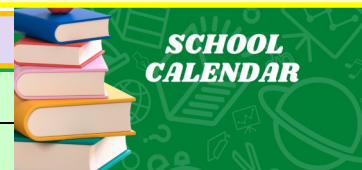
The Stay Safe Programme



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Now is the time of year when we teach the Stay Safe Programme in school to all classes. The Stay Safe programme is a personal safety programme which aims to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous. It also deals with common situations which most children will experience at some stage or other e.g. getting lost or being bullied. If you would like to get more familiar with the programme please visit www.staysafe.ie

Calendar 2025



St. Brigid's Day Weekend:	Mon 3rd Feb 2025 - school closed
Staff meeting:	Tuesday 11th Feb 2025 - half day closure at 12:30pm
Mid-term break:	Thurs 20th Feb to Fri 21st Feb inclusive - school closed
St. Patrick's Day Weekend:	Mon 17th Mar to Tues 18th March 2025 inclusive - school closed
Easter Holidays:	Mon 14th Apr to Fri 25th Apr 2025 inclusive. School reopens on Mon 28th Apr 2025 @ 9am
Primary Maths Curriculum Closure:	Mon 28th Apr 2025 - school closed
May Bank Holiday:	Mon 5th May to Tues 6th May 2025 inclusive - school closed
June Bank Holiday:	Mon 2nd June to Tues 3rd June 2025 inclusive - school closed
Summer Holidays:	School closes at 12pm on Wed 25th June 2025

After School Music Lessons

Our music students have returned to after school lessons. A reminder to all parents that each lesson is €8 or €80 for the full term of 10 lessons and can be paid in full or on a weekly basis. A small number of spaces have become available in our beginners ukulele and guitar classes with Shane on a Monday. Please email Mrs. Hickey directly fiona.hickey@hfss.ie if you are interested in your child taking up any of these instruments. Presently there are no other spaces available in other instrumental classes.

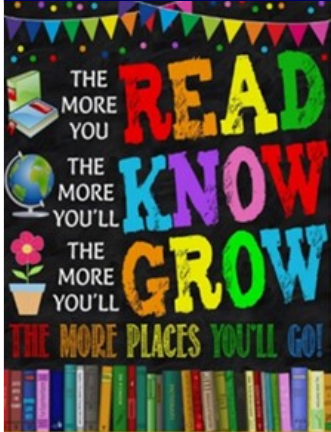


Reading Books

A gentle reminder to all parents/guardians to encourage children to mind their reading and library books when they bring them home.

Particularly for our levelled reading books, they are expensive and difficult to replace, so we ask that they be looked after and returned every week to their teachers so everyone can continue to benefit from using them.

Thank you for your support on this and for continuing to encourage and engage in shared reading at home with your child.



Basic English Class LEARNING WHILE HAVING FUN

Every Wednesday from
9.00am - 10.00am
in the Parents Room
All parents welcome!!!

ENGLISH CLASSES ARE BACK EVERY
WEDNESDAY
IN THE PARENT'S ROOM
AT 9.00AM

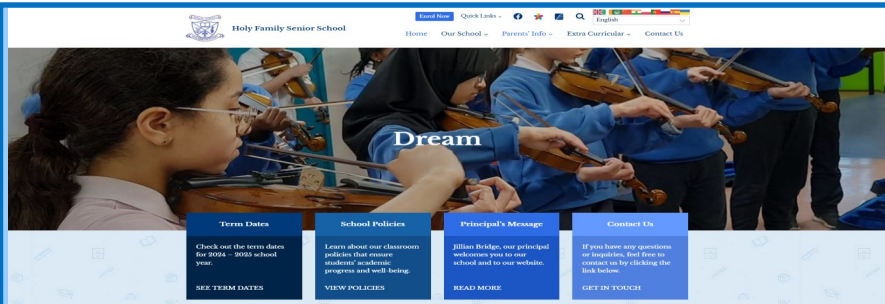


Holy Family School Garden Allotments



Would you like your very own Garden Patch in our School ?

Plant your own flowers, grow your own vegetables.
Free allotments available.
We have 5 left.
Please contact Darryl or Orla for more details.
0866040686



Holy Family Junior and Senior Schools Ennis

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