



Information Night 2025/26 for Parents of New Children starting in Holy Family Senior School

On Thursday May 8th HFSS will host an information night for parents of new children due to begin in 2nd class in our school for 25/26 school year. Parents are invited to come to Holy Family Senior reception from 7:15pm for a guided tour of the school, some refreshments and an information talk that will begin at 7:30pm. Please bring along your child's birth cert if you haven't done so already and any outstanding registration forms. Please note that this information evening is for adults only. We look forward to meeting new and familiar faces on the night.

Our 2nd class children will receive the sacrament of **First Holy Communion** on Saturday May 10th at 11am in The Cathedral. Girls to wear a white dress. Bags/parasols/items to hold are **not allowed** during the ceremony but can be kept by parents for afterwards. Boys to wear suit/smart clothes. Children need to be seated in the Cathedral by 10.40 am, so if planning appointments please bear this in mind. The ceremony will be followed by a party in the café provided by our wonderful Parents Association. Important information will be sent to you via Aladdin and in a letter that will go home in the school bags about this special day next week. We wish all our students a special, memorable day.



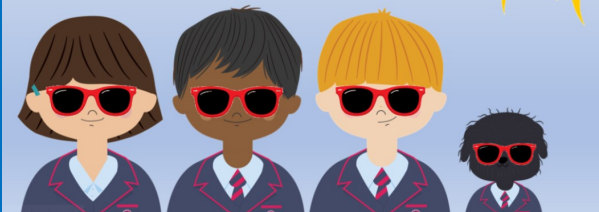
Memory Lane

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Graduation Photos of our 6th Class Students

Memory Lane photographers will be in school on Thursday 21st May to take graduation photos of our 6th class students. It is vital that your child/children come to school dressed in their full school uniform on the day. Information packs will be sent home with sample prints and purchasing options and instructions on how to order.

Welcome to Summer Term!



Term 3 - Uniform and being Sun Safe

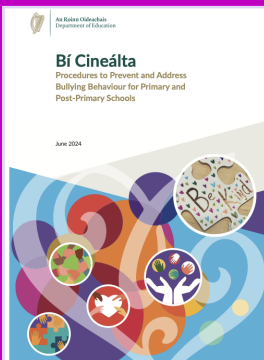
With good weather hopefully set to continue we want our boys and girls to feel comfortable and well in the warmer weather.

- Please ensure they bring plenty water with them to school each day
 - On sunny days they will need to apply sun cream before school
 - Children can wear a cap/bucket hat on hot days
 - Children to wear the HFSS Summer School Uniform
 - white polo shirt
 - blue crested HFSS jumper
 - navy tracksuit shorts. (The older grey ones are also acceptable.)
 - no logos
- Black cycling shorts/black leggings are not part of the school uniform.



No mobile phones

A reminder: Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school. Thank you for your support on this matter.



Bí Cineálta - Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour in Schools.

Thank you to all our parents and guardians for completing the survey to inform our new Anti-bullying policy which is currently under review and will be implemented in September 2025. There will also be a student-friendly version of the policy available.

Bí Cineálta are the Irish words for *Be Kind*.

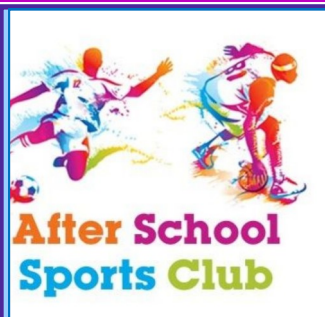
We want everyone at our school to feel safe and happy.

Bullying Behaviour is defined as the targeted behaviour, online or offline that causes harm. The harm caused can be physical, social and/or emotional in nature. Bullying behaviour is repeated over time and involves an imbalance of power in relationships between two people or groups of people in society.

Bullying behaviour is all 3 of the elements below:

1. targeted
2. repeated
3. with intent to cause harm (physical/emotional/social)

Our current Anti-Bullying Policy can be found on our website www.holyfamilyseniorschool.com, in your child's homework journal and in the front foyer of our school.



Term 3 Morning and After School Sports

Morning 8:30 am:
Badminton for 3rd-5th class
Tuesday and Wednesday.

Morning 8:30 am:
Basketball 4th-5th class on
Thursdays.

Monday 2:45 pm:
Hurling and Camogie for 4th-6th class.

Wednesday 2:45 pm: Girls football 4th-6th class.

Thursday 2:45: Multi-sports for 2nd and 3rd class

Active Schools Week
9th-13th June

Sports Day
Friday 13th June

Creative Schools Day June 18th

School Tours

2nd Class School Tour: 11th June

3rd Class School Tour: 23rd May

4th Class School Tour: 12th June

5th Class School Tour: 18th June

6th Class School Tour: 27th May



After School Music Lessons.

Please return all musical instruments to Mrs Hickey in Room 9 and please make sure that all your tuition fees are paid. Lessons with Karine and Graham are to be paid directly to them. Fees for concertina, Shane's guitar and ukulele and Strings should be paid via Aladdin or directly to Lucy in the office.



Aladdin Connect is our main way to communicate with parents/guardians. We strongly encourage every family to download the app as important information is communicated from school to home through this app. Our HSCL teacher Darryl and our secretary Lucy are more than happy to help you get set up or if you are experiencing any difficulties using the app. Please call to see them and they'll get you up and running!

Lost Property

Lost Property.

We have a huge amount of lost property. If your child is missing any item, can you write what it is and a description in their home-work journal and we will do our best to find it. **Please ensure that jumpers, coats, jackets, etc. are labelled with your child's name clearly visible on the inside tag.**

Thank you.



Clarecare Family Support Service
Parenting Programmes
Spring 2025

ParentsPlus

This Early Years programme is practical, solution-focused and draws on parents strengths and is suitable for parents of children aged 1-6yrs. Parent Plus Early Years programme will begin in Ennis on Friday 02nd May from 9.30-11.30

To Book please contact:
Lynne McMahon
lmc.mahon@clarecare.ie
or phone
087 176 7564

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Let's make every day count and make an extra effort for full attendance for Term 3! Missing school means children are missing out - on so much!!! learning, friendships, fun, adventures.

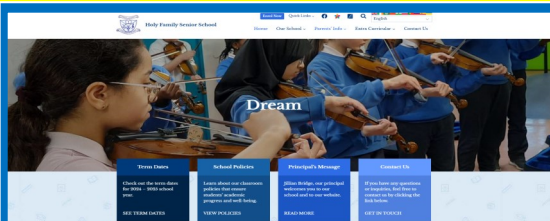
We monitor attendance and punctuality very closely and love to acknowledge positive improvements. If you are experiencing difficulties with getting your child to school, please contact our HSCL Darryl or our Deputy Principal, Antoinette Loftus antoinette.loftus@hfss.ie and they'll be happy to help.



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

6th Class Graduation Ceremony.

Our 6th Class Graduation Ceremony takes place on Monday 23rd June at 11:30 am in our School Hall. There will be a short ceremony with Fr. Joy, with presentation of Graduation Certificates and a little trip down memory lane afterwards. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the Graduation. More details to follow via Aladdin.



Please visit our website
hollyfamily seniorschool.com and
Facebook page for all the information you
need regarding our school.



Creative Schools' Week 2025 – 'A Brave New Future'.

The theme of Creative Schools' Week 2025 is '**A Brave New Future**'. We will explore and create a number of activities over the course of a week with our **Creative Schools Day on Wednesday June 18th** when we can showcase our ideas, creativity and have some fun.

The children can dress up, have wacky hair styles, face paint/make up coming to school that day and use the theme of a 'Brave New Future' as their inspiration for this. No expense should be incurred to anyone for this and we encourage the use of recyclable materials and items from around the house as much as possible. We look forward to seeing their ideas so be thinking ahead and get planning!! More details to follow soon!

Further details about the day will be given in the coming weeks.



Our HSCL's Darryl & Oral have the pleasure of working with the parents in both schools on a daily basis.

Please feel free to connect with them if you need any support. Their door is always open.

English Classes:

We have three fun opportunities for you to improve or learn some English language in a friendly environment. Come join us.

We have a great group of parents involved.

Tuesday 9.00 am - Speaking English with other parents in the Garden.

Wednesday 9.00 am - Fun English Conversation in the Parents' Room.

Friday 9.00 am - More English on the Computer in the Parents' Room.

Garden:

Our '**Parent & Child**' gardening program has been a major success.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for your efforts. The garden remains open every Tuesday morning at 9 am for any of you who would like some fun outdoor activities.

Check out these dates:

Tuesday May 13 - 4th Class Parents

Tuesday May 20 - 1st Class Parents

Tuesday May 27 - 5/6th Class Parents.

Free Parental Course Available

Upcoming Family Learning Courses across Co. Clare					
Course title	Day	Dates	Time	Location	Register
Families Reading Every Day FRED Parent and Child 0-3	7 weeks Mondays	12/05/2025 – 30/06/2025	10-11.45	Ennis Library	www.fetchcourses.ie 478694
Families Reading Every Day FRED Parent and Child 0-3	7 weeks Mondays	12/05/2025 – 30/06/2025	11.45- 1.15	Ennis Library	www.fetchcourses.ie 453960
Fun Science Experiments	5 weeks Tuesdays	20/05/2025 – 17/06/2025	6.30-8.30	Room 58 College of Further Education and training Ennis Campus	www.fetchcourses.ie 444287 may not be visible until next week

For further information contact Mary Flanagan 0656897645 mary.flanagan@icetb.ie



COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

DARRYL 0866040686
OR
ORLA 0861529211

Do you want to learn English?

LEARNING WHILE HAVING FUN

9.00AM TUESDAYS
SPEAKING ENGLISH & GARDENING
SCHOOL GARDEN

9.00AM WEDNESDAYS
FUN ENGLISH CONVERSATION
PARENT'S ROOM

9.00AM FRIDAYS
BASIC ENGLISH COURSE ON COMPUTER
PARENTS ROOM



SCHOOL GARDEN

INVITING ALL
PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS
TO JOIN THEIR CHILD
IN THE SCHOOL GARDEN
TUESDAY 9.00AM

MAY 13TH 4TH CLASS
MAY 20TH 1ST CLASS
MAY 27TH 5TH/6TH CLASS

PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS
WELCOME

