



Message from the Principal

As this academic year draws to a close, I want to commend all the students in Holy Family Senior School on the great year they had. They embraced all the new learning experiences that came their way, worked really hard and showed kindness and care for all - I can honestly say they are the best students in all of Ireland! I want to thank you, the parents and guardians, for your support this year, for bringing your children to school everyday and for supporting our school and staff in all they do. It was a wonderful year, in which many happy memories were made at school.

School finishes at 12pm on Wednesday 25th June.

I wish you all a safe, restful and hopefully a sunny summer and I look forward to meeting you all when we return in August.

With best regards, Jillian



Attendance

As one year ends and another begins, we cannot stress enough the importance of regular school attendance. We love to award children on good attendance and improvements in attendance patterns too.

Regular attendance is key to your child's success in school and in life!

Every day counts! Let's work together to ensure your child makes the most of their education and their life by attending school regularly and starting the new school year with regular attendance patterns and being on time every day.

Thank you for your support on this very important matter.

Remember if you're missing school—you're missing out!

Medical/Care Plans.

A reminder to inform Deputy Principal, Antoinette Loftus of any medical conditions, care needs or allergies your child has in advance of beginning the new school year.

She will be happy to work with you in creating a care plan for your child.

Please email a summary of your child's medical needs.

You can email Antoinette at: antoinette.loftus@hfss.ie



Your Child's Lunch Order.

Please ensure you edit your child's order weekly on the Carambola App. **(by Friday midnight).**

There are so many delicious, healthy options to choose from. The App is simple and easy to use.

When the children return to school they will continue to receive hot lunches daily.

We encourage you to update the order on the Carambola App regularly otherwise the same lunch will be delivered each day.

Please provide a bottle of drinking water for your child on a daily basis as water is not provided in school.



Holy Family School Uniform.

The correct wearing of our school uniform is very important to us at HFSS and we are very proud of it, especially as you, the parents and our students, helped to review and inform our new uniform.

The blue crested jumper can be bought in McCannons Shop, Market Place, Ennis.



END OF YEAR UNIFORM SALE

**TUESDAY
JUNE 17TH
1.30 - 3.00
IN THE CAFÉ**



**ALL UNIFORMS SHOULD
BE CLEAN AND IN GOOD
CONDITION**



WHAT TO DO?

**DONATE YOUR OLD UNIFORMS ON MONDAY JUNE 16TH
TIME: 8.45 - 9.30
WHERE: IN THE PARENTS ROOM BESIDE THE CAFÉ**

The white polo shirt and navy tracksuit bottoms/shorts can be bought in Dunnes/Pennys/F and F/Next/M and S etc.

Black leggings/cycling shorts/logos on tracksuit bottoms are not part of the uniform and are not allowed.

We encourage as many families as possible to donate parts of the uniform that your child has outgrown and to avail of the discounted uniforms on sale in our end of year uniform sale on Tuesday June 17th.



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Holy Family Senior School Website

You will find all the information you need about our school on our new website to prepare for the return to school

www.holyfamilyseniorschool.com

- ◆ Newsletters
- ◆ Calendar
- ◆ Stationary lists
- ◆ After-school activities
- ◆ Booklists
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Holy Family Schools Facebook Page

Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook.

A snapshot into the vibrant life of our school and essential up to date information at your fingertips!!



Holy Family Junior and Senior Schools Ennis

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**Starts
1 June**

Clare Libraries Summer Reading Programme

Summer Stars runs from 1st June to the end of August. Children are invited to keep reading all Summer long by signing up to the programme at the library. Every child that joins will get a free activity book and other rewards for taking part.

Libraries will also have free workshops, clubs and story times to keep children active during the holidays.

Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book/e-book is regarded as having completed the programme

- ✓ Summer Stars will help your child maintain good reading levels while not at school.
- ✓ It's free to join the library and there are no penalties for late books or lost children's books!
- ✓ You can borrow lots of amazing books and get reading recommendations from the library.

Sign up at the library from 1 June



Find out what's happening at your library
by visiting www.clarelibraries.ie/events



A GUIDE TO END OF YEAR REPORTS TERMINOLOGY

★ **Needs Significant Support**
Your child often needs one to one adult support in this area.

★ **Working towards learning outcomes with support**
Your child needs some adult support in this area.

★ **Managing comfortably**
Your child is working at the expected class level in this area.

★ **Capable and Competent**
Your child is independently working beyond the expected class level in this area.

★ **Highly Capable and Confident**
Your child has exceptional ability in this area.

A GUIDE TO STANDARDISED TESTING

Criterion Reached
Within or above the average range for pupils in their class in Ireland

Approaching Criterion
In the low average range. May need monitoring or some support

Criterion Not Reached
Likely to be at risk of difficulties; follow-up diagnostic testing may be useful. Will need periods of additional support.



What do my child's test scores mean?

The teacher used **STen scores** to tell you how your child did in the tests. STen scores go from 1 to 10. The table below describes what the different STen scores tell you about your child's achievement in the tests.

STen score	What does the STen score mean?	Proportion of children with this score
8 - 10	Well above average	1/6 or almost 17%
7	High average	1/6 or almost 17%
5 - 6	Average	1/3 or almost 34%
4	Low average	1/6 or almost 17%
1 - 3	Well below average	1/6 or almost 17%

If your child's STen score is between 5 and 6 for example, you will know that his/her performance on the test is average. The table shows that about one in every three children in Ireland have STen scores in this range. You can also see that some children have STen scores above and below the average.

Scores for children with English as an additional language may not always reflect progress being made in class. Similar care is needed when interpreting scores for children with special educational needs.

School Reports

Your child's school report was released on Wednesday June 11th via Aladdin Connect. If you are having difficulty accessing your child's report please contact Lucy in the School Office and she'll be happy to help.



School Books and Supplies.

A reminder that school will provide your child with all textbooks, work-books and copybooks for the new year ahead. **You will, however have a list of school requisites to purchase over the summer months.** This list will be in the school bags and on our website for each year group. Please ensure your child has these items on their return to school and that they are checked and replenished regularly. **Money for swimming, arts and crafts materials, school requisites etc. can be paid via Aladdin or directly at the office. Details on your 'Sundries Sheet'.**

Summer Camps at Holy Family Senior School.

Details for children attending the following camps:

SCP Camp:

Thursday 26th June – Wednesday 2nd July.

11:30 am—1:30 pm in the Café.

DEIS Literacy and Numeracy Camp:

Thursday 26th June – Wednesday 2nd July.

Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of HFSS. 9 am - 1:30 pm.

***Food will be provided at camp.**



6th Class Graduation. From Monday, 16th June, 6th Class can wear their graduation hoodies with the navy tracksuit bottoms/shorts and white polo shirt. We strongly advise 6th Class to donate their uniforms to the uniform sale.

On 23rd June @ 11.15 am we will have our **"Graduation Ceremony"** in the school hall, followed by refreshments served by the PA. Our 6th Class children may go home with their parents once they are signed out when the event is over at approx. 12:30 pm. Details will be sent via Aladdin early next week. We look forward to marking this special occasion with you and your family.

Holy Family Senior School Calendar 2025-2026



Re-opening:	Wednesday the 27 th August 2025
Mid-term break:	Monday 27 th October 2025 to Friday 31 st October 2025 inclusive
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026 inclusive
St. Brigid's Day Weekend:	Monday 2 nd February 2026
Mid-term break:	Thursday 19 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026 inclusive
St Patrick's Day Weekend:	Monday 16 th March to Tuesday 17 th March 2026 inclusive
Easter Holidays:	Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April 2026 inclusive
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 4 th May to Friday 8 th May 2026 inclusive
June Bank Holiday:	Monday 1st June 2026
School closing for Summer Holidays:	Friday 26 th June 2026 (12pm)