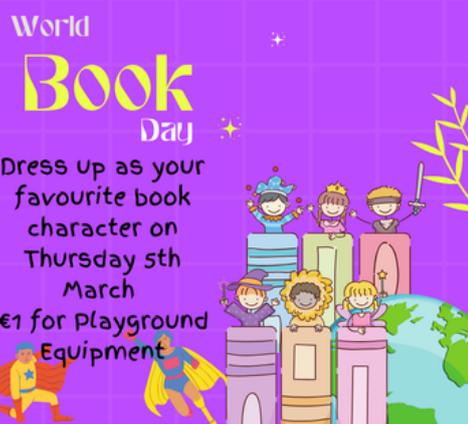




## Strive for 5-Attendance Initiative

We are delighted to announce that Strive for Five will run in our school from February 23rd to March 13th to promote and celebrate excellent attendance. Each week is a fresh start, giving every child a new opportunity to take part by being present all day, every day, arriving on time and attending from Monday to Friday. At the end of each week, students who achieve five full days of attendance and punctuality will be entered into a draw in Ms. Bridge's office, where two lucky students will win cinema vouchers. We look forward to working together with families to encourage strong attendance habits and make these three weeks a great success for all.



## World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next week with lots of fun activities and events throughout the school to promote a love of reading. A highlight of the week will be our **Dress Up Day on Thursday, 5th March**, when children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We are asking for a **€1 donation on the day, which will go towards purchasing new playground equipment for our students to enjoy**. We can't wait to see the wonderful creativity on display as we celebrate stories, imagination and the joy of reading together.

## Peace Proms 2026

Our choir are very excited as we prepare for Peace Proms 2026, taking place next Sunday, 8th March at 1pm in the UL Sports Arena. With lots of songs and choreography to learn, all choir members are encouraged to continue practising at home using the YouTube link shared by Mrs. Hickey on Aladdin, which is also accessible via the QR code provided. When children are confident with the words and actions, they enjoy the concert experience to the fullest. A limited number of tickets are still available online through the QR code, and further details will issue on Aladdin later this week.

Please ensure your child wears

- ✓ 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.



Tickets for  
Peace Proms



Peace Proms  
Playlist



## Preparation for Sacraments- Important Dates



**HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES**

26 FEB	FIRST CONFESSION AT 6PM
23 MAY	HOLY COMMUNION AT 11AM

These are important dates for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class who wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion

**CEREMONY OF LIGHT**  
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES  
TUESDAY MARCH 24TH AT 6PM



**Confirmation Ceremony 2026**

Families of our Confirmation Candidates are invited to this special celebration at St Peter and Paul's Cathedral.



Friday March 27, 2026  
11:00 a.m.  
St Peter and Paul's Cathedral

### Lá Glas

Thursday, March 12th we will have our annual Lá Glas in advance of St. Patrick's Weekend. All children are encouraged to wear green clothing/hats/shamrocks etc. to celebrate our National Day. A donation of €1 per child is encouraged which will go towards the purchasing of school playground equipment.



### Munster Badminton Championships

We attended the Munster Badminton competition in Cork last week. We were very excited in the build-up to the event. We had to get the bus from the new plaza at 6.30 am which meant an early start for all of us. We were the first school out of 8 to play. Initially we were feeling a little sad after losing our first match but eventually we started winning. After a tense day of ups and downs, both the boys & girls teams reached their respective finals. We were so thrilled. The boys' finals took place first and we were delighted when they won the Division 3 title and the gold medals! The girls then went on to capture the Division 2 title. We were all so happy that we all had gold medals. We got Supermacs on the way home and we arrived back to Ennis at 7pm, exhausted but delighted. It was such an amazing day!

By Lucy and Kayleigh Room 16



### No mobile phones allowed in school

Holy Family Senior School has a strict mobile phone and internet enabled electronic devices policy which states that:

*Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones, ipads, ipods, smart watches, smart glasses and any device that has a camera and/or recording abilities or internet enabled electronic device into school.*

This policy is in place to ensure child safety in school. Parents may make contact through the school with their children if necessary. We appreciate your support on this matter.



# Supporting Your Child's Oral Language



Oral language development is a key focus in Holy Family Senior School. Strong speaking and listening skills are essential for reading, writing and overall academic success.

Please talk with your child every day. Rich conversation at home — in English or in your home language — strongly supports learning in school.

**Encourage Real Discussion & Conversation**

**Ask Open Questions: "Why? How? What do you think?"**

**Help Your Child Explain Their Ideas Clearly**

**Speaking More Than One Language Helps Your Child Succeed**

A Strong First Language Supports the Development of English

**Every Language Matters, and Every Conversation Counts.**



Book Today  
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## FREE Easter Art Camp ENNIS

Ages 8-12  
31 Mar, 1 & 2 April  
Times: 10:30-12 & 14:00-16:00  
C.B.S National School, Ennis



- ✓ For young people with long-term physical health conditions
- ✓ Medical support onsite

### FREE Parent Coffee & Chat

While your child's at camp, enjoy refreshments, a zero-gravity massage, and a creative activity.

Book your space by emailing:  
hello@helium.ie  
31 Mar & 1 April

Times: 10:30-12 & 14:00-16:00  
C.B.S National School, Ennis

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# Stay Connected with Us

Scan to follow us on social and visit our site for the latest news and updates.

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Website



## Parents' Corner

We have many courses and activities for Parents/Guardians to avail of over the next few months. We always love to see new faces so come along and try something new!

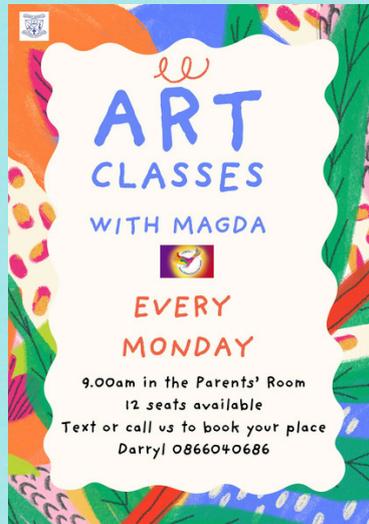


**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SINGING CLUB FOR PARENTS**

Do you like to sing?  
This is a new project that we are very excited about.  
Do you play any instrument?  
Bring it to the singing club.

FRIDAY 16TH OF JANUARY  
PARENTS' ROOM 9AM - 9.30AM  
SONG: 'RIPTIDE' BY VANCE JOY

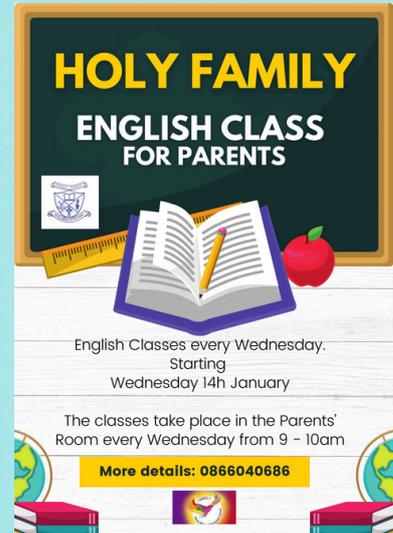
MORE DETAILS CONTACT DARRYL 0866040686



**ART CLASSES WITH MAGDA**

EVERY MONDAY

9.00am in the Parents' Room  
12 seats available  
Text or call us to book your place  
Darryl 0866040686



**HOLY FAMILY ENGLISH CLASS FOR PARENTS**

English Classes every Wednesday.  
Starting Wednesday 14th January

The classes take place in the Parents' Room every Wednesday from 9 - 10am

More details: 0866040686



Join Us!  
**HOLY FAMILY GARDENING FOR PARENTS**

Every Thursday 9.00am | School garden

Looking for a New Years Activity???

Come join our team for some gardening every Thursday morning.



Thank You Valentine's Day Cake Sale

527 Children Visited the Cake Sale

1601 Treats were handed out

€815 Raised for the School Garden Play Equipment



**SCHOOL GARDEN**

9.00 AM TUESDAY MORNINGS

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS FROM EVERY CLASS WHO JOINED US THIS YEAR IN MAKING THE GARDEN A SPECIAL PLACE FOR US ALL

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR GARDENING TEAM.  
CONTACT  
DARRYL 0866040686  
ORLA 0833905109

## School Calendar



Staff Training	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 - school closed
St Patrick's Day Weekend	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March inclusive - school closed
Easter Holidays	School closes Friday March 27 <sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. School closed Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday April 10 <sup>th</sup> 2026 inclusive. School reopens Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 9am
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 inclusive - school closed
June Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 - school closed
Staff Training	Friday June 5 <sup>th</sup> - school closed
Summer Holidays	School closes at 12 noon on Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026