



## First Holy Communion

Our 2nd class children will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## School Picture Day

Memory Lane photographers will be in Holy Family Junior and Senior school **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** to take class and family photos of our 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.



## Parent Information Night

On Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>, Holy Family School will host an information night for parents of new children due to begin in 2nd class in our school for 26/27 school year. Parents are invited to come to Holy Family Senior reception from 7pm 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.



## HFSS AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**MONDAY** Gaelic Football (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup>)  
 Multisport (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>)

**WEDNESDAY** Dance (4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup>)

**THURSDAY** Soccer (5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>)

2.45-3.30



## After School Music Lessons

Guitar, drums, ukulele, bodhrán and concertina lessons are now finished for this school year. Please return all musical instruments to Ms Finn in Room 20 and please make sure that all your tuition fees are paid. Without this continued payment our music programme cannot continue. Lessons with Graham are to be paid to Ms Finn or Graham directly. Fees for concertina, Shane's guitar, ukulele and bodhrán and Strings should be paid via Aladdin Connect App or to the school office.

## ATTENTION!

All musical instruments must be returned Room 20 no later than **Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>**!



### 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

Please be advised that Dunnes have a large stock of navy tracksuit shorts in stock now in a range of sizes in their children's uniform section upstairs.

Black cycling shorts/black leggings are **not part of the school uniform**.

## Be SunSmart and protect your skin.



[hse.ie/sunsmart](http://hse.ie/sunsmart)



### Attendance for Term 3

As we move into the final term of the school year, we'd like to remind all families of the importance of regular school attendance. Being in school every day supports your child's learning—especially with end-of-year testing approaching—but also helps children maintain and strengthen their social connections with classmates. There is also so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead, including Active Schools' Week, school tours, enjoyable trips to the Fairgreen and much more. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

HERE EVERYDAY,  
READY AND ON TIME



### Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property. If your child is missing any item, can you please check our lost property in the Senior School. Please ensure that jumpers, coats, jackets, etc. are labelled with your child's name clearly visible on the inside tag. Thank you.



## Lost & Found

Has your child lost a coat, jumper, hat, or water bottle?



Check before Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026  
Holy Family Senior School

All items will be donated after this date

### Graduation 2026

Our 6th Class Graduation Ceremony takes place on **Tuesday 23rd June** at **11:30 am** in our School Hall. There will be a short ceremony, 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.



### 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.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

MON -FRI  
**JUNE**  
8<sup>TH</sup> -12<sup>TH</sup>

**ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK**

TUES  
**JUNE**  
9<sup>TH</sup>

**SPORTS DAY**

FRI  
**JUNE**  
19<sup>TH</sup>

**CREATIVE SCHOOLS DAY**

TUES  
**JUNE**  
23<sup>RD</sup>

**6TH CLASS GRADUATION**

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW ON ALADDIN CONNECT APP

## 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.

Each FRIDAY  
PARENTS' ROOM 9AM - 9.30AM

SONG: 'RIPTIDE' BY VANCE JOY

MORE DETAILS CONTACT DARRYL 0866040686

**HOLY FAMILY ENGLISH CLASS FOR PARENTS**

English Classes every Wednesday.

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 Activity?  
Come join our team for some gardening every Thursday morning.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL BINGO NIGHT**

Fundraiser for School Playground Equipment

Ennis The Holy Family School Hall

**Total Amount Raised €4,571**

Thanks to all our sponsors, to all who showed up on the night and to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. The Parents' Association

**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

## Term Time Holidays

We **strongly discourage** term time holidays at Holy Family Senior School. Please take note of the new *School Calendar 2026/2027* and try in so far as possible to book holidays/trips during school holidays. Missing school is missing out and we want your child to have the best chance to succeed and thrive in school. *Every day matters.*

School Calendar 25/26	
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
School Calendar 26/27	
School Reopens	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 9am
Halloween Midterm	Monday October 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October inclusive- school closed
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2026 - Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 inclusive- school closed
St. Brigid's Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2027- school closed
February Midterm	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
St Patrick's Day	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March St. Patrick's Day
Easter	Monday March 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April inclusive - school closed
May Midterm Break	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May - Friday May 7 <sup>th</sup> inclusive - school closed
Summer Holidays	School closes at 12 noon on Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2027

