



Halloween in Holy Family

Halloween is always a fun time at HFSS for pupils and parents. We are inviting parents to help decorate our reception area again this year. Anyone available to help can contact Darryl on 0866040686.

Our Pumpkin Competition takes place on Wednesday 21st October, with cinema tickets for the winning designs. The winning pumpkins will also be displayed in the Old Ground Hotel, where the children will be treated to milk and cookies.

On Friday 23rd October, children can enjoy Halloween Fancy Dress and our Parents' Association Halloween Disco. The disco costs €2 per child, with all funds raised going towards new playground equipment for our school. So start planning and getting creative now!



Preparation for Sacraments for 2027

Ennis Parish

Sacramental Preparation

Important Dates

2nd Class		6th Class	
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION		SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	
	10th November at 7.30pm		11th November at 7.30pm
Enrolment Mass St Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis		Enrolment Mass St Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis	
	19th January at 7.30pm		20th January at 7.30pm
Do this in Memory of Me (Mass) St Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis		You Shall be my Witness Mass St Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis	
	25th February at 6.00pm		13th April at 7.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation St Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis		Ceremony of Light St Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis	
	22nd May at 11.00am		16th April at 11.00am
Holy Communion Mass St Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis		Confirmation Ceremony St Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis	

A special journey of faith ♥

"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit"
Ephesians 1:13

After School Activities Term 1

Afterschool Sport is up and running for Term 1! Students are really enjoying the different activities - trying out new and familiar sports. We look forward to seeing our aspiring Gaelic footballers, badminton players, basketballers and dancers develop as the term progresses. We would encourage all students to try out an afterschool activity - it is a great opportunity to make more friends and learn new skills in a fun and energizing environment! No sign up necessary, just arrive on the assigned morning/evening - see Term 1 timetable for further details.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

STAY ACTIVE • MAKE FRIENDS • HAVE FUN

MONDAYS Gaelic Football (4th, 5th, 6th)	WEDNESDAYS Basketball (5th & 6th)	THURSDAYS Dance (2nd & 3rd)	MORNINGS (8.30am) Badminton Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (2nd - 6th)
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Active Minds Brighter Futures

Peace Proms 2027

We are so delighted that our school choir has been chosen to perform at Peace Proms 2027 in the University of Limerick Sports Arena! 🌟🎤

Our 3rd–6th Class choir members will take part in this fantastic event, and we can't wait to get rehearsals underway.

📍 Concert: UL Sports Arena

📅 17 Saturday, 30th January 2027 at 8.00pm

🎫 Family tickets go on sale Sunday, 1st November at 10am. Presale codes will be sent to parents through Aladdin as soon as they are available.

Our first UL rehearsal will take place during school time in November, with details to follow.

Choir members can use the Peace Proms Playlist 2027 QR code to practise the songs at home.

We're thrilled to be part of Peace Proms again and are looking forward to an amazing few months of music and preparation!



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CONCERT Saturday 30th January 2027 8.00pm	FAMILY TICKETS Go on sale Sunday 1st November at 10am. Presale codes will be sent to all parents on Aladdin when available.
FIRST REHEARSAL Our first rehearsal takes place in UL in November during school time. Further details to follow.	VENUE University of Limerick Sports Arena

Active Minds Brighter Futures

Attendance for Term 1

Our school has commenced the new academic year with fantastic attendance across all year groups. Getting your children into school every day makes a huge difference to their learning and wellbeing. We are also thrilled with the success of our Strive for 5 initiative this month. Since launching our new Attendance Shop this year, our regular prizes have motivated so many students to have improved attendance. Thank you to parents and guardians for partnering with us and prioritising good school attendance. Let's keep this wonderful momentum going into October!



ISPC Webinars Library

From mindfulness to online safety, resilience to exam stress—we've got you covered!

Explore our collection of webinars for children, teens, and parents, all designed to empower you with practical advice, valuable insights, and supportive tips for everyday challenges.

Scan the QR code below to discover our full webinar playlist! Helpful resources, anytime you need them.



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.

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Park and Stride in Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOLS



Park and Stride

- **What?** *Park and Stride* involves parking up to 10 minutes walk from the school, and walking the last section of the trip to school.
- **Why?** *Park and Stride* reduces traffic at the front of school. This helps to:
 - reduce the risk of accidents
 - improve air quality
 - free up space
 - create a calmer space at the front of school for parents and children
- **Where?** Glór car park – as shown on the map on the next page.
- **Who?** Everyone who drives to school, can *Park and Stride*!
- **How?** You may park for up to 30 minutes free of charge during school start and finish times. Please make sure to park respectfully, legally, and safely, avoiding double yellow lines and being careful not to block footpaths, cycle lanes, or house entrances.

Children who are active on the commute have higher levels of concentration in the classroom.

Castlebar Park and Stride Brochure.pdf (mayo.ie)

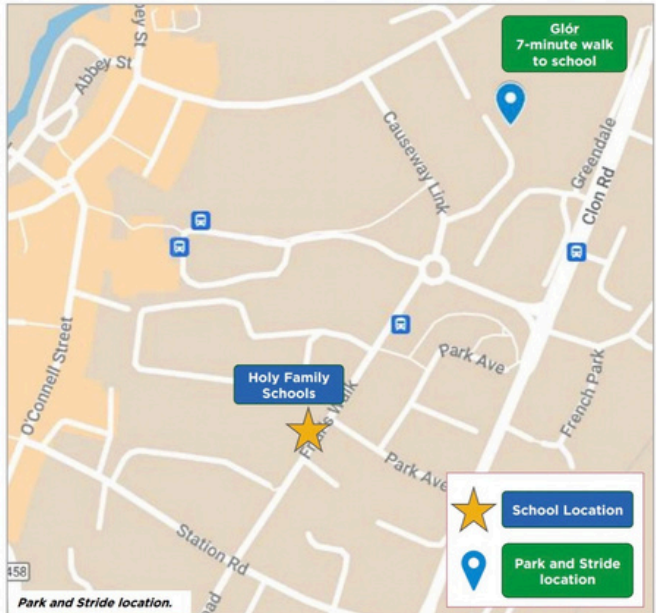
Children should be active, at a moderate to vigorous level, for at least 60 minutes every day.

Physical Activity Guidelines - HSE.ie

HOLY FAMILY JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOLS



Park and Stride



The school is very grateful to the management of the car parks for their support for Park and Stride and to our students, and their parents / guardians, for supporting this initiative!

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS 2026

Pupils & Parents Welcome

St Flannan's College ENNIS, CO. CLARE OPEN DAY Friday 16th October 2026 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All 6th Class pupils and their parents are welcome to attend.	Ennis Community College OPEN NIGHT Thursday 8th October 2026 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. All 5th and 6th Class pupils and their parents are welcome to attend.	Colaiste Muire Ennis OPEN DAY Saturday 3rd October 2026 SESSION TIMES Session 1: 09:00 – 10:00 Session 2: 10:15 – 11:15 Session 3: 11:30 – 12:30 6th Class Girls and their parents are welcome to attend. Pre-registration required at: www.colaisitemuire.ie	Rice College ENNIS, CO. CLARE OPEN NIGHT Thursday 22nd October 2026 (Time to be confirmed) All 6th Class pupils and their parents are welcome to attend.
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Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings

at Holy Family

TUESDAY
24th
NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY
25th
NOVEMBER

Booking to follow via
Aladdin Connect App.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

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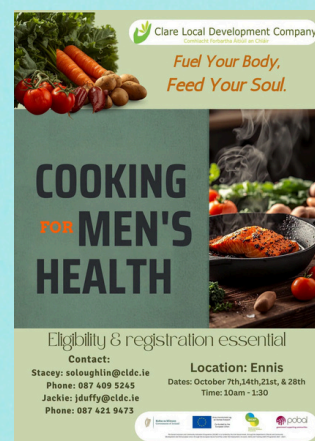
at our school

Wednesday
4th
November

Details on how to register will follow on
Aladdin Connect.

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!



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 26/27

Staff Training	Friday 16 th October 2026
Halloween Midterm	School closes Friday 23 rd October at 2.45pm Monday October 26 th - Friday 30 th October inclusive- school closed
Christmas Holidays	School Closes Tuesday 22 nd December at 12 noon. Wednesday 23 rd December 2026 - Tuesday 5 th January 2027 inclusive- school closed.
St. Brigid's Day	Monday 1 st February 2027- school closed
February Midterm	Thursday 18 th and Friday 19 th February
St Patrick's Day	Wednesday 17 th March St. Patrick's Day
Easter	School closes Friday 19 th March at 12noon Monday March 22 nd - Friday 2 nd April inclusive - school closed
May Midterm Break	Monday 3 rd May - Friday May 7 th inclusive - school closed
June Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th June 2027
Summer Holidays	School closes at 12 noon on Friday 25 th June 2027



New School Year in Holy Family