



APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Happy Easter

Wishing you and your family a very happy Easter and an enjoyable break during the next fortnight. We would like you all to know how proud we are of your children. The children have been learning lots of new things and have done their very best all term. They have shown great kindness to each other and have also had great fun! Thank you for supporting them to attend school every day and thank you for sharing in our celebrations of their success. We are lucky to have such a wonderful school community.

Attendance Initiative

For the last two weeks, pupils have been "signing in" to school and receiving a special sticker each day. It has been great to see all pupils in school and to watch them write their own names independently. Perhaps you could ask your child how this made them feel. It really showed us how each pupil has grown so much!



Attendance Matters



Hall rental

Our school hall is available for rental by community groups and organisations at times when the school is closed. The enquiry form for **Hall Rental** is available here: <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/hall-rental/>



Green Schools



Our **Walk on Wednesday** campaign continues this term. We are delighted to remind you that you can **PARK AND STRIDE** every day to and from school by parking your car in the GLÓR car park for 30 minutes, free of charge, while you accompany the children to school. Your child will bring home a leaflet explaining this in his/her school bag today.

It is wonderful to see so many children cycling and scooting to school. On arrival into the school yard, please ask your child to get off his or her bike/scooter and walk with it. We ask adults to do the same. This is to ensure the safety of all our small children who are also on the yard at that time. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this.

Lá Glas Fundraiser

Thank you for your kind donations on Lá Glas in March. €120 was raised towards school resources.

Uniforms

The children look so well, in their school uniforms. Thanks for ensuring that your child is wearing a clean uniform each day at school. The uniform consists of

- a navy tracksuit bottoms/shorts
- a blue tracksuit top with crest
- a white polo shirt



In term three, we hope that the sun will continue to shine. On warm days the children can wear uniform shorts instead of their navy tracksuit bottoms. If you are buying new shorts, please buy NAVY shorts. Cycling shorts or leggings are not allowed and are not part of the school uniform.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Darryl and Orla, our Home School Liaison (HSCL) teachers are always available to meet you and support you throughout your child's time with us here in Holy Family Junior School. Say hello to them when you see them on the yard in the mornings. You can also phone/email them using their contact details below.

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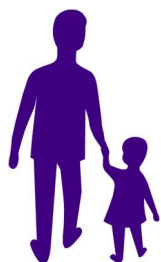
Coming to school on time

The majority of parents drop their children to school on time and these children are there for all their classes and are progressing in school. Unfortunately, there are still some parents who regularly drop their children to school late. These children miss out on teaching time and are not reaching their full potential. Please make sure that your child is at school on time.

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, **it is very important that you use the Aladdin App or write a note to explain why your child was not at school.** If you are having technical difficulties with Aladdin, Ita is more than happy to help you. Call into reception to meet her.

Safety of Children



REMINDER: Children should be dropped and collected to and from school each day by an adult who is over 18 years of age.

Use of pedestrian entrances



Our school campus is very busy with cars, buses and people coming and going all the time. Safety is always our main priority. Thank you for using **only** the pedestrian entrances and walkways, and for not walking in the area where the cars are parked (at the back of junior school building).

Birthday Party Treats

Birthday parties are great fun and a very important celebration in your child's life. However, we are not in a position to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday, for health and safety reasons. While your generosity is much appreciated, parties are best celebrated outside school time. Don't worry though! We will ensure that your child's birthday is celebrated in a school friendly way!



Easter Holidays

Our Easter holidays begin **this Friday at 12pm**. The school reopens again for pupils on **TUESDAY 29th April 2025**.



Calendar for Term 3

Primary Maths Curriculum Training Day 2	Monday 28 th April 2025	School closed
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May to Tuesday 6 th May 2025 inclusive	School closed
June Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd June to Tuesday 3 rd June 2025 inclusive	School closed
School closing for Summer Holidays	Wednesday 25 th June 2025	School closed

To see our calendar for the school year 2024-2025 please click here:

<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>