

# MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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How glorious is the weather!!! As temperatures rise and the sun shines during this term, we ask you to provide your child with an extra drink of water each day. On sunny mornings please apply suncream. The Department of Education also recommends that your child wears a wide-brimmed hat during the summer months.

## Thanks to the Parents' Association

Members of the Parents' Association visited each class before Easter with an easter treat for every pupil in the school. Thank you to the Parents' Association for their thoughtfulness and generosity.



## Safe Routes to School – Station Road

Works on a new School Zone along Station road is scheduled to begin **next week**. When the works begin, the pedestrian gate on Station Road beside the zebra crossing will remain locked. It will be reopened when Clare County Council advise us that road works are fully completed. Please use another gate to enter the school. Traffic Management will be in place when required. This may involve the operation of temporary traffic lights on Station Road. The scheme will have an approx. works programme of 5 – 6 weeks.



## Wellbeing at School

Everyday in Holy Family Junior School, pupil wellbeing is a priority. However this term we have been and will continue to celebrate and further promote wellbeing, with special activities based on the following themes:

- **Wellbeing week**
- **Active Schools**
- **Green Schools**
- **Yellow Flag - celebrating diversity and inclusion**

At the end of each week, we will send you a text, sharing a summary of activities the children enjoyed, so that you can talk to your child about his/her special week at school. Please keep an eye on our face book page too ([www.facebook.com/hfssennis](https://www.facebook.com/hfssennis)), as we will continue to share photos with you of the lovely wellbeing activities that we enjoy.

## Green Schools

Our **Walk on Wednesday** campaign continues. 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.



### Assembly in the hall

Next week, Ms. Bridge, Principal of Holy Family Senior School, will be our special guest at assembly. She will be saying a special hello to the First Class pupils, transitioning to the Senior School in September. Ms. Bridge will be a regular visitor to the yard around Scoil na nÓg in the mornings, between now and the end of the school year. Please say hello to her as she would like to get to know the parents/guardians and children who will be moving on to second class.

### Active Schools Week and Sport's Day

During Active Schools Week, starting on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> May, your child should wear his/her school tracksuit/shorts and runners each day. Please apply sun cream each morning and give your child **an extra drink** coming to school. Active schools' week is thirsty work!

We hope to hold Sports Day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, but this is weather permitting. We will let you know closer to the day. Parents and guardians will be welcome to join us on Sports Day from 11.00am, to support your child and his/her class as they participate in the races and activities.



### Safety of Children



**REMINDER:** Children must be dropped and collected to and from school each day by an adult who is over 18 years of age. Please ensure that your child remains with you and is supervised by you on the school grounds before 9am and after 1.45pm and 2.45pm, when you have collected him/her from the classroom.

### Change of Address/Phone number

If you change address or phone number, please let your child's class teacher or Ita know.

### Uniforms

Our uniform consists of

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

**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. If you already have grey shorts from last year, these can also be worn.**



### Calendar for Term 3



June Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June to Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025 inclusive	School closed
School closing for Summer Holidays	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	School closed
To see our calendar for the school year 2024-2025 please click here: <a href="https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/">https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/</a>		

### A Message from our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers, Darryl and Orla

We, Darryl & Orla, have the pleasure of working with the parents on a daily basis. Please feel free to connect us if you need any support. Their door is always open.

#### Garden

Our 'Parent & Child' gardening program has been a major success. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for your efforts. The garden remains open every Tuesday morning at 9pm for any of you who would like some fun outdoor activities.

On Tuesday May 20th - First Class Parents are invited to work with their child in the garden from 9am. Please come along if you can. Your child would love you to join in.



#### English Classes



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

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Do you want to learn English?

## LEARNING WHILE HAVING FUN

9.00AM TUESDAYS  
SPEAKING ENGLISH & GARDENING  
SCHOOL GARDEN

9.00AM WEDNESDAYS  
FUN ENGLISH CONVERSATION  
PARENT'S ROOM

9.00AM FRIDAYS  
BASIC ENGLISH COURSE ON COMPUTER  
PARENTS ROOM



### Free Parental Course Available



Upcoming Family Learning Courses across Co. Clare					
Course title	Day	Dates	Time	Location	Register
Families Reading Every Day FRED Parent and Child 0-3	7 weeks Mondays	12/05/2025 – 30/06/2025	10-11.45	Ennis Library	<a href="http://www.fetchcourses.ie">www.fetchcourses.ie</a> 478694
Families Reading Every Day FRED Parent and Child 0-3	7 weeks Mondays	12/05/2025 – 30/06/2025	11.45- 1.15	Ennis Library	<a href="http://www.fetchcourses.ie">www.fetchcourses.ie</a> 453960
Fun Science Experiments	5 weeks Tuesdays	20/05/2025 – 17/06/2025	6.30-8.30	Room 58 College of Further Education and training Ennis Campus	<a href="http://www.fetchcourses.ie">www.fetchcourses.ie</a> 444287 may not be visible until next week

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