

JUNE 2025

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Hello everyone!

There has been lots happening in Holy Family Junior School during the last few weeks. We celebrated Wellbeing week, Active Schools week, Green Schools week, and next week is Kindness week: celebrating inclusion and diversity. We hope that your child is enjoying the fun activities and positive learning experiences that have been occurring. Take a look at our fun-filled photos on: <https://www.facebook.com/hfssennis>

Thank you for the constant support that you give to your child, ensuring that he or she engages well during the school day. Thank you for bringing your child to school on time each day and thank you for supporting us with all the teaching and learning that happens.

The children benefit most when we work together as a team. We, the staff in Holy Family Junior School are privileged to work with you and your child, in such a cooperative, respectful manner.

Fundraising Bag Pack

Holy Family Junior School is doing a bag pack in Dunnes Stores on Friday the 13th June from 12pm - 8pm to raise money to buy new resources for the classrooms. We are hoping for 32 volunteers for the following slots:

12 – 2 pm

2 – 4 pm

4 – 6 pm

6 – 8 pm

If you can help us, please let Ita, Darryl or Ms. Lowe know.

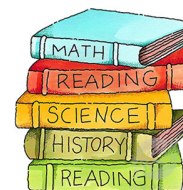


Induction Day

Induction Day for our new Junior Infants starting in September 2025 takes place on Wednesday the 11th June from 11.15am to 12.15pm. Parents have received an invitation letter. Children are spending the hour in their classrooms during which time parents are invited to the Parents' Room for teas/coffees.

Books and school supplies

Your child's school supplies list will be sent home through the Aladdin Connect app during the last week of school. School supply lists will also be available for you to view or print on the school website. The list will advise you that:



- Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks will be provided to every child free by the school in September.
- Folders and stationery should be bought by you during the Summer holidays.
- €50 towards arts, crafts and computer supplies, should be paid directly to the school through the Aladdin app in September.

School reports

School reports will be sent to parents next week through the Aladdin Connect app. If you are having technical difficulties with Aladdin, please call into Ita at reception.

Summer Stars and visits to the library

Clare Libraries invite children to join the annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure. It runs from 1st June - 31st August 2025. Every child that joins will get a free activity book and other rewards for taking part. Every child who reads even one book/e-book is regarded as having completed the programme – and it's all completely free!



- Summer Stars will help your child maintain good reading.
- It's free to join the library and there are no penalties for late books or lost children's books!
- You can borrow lots of amazing books and get reading recommendations from the library
- Visit Ennis library to join in! Click here to learn more <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>.
- Libraries will also have free workshops, clubs and story times to keep children active during the holidays. Click here for more information <https://clarelibraries.ie/for/children/>

School Calendar 2025-2026

Our new school calendar for 2025-2026 is being sent to you tomorrow on Aladdin. You can also look at the school calendar for 2025-2026 on our school website at <https://holyfamiliyunionsschool.com/calendar/>. Children will return to school on Wednesday the 27th of August 2025.



Summer Holidays

Summer holidays will begin on Wednesday the 25th June 2025 at 12pm.

As the Summer holidays draw near, we are aware that sometimes families feel pressurised to give a present to the teacher. While we are very appreciative of your thoughtfulness, we would like you to know that there is no need for presents for staff members this year! Thank you for your co-operation.



Ms. Gráinne's Summer Camp

Ms. Grainne will be holding a Preschool/Junior Fun and Games Summer camp this year from the 7th – 25th July from 9am to 1pm for children aged from 3 – 7 years. 70 euro per week (N.C.S. can be used). Please call or text 087 2033328.

After School Club

Names are now being taken for Afterschool Club for September 2025 from 1.45pm to 4.30pm each day, for children aged from 4 years to 12 years. Call or text Isabel on 087 2062070 for more information.

Preschool/Montessori

There is currently a waiting list for Ms. Grainne's Childcare. Please call or text 087 2033328, to add your child's name to the waiting list.

- Morning: 9am to 12 pm
- Afternoon: 12 pm to 3pm
- Part time: 9am to 2pm

Uniform Sale

The Parent's Association will also be holding a second-hand tracksuit uniform sale on Tuesday the 17th of June from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the school Café. You are very welcome to come along.

If you wish to donate or sell a uniform tracksuit top, please come to the Parents' Room beside the café between 8:45am and 9:30am on Monday the 16th of June. All uniforms for resale should be in good condition and clean.



A Message from our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

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 9am for any of you who would like some fun outdoor activities. Veerle, our expert gardener, will be there to welcome you.

English Classes

Our English Classes end on Wednesday, June 11th. Well done to all the parents who turned up every week this year to work on their speaking skills. Enjoy the holidays and we hope to see you again in September when the classes return.

Settling into Primary School Course

Before the end of the school year, we will run a 'Settling into Primary School' course for the parents of children starting in Junior Infants next year. More details to follow.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for working with us this year. We are here to answer your questions at all times. Have a lovely summer! Darryl & Orla

Health and Safety

As you are aware, works on a new School Zone along Station Road has begun. As a result, the pedestrian gate on Station Road beside the zebra crossing will remain locked and 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.

Late arrivals and early leavers during school time are to use the main front pedestrian gate on Station Road, (in front of Holy Family Junior School reception), which will be **open all day** for picking-up/dropping off children. **Please use the pedestrian walkways and refrain from walking through car parks.**

