

Board of Management Agreed Report
Holy Family Junior School



Venue: Room 2 - Holy Family Junior School

Date of Meeting: Thursday the 16th October 2025

Agreed Report

Opening

- The chairperson, Allen Flynn welcomed the members of the board to the first meeting of the year.

Principal Teacher's Report

The Principal's Report was presented and adopted by the Board of Management. Items included in this report were:

- **Maths Week:** Maths Week was celebrated in the school during the week starting Monday the 13th October 2025.
- **GAA skills:** Gerry Fox and Mark O' Donnell are currently coaching our pupils in GAA skills. Rachael Cummins will join the team in November to coach Junior Infant pupils.
- **Homework:** Homework for Senior Infants and First classes began on the week starting the 6th October. Junior Infants will begin homework after the midterm break.
- **Park and Stride:** Our Park and Stride initiative will continue to be promoted again this year, with **free parking** morning and evening in the GLÓR car park for 30 minutes free of charge, while children are being dropped and collected to and from school.
- **HSCL:** Our HSCL teachers Orla Gannon and Darryl Eade continue to support parents on an individual basis and by running courses of interest to our parents. They also support parental involvement in the garden and through the Parents' Association.
- **Calendar updates: There will be a full day school closure for training on the two days below:**
Day 1 – Primary Curriculum Framework – 13/03/2026
Day 2 - Primary Curriculum Framework – 05/06/2026
- **Prayer service:** Our Summer prayer service took place on Wednesday the 18th of June and our Autumn prayer service took place on Wednesday the 1st of October, both led by Mrs. Power.
The school will be used as a polling station on Presidential Election Day – Friday the 24th October 2025.
- **Welcome :** Welcome to new staff members Ms. Petric (Junior Infant teacher), Ms. Doherty (Senior Infant teacher), Ms. Canny (SET) and Ms. Mellett (Junior Infant teacher), who are a great addition to our wonderful team. Also welcome to Seán Dinan, classroom assistant who is with us until December.
- **Holy Family School Uniform:** In the next few weeks Mc Cannon's shop is closing as the owner Liam is retiring after 50 years in the shop. We thank him for his loyalty to HFJS and wish him a very Happy Retirement. Our School Uniform will be available from Manix Menswear Ennis, Market Street, Ennis.

Replacement of Boilers:

A state-of-the-art heat pump system backed by natural gas has been installed to provide heat to both Holy Family Junior and Senior Schools. Contractors should be finished completely by the end of October.

- **Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 3rd December 2025