



HOLY FAMILY JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

December Greetings

December greeting to you all! It is such an exciting month of learning in Holy Family Junior School.

The children's Christmas art and craft is on display all over the school, creating a wonderful Christmas atmosphere. They have really enjoyed working on the art and are very proud of it. Keep an eye on Facebook to see their work

<https://www.facebook.com/hfssennis>.





This week children are listening to Christmas stories beside the tree, decorated with decorations made by the children themselves.

Next week we will have time to reflect during a lovely Christmas prayer service.

There will be other fun surprises happening at school before the holidays. We hope that Santa might even drop into the school grounds for a quick visit!

If you do not wish your child to receive a present from Santa Claus, please inform the class teacher.



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CALENDAR

- **Christmas Holidays:**

Monday 22nd December
2025 to Friday 2nd January
2026 inclusive

- **Half Day:**

Dec. 19th 2025 12pm

To see our calendar for the remainder of the school year, please click here:
<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/cc:endar/>



A Christmas Invitation

Christmas celebrations have already started in Holy Family Junior School. Pupils are learning Christmas songs and poems, and they'd love you to come and hear them sing.

- Parents and guardians of **Junior Infant pupils** are invited to the hall to hear the children sing their songs at 9:30am on **Wednesday the 10th December**.
- Parents and guardians of **Senior Infant pupils** are invited to the hall to hear the children sing their songs at 9:30am on **Tuesday the 9th December**.
- Parents and guardians of **First Class pupils** are invited to the hall to hear the children sing their songs at 2.15pm on **Wednesday the 10th December**.

On the day that your child is performing in the hall, he/she can wear colourful clothes, a winter hat or santa hat to school.

If you do not want your child to take part in our Christmas Recital, please let his/her teacher know.

We ask you NOT to share photos or videos on social media of your child's performance for GDPR reasons. We will share pictures of each concert on Face Book for you to enjoy. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this.

Christmas Annuals

Christmas Annuals for Junior Infant, Senior Infant and First classes are available to buy in our school now. Each Annual is bursting with quizzes, games, crafts and word searches. The cost is €4. The annuals will be available up to the 12th of December.



Green Schools

As part of our Green Schools programme, two green elves visit the classrooms during the month of December. The good green elf (Gloria) is making sure that we kept up our good practice as a Green School. The silly green elf (Glen), is causing trouble, throwing litter about and wasting energy. The learning from the elves will be to remind pupils of how best to look after the environment. Chat to your child about the elves. They enjoy the fun that the elves create!

COLD WEATHER

As the weather gets colder pupils could also wear an extra layer or two under their uniform, if they feel cold. Please ensure that your child wears a coat to school everyday.

CHRISTMAS COLOURS

The annual Late Late Toy Show takes place this Friday the 5th December 2025 at 9.30pm on RTE television. In preparation for the boys and girls watching the toy show on that Friday evening (or over the weekend on the player, if the 9.30pm show is too late), we invite the children to **dress up in a Christmas jumper or wear some red and green (no need to buy anything new)** to school that day. On that day, we are asking parents to donate €1 to help to buy playground equipment for our garden.



Colds, coughs and other viral infections in children

If your child is unwell, the advice from the HSE is to keep him or her at home from school.

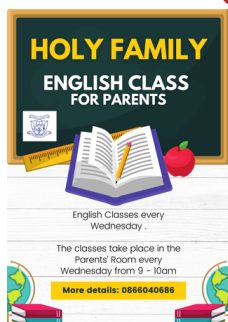
Click: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/> for more information.



Christmas Presents

As Christmas draws 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.

A Message from our HSCL teachers



Our fun English Classes for parents take place every Wednesday from 9-10am in the Parents' Room. New parents always welcome. Contact Darryl for more details.

Our Parent's Room is located at the back of the Café. The door is always open, and we are happy to help and support you whenever possible.

Regards

Darryl (086 6040686) and Orla (086 1529211)



We have a wonderful team of parents that help out in the garden. Join us every Tuesday morning from 9-10am for some fresh air and wonderful company.

We wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas!