

## SCHOOL CONTACT INFO.

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## NEWSLETTER

### JANUARY 2026



Happy New Year to all our families! We wish you a healthy, peaceful, and happy year ahead. We're looking forward to another busy and exciting term working in partnership with our parents and guardians to support the best possible learning experience for all our pupils. Children make the greatest progress when school and home work together, and we kindly encourage you to read with your child every day. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher.

## HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

As you have already heard, from Monday the 26th January 2026, your child will receive a nutritious, free hot meal at school during lunchtime, as well as a snack at breaktime.

To ensure that your child receives a hot meal of their choice, please return the menu selection form that your child received, to the class teacher before this Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026. All allergens are listed on the menu selection form. Halal options are as follows:

- Roast Chicken Breast, Mash, Veg, Gravy
- Chicken Breast Curry, Long Grain Rice
- Chicken Curry Super Noodles
- Chicken Breast Spice Bag

On Tuesday the 27th of January, log on details for the hot food company website <https://www.carambola.ie/> will be shared with you. When you have these details, you can access your child's account and make weekly changes before 12pm each Friday.



### JUNIOR INFANT ENROLMENT

We are now taking Junior Infants enrolment applications for the 2026-2027 school year.

You can call to reception to collect an application form or apply online by clicking: <https://holyfamiyluniorsschool.com/about/enrolment>. The closing date is Thursday January 29th, 2026.



### SECOND CLASS ENROLMENT

The closing date for enrolment of children going into Second Class in Holy Family Senior School in September 2026 is Thursday January 29th, 2026.

An application form has been shared with parents and guardians of First Class pupils or can be downloaded from <https://holyfamiylseniorsschool.com/enrolment>. Please return your child's application to the class teacher before that date.

If you need any help, please contact Darryl (HSCL Teacher) on 086 6040686 or Orla (HSCL teacher) on 086 1529211.

### COLD WEATHER

Temperatures can drop during the Winter so children could wear an extra layer or two under their tracksuit if they feel cold. It is very important that the children have a warm coat and hat with them every day during these colder months of Winter and Spring.



### THE STAY SAFE PROGRAMME

Stay Safe is a personal safety programme which will be taught in our school during this term. Its aim is to develop children's self-esteem, assertiveness, and self-protection. We hope to enable the children to recognise any situation where they feel unsafe. We also hope that they will learn the vocabulary needed to tell an adult. As outlined in the Revised Primary School Curriculum, children learn the appropriate anatomical terms for the private parts of the body. The worksheets will be sent home to be signed giving you the opportunity to discuss the lessons with your child. Please go to [www.staysafe.ie](http://www.staysafe.ie) to become familiar with this programme or go online to view the Primary Curriculum <https://curriculumonline.ie/Primary/>.



At Holy Family Junior School, we are very proud to be a Green School. The children have been learning how to separate our rubbish in school by using the correct bins for recycling, compost, and waste – ask your child to tell you how we do this!

We have also been talking about saving water and why it is important to use only what we need. Our current Green Schools flag is Global Citizenship – Marine Environment, and the children will be learning how we can all help to protect our oceans and sea life.

As we move into the new year, we will be feeding the birds and looking out for them, especially during cold and frosty weather. This helps children learn kindness, responsibility, and respect for nature. Thank you for supporting our Green Schools work at home – every small action makes a big difference!

## CALENDAR FOR TERM 2

St Brigid's Day Weekend	Monday 2nd February 2026	School closed
Staff meeting	Tuesday 10th February 2026	Half day for pupils at 12.30pm
Mid-term break	Thursday 19th to Friday 20th February 2026 inclusive	School closed
Primary Curriculum Framework Training Day 1	Friday 13th March 2026	School closed
St Patrick's Day Weekend	Monday 16th March to Tuesday 17th 2026 inclusive	School closed
Easter Holidays	Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026 inclusive	School closed
Primary Curriculum Framework Training Day 1	Friday 5th June 2026	School closed

To see our calendar for the school year 2025–2026 please click here:  
<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>

## COMING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

Our school day begins at 9am each morning and finishes at 1.45pm for Junior and Senior Infants and at 2.45pm for First Class pupils. Please drop and collect your child on time each day. Children are easily upset if this routine is disturbed. We thank you for your cooperation with this.





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HSCL TEACHERS



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL  
SINGING CLUB FOR PARENTS**

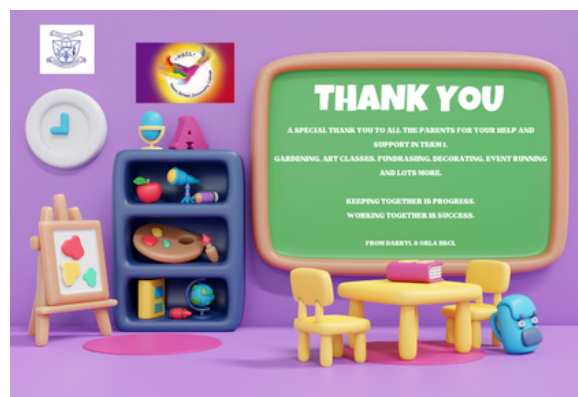
Do you like to sing?  
This is a new project that we are very excited about.

Do you play an instrument?  
Bring it to the singing club.

**FRIDAY 16TH OF OCTOBER**  
**PARENTS' ROOM 9AM - 9.30AM**

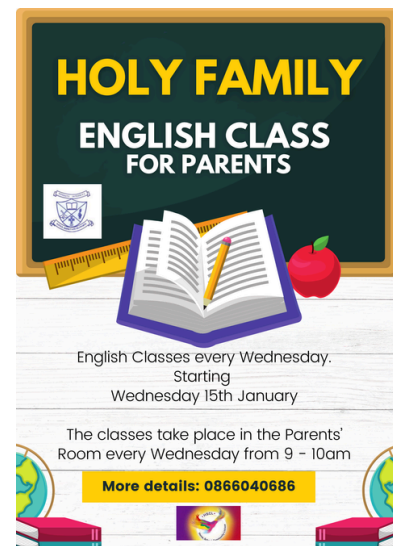
SONG: 'RIPTIDE' BY VANCE JOY

MORE DETAILS CONTACT DARRYL 0866040686



**PLEASE CONTACT US IF WE CAN  
HELP YOU WITH ANYTHING.**

**HSCL - DARRYL 0866040686**  
**HSCL - ORLA 0866040686**



**HOLY FAMILY  
ENGLISH CLASS  
FOR PARENTS**

English Classes every Wednesday.  
Starting  
Wednesday 15th January

The classes take place in the Parents' Room every Wednesday from 9 - 10am

**More details: 0866040686**



**SCHOOL GARDEN**

9.00 AM TUESDAY MORNINGS  
JAN 13<sup>TH</sup> - 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS  
JAN 20<sup>TH</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS  
JAN 27<sup>TH</sup> - SENIOR INFANTS

**JOIN YOUR CHILD IN THE GARDEN FOR  
AN HOUR OF FUN**

PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS  
WELCOME

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT  
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**Mums, Dads, Carers**  
Join us for fun and friendly 8 week course  
**Families Reading Every Day (Free)**

In De Valera Library, Ennis.

- Tips to support children's learning
- Creative ideas to extend vocabulary, play, etc.
- Time to meet other parents
- Baby 3 years and under attends too.

**10.30am - 12.30 Fridays**  
**Starting 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2026**

Book: Mary Flanagan at 065 6897445 or [mary.flanagan@fletb.ie](mailto:mary.flanagan@fletb.ie)

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### **The Garden - 9.00am - Tuesday**

Our garden is in great shape. We invite the parents and children from different classes every Tuesday morning for some outdoor fun.

January 13th - 1st Class

January 20th - 2nd Class

January 27th - Senior Infants

### **Anytime of the week**

We have 1 or 2 allotments available for any parents who would like their own plot to manage. Feel free to connect with us.

### **English Class**

Our fun English classes take place every Wednesday from 9-10am in the Parents' Room. New members always welcome.

### **Parents' Singing Club**

Looking for something new and exciting this year.

Join our new singing club every Friday in the Parents' Room from 9.00 - 9.30am.

First song: 'Riptide' by Vance Joy

If you play an instrument bring it along.