March 2026 Newsletter

Book Week

We are celebrating Book Week this week, with lots of different fun activities to encourage our pupils to enjoy books. We would ask that you make a special effort with reading at home so together we can foster a lifelong love of books. Thursday the 5th of March is World Book Day. The children can dress up coming to school as their favourite book character and bring a favourite book on the day. Some other planned activities for Book Week include:

- Reading lots and lots of great stories
- A Book Quiz based on the big books and fairy tales that the children have been reading in class
- Designing a bookmark or designing a book cover
- A visit from book author Meadhbh Chambers
- and more…

Keep an eye on Facebook and our school website to see what we get up to!

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Seachtain na Gaeilge

We will celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge from the 9th to the 18th of March. During this time we will all try our best to speak lots of Irish. Please make an extra special effort to help your child with Frásaí na Seachtaine.

On Thursday 12th March, we will have a Lá Glas (Green Day), when we will celebrate being Irish. The children can dress in anything green on that day. There is no need to buy anything new!!! If you don't have something green at home, please let us know. We have plenty of green hats etc. On that day, we are asking parents to donate €1 to help to buy playground equipment.

A special text will be sent to you about Seachtain na Gaeilge at the end of this week.

Calendar for Term 2 and 3

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
May Bank Holiday Week	Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2026 inclusive	School closed
June Bank Holiday	Monday 1st June 2026	School closed
Primary Curriculum Framework Training Day 2	Friday 5th June 2026	School closed
School Closing for Summer Holidays	Friday 26th June	

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

Pupil Voice

We are delighted to share the news that our school was asked to take part in a new project called Create. It explores the practice of actively listening to our pupils' opinions, experiences, and feelings about their education. It empowers children to take an active role in their learning, ensuring that their voices are heard, and that they can have an influence in some of the decisions that affect them in school. We asked them recently 'What would you like to change at school? Quite a few children requested a day when they could wear their own clothes to school. We listened! So, on Friday the 27th March, pupils have the option to wear their own clothes.

Hot Lunch at School

Most children are enjoying their hot lunch everyday at school. Please talk to your child about his/her lunch and make regular changes, so he/she does not get tired of eating the same menu each week. If you have difficulties logging on to carambola.ie to make changes, please let the class teacher or Ita know.

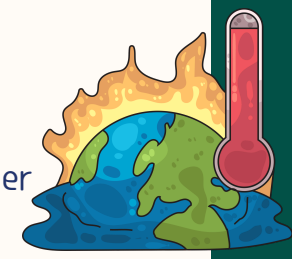
Thank you for sending a bottle of water to school each day with your child; it is such a healthy option!

Green Schools

WALK ON WEDNESDAYS

We have re-commenced our WALK on WEDNESDAY initiative. On Wednesdays we will be encouraging the children to walk some or all the way to school. A Golden Boot will be awarded to the class who makes the most effort each week.

GREEN SCHOOLS FLAG



Karen Foley, our Green Schools Advisor and Clare County Council' s Environmental Awareness Officer, visited the school and met the children on Monday, 2nd March. Her visit was in support of our environmental education work with the children including our work around the theme of Global Citizenship – Marine Environment. She was extremely impressed with our pupils knowledge of and passion for the environment.

Our School Uniform

Pupils should wear their school uniform to school every day. The uniform consists of

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

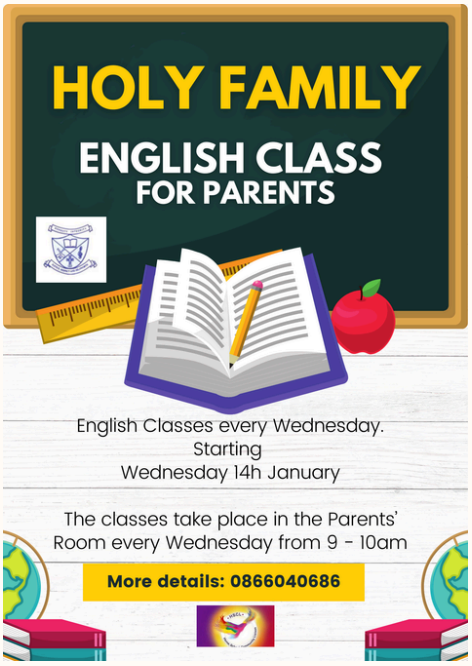
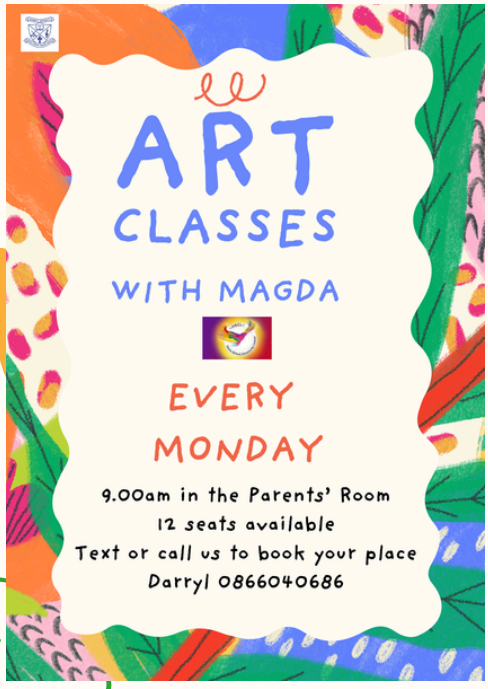
Black or Navy leggings are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn.

Recording Absences on Aladdin

If your child misses time from school, please record the reason for his or her absence through our Aladdin Connect app. Thank you for bringing your child to school every day (except when he or she is sick). Regular attendance helps children to be more secure and happy at school.

Cake Sale

We are delighted to say we raised a €845 at our Cake Sale, which will be spent on Garden Play Equipment. A special word of thanks to the parents who baked, bought or donated cakes and to those who helped out during the sale. We cannot fundraise without your help.

A Message from our HSCL Teachers

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