

# Holy Family Junior School Newsletter

## April 2026

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our pupils, families, and staff after the Easter holidays. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break, filled with time to relax and recharge. As we begin this new term, we look forward to a busy and exciting few months ahead. There will be many opportunities for learning, creativity, and fun, both inside and outside the classroom. Our pupils have already shown great enthusiasm and positivity, and it is wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy once again.

Thank you, as always, to our dedicated staff and supportive parents for your continued commitment to our school.

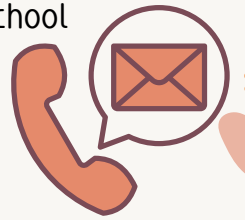
Wishing everyone a happy and productive term ahead.

Ms. Lowe

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### Mindfulness

Michelle Reilly from Sona Mindfulness recently supported our pupils and staff in improving our mindfulness. Teaching mindfulness to young children is so special—it's about helping them find their inner anchor, giving them a superpower to stay grounded no matter how "stormy" their big emotions might feel.



### Coming To School On Time

We are very grateful to the many parents who ensure their children arrive at school on time each day. This punctuality helps children to settle well into their morning and make the most of all learning opportunities.

We understand that mornings can sometimes be busy or challenging; however, we have noticed that some children are arriving late on a regular basis. When this happens, it can be difficult for them to fully engage in lessons and they may miss important teaching time.

We kindly ask for your support in helping your child to arrive at school on time each day, so they can feel confident, settled, and ready to learn alongside their classmates.

# HSCL Teacher Message Board

Please contact us if we can help you with anything.

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**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL**  
**BINGO NIGHT**

Fundraiser for School Playground Equipment

Ennis  
The Holy Family School Hall

★ Total Amount Raised ★  
€4,571

Thanks to all our sponsors, to all who showed up on the night and to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket.  
The Parents' Association



**COFFEE MORNING**

HOLY FAMILY JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOLS

INVITING ALL PARENTS

**WHEN?**  
FRIDAY APRIL 24TH

**WHERE?**  
PARENTS' ROOM BESIDE THE CANTEEN @ 9.30



**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.

EVERY FRIDAY  
PARENTS' ROOM 9AM - 9.30AM

THIS WEEKS SONGS  
'RIPTIDE' BY VANCE JOY  
'THREE LITTLE BIRDS' BY BOB MARLEY

MORE DETAILS CONTACT DARRYL 0866040686



**HOLY FAMILY ENGLISH CLASS FOR PARENTS**

English Classes every Wednesday.  
Starting Wednesday April 15th

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

More details: 0866040686



Join Us!

**HOLY FAMILY GARDENING FOR PARENTS**

Every Thursday | 9.00pm | School garden

Looking for a New Years Activity???


Come join our team for some gardening every Thursday morning.

## Green Schools

Our **Walk on Wednesday** campaign continues this term. We are delighted to remind you that you can **PARK AND STRIDE** every day to and from school by parking your car in the GLÓR car park for 30 minutes, free of charge, while you accompany the children to school.

It is wonderful to see so many children **cycling and scooting** to school. On arrival into the school yard, please ask your child to get off his or her bike/scooter and walk with it. We ask adults to do the same. This is to ensure the safety of all our small children who are also on the yard at that time. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this.

## Calendar Term 3

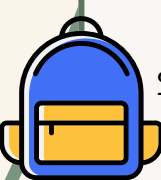


May Bank Holiday Week	Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2026 inclusive	School closed
June Bank Holiday	Monday 1st June 2026	School closed
Primary Curriculum Framework Training Day 2	Friday 5th June 2026	School closed
School Closing for Summer Holidays	Friday 26th June 2026	

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

## Common Enrolment Night

Common Enrolment evening for parents of First Class pupils transferring over to Holy Family Senior School in September 2026, takes place on Thursday the 30th of April at 7pm in Holy Family Senior School.



Common Enrolment evening for parents of incoming Junior Infants starting school in September 2026 takes place on Thursday the 30th April at 6pm in Holy Family Junior School.

We look forward to welcoming the parents of these pupils to our school.

## Birthday Party Treats

Birthday parties are great fun and a very important celebration in your child's life. However, we are not in a position to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday, for health and safety reasons. While your generosity is much appreciated, parties are best celebrated outside school time. Don't worry though! We will ensure that your child's birthday is celebrated in a school friendly way!

## Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, it is very important that you use the Aladdin App or write a note or to explain why your child was not at school. If you are having technical difficulties with Aladdin, Ita is more than happy to help you. Call into reception to meet her.