Holy Family Junior School

November 2026

Newsletter

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Being at school every day!

There will be an exciting attendance promotion over the next few weeks. Please have your child at school every day so that they don't miss the fun. The children will tell you all about it from Monday the 16th on!!

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Thank You!

How quickly the year is going by! The children have settled back into school life so well after the mid-term break and are enjoying all the wonderful learning activities planned for them.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for your continued support. Making sure your child attends school each day, helping with homework and keeping in touch with school staff all play an important part in your child's learning and development.

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Halloween Pumpkin Competition and the various classes and courses that are ongoing. When children see the adults in their lives taking an interest in their learning, it encourages them and helps them to do their best. Your support is truly valued and appreciated!

A Date for your Diaries

We haven't started to talk about Christmas yet, but we'd like you to put a date in your diary!! The children are beginning to learn Christmas songs and poems. We invite you to come and see them perform on the dates below. There'll be more news about this closer to the time:

Junior Infant Christmas Concert – Wednesday the 9th December 2026 – 9.30am
Senior Infant Christmas Concert – Tuesday the 8th December 2026 – 9.30am
First Class Christmas Concert – Wednesday the 9th December 2026 – 2.15pm



A Reminder about Parking

Please remember that parking is not permitted at bus stops or in any areas that are not designated parking spaces along both Friar's Walk and Station Road.



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Holy Family School Uniform

The children look so smart in our school uniform. Thank you for ensuring that they wear a clean navy tracksuit bottoms (not leggings), a blue top with crest and a white polo shirt to school every day.

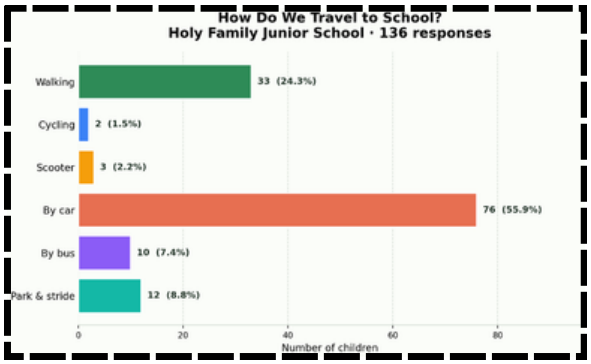
Science Week

This week was Science Week. In addition to the wonderful Science learning that the children experience throughout the year, pupils are enjoying fun filled experiments this week, inspiring them to be active learners, creative thinkers, and problem solvers.



Green Schools Update

We recently asked our school community, "How do you travel to school?" Our 136 responses showed that travelling by car is the most common option, followed by walking.



We are hopeful that we can make school travel more sustainable in the months ahead. The recent introduction of the NS1 and NS2 bus routes by Travel For Ireland, including new electric buses, offers an exciting opportunity for more families to consider travelling by bus.

Scooters are also proving a big hit with the children as they learn to use them safely with their friends!

By walking, cycling, scooting, using park and stride, or taking the bus where possible, we can all help reduce traffic around our school and make a positive difference for our environment.

Every greener journey counts.

Parent - Teacher Meetings

Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings

Junior Infant parent teacher meetings will take place next week. Parents and guardians of Junior Infant pupils can now book a meeting slot on Aladdin Connect, if you haven't already done so. Parent teacher meetings for other classes will take place in term two.

Talking to Teacher

If you have a worry or concern about your child at school, please arrange to speak to his/her class teacher or Special Education Teacher. You can do this by asking the teacher at the door for an appointment, or you can call to Ita at reception, and she will organise a meeting time for you and the teacher.

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Reminder- No Nuts at School

As you know, some pupils in our school have a severe allergic reaction to nuts. To minimise risk to these children, nuts, seeds, bars containing nuts or seeds, nutella and peanut butter are not allowed at school.



Rainy days

As Winter moves in, please ensure that your child has a coat when coming to school, as he/she will need it while playing outside. Also, please be aware that children are welcomed by their teachers into the school from 9.00am each morning. On a morning that it is raining try to arrive at this time so that you don't get wet waiting in the rain.

Safety of Children

REMINDER: Children must be dropped and collected to and from school each day by you or an adult who is over 18 years of age, nominated by you and listed on our class collection sheet.

Birthday Parties

Birthday parties are great fun and a very important celebration in your child's life. However, we are not in a position here at school to distribute birthday invitations or to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday. 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!

Late Late Toy Show

The annual Late Late Toy Show takes place on Friday the 4th December 2026 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.



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A Message from Lorraine



Lorraine, our HSCL Teacher, is here to help and support families.

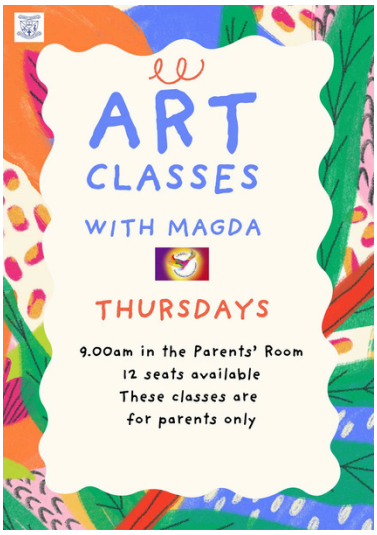
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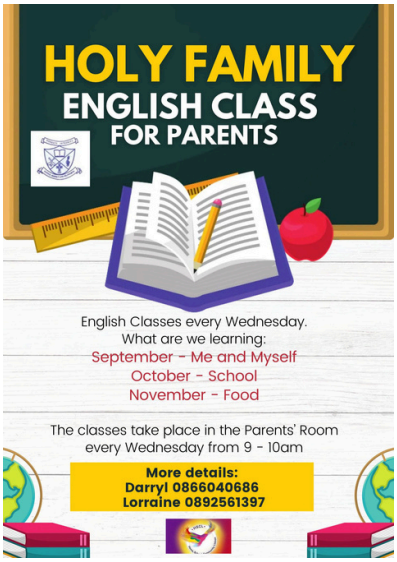
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Lorraine can help connect parents with school supports, community services, courses and local activities.

Check out the posters below for upcoming events and opportunities and keep an eye on our social media pages and Aladdin for the latest updates.











Calendar Term 1



Christmas Holidays: School closes on Tuesday 22nd Dec @12pm and reopens on Wednesday 6th January 2027

To see our calendar for the school year 2026-2027 please click here: https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/

New calendar dates notified by the Department of Education

Wellbeing Curriculum Enactment Staff Training Day 1	Tuesday 12th January 2027	School closed
Wellbeing Curriculum Enactment Staff Training Day 2	Tuesday 16th March 2027	School closed
Wellbeing Curriculum Enactment Staff Training Day 3	Thursday 13th May 2027	School closed