



# Holy Family Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Pupils of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Reception	Croia Nugent	For always showing fantastic listening
Yr.1 NC	John James McCrory	For his super number 8 formation
Yr.1 MP	Conan Treanor	For his brilliant work on sounds
Yr.2 CK	Rohan McElduff	For excellent discussion work on 'Fairy Tale' settings
Yr.2 EM	Carson Moore	For his precise measuring skills using cubes & counters in number work!
Yr.3 SM	Joe Sheriff	For his excellent literacy work & being understanding and kind
Yr.3MO'N	Sirat Safi	For his wonderful kite! We have a budding engineer!!!
Yr.4 CMM	Theo Devlin	For his great attitude to all tasks
Yr.4 BH	Padraig Shields	For his enthusiasm and interest in his activities
Yr.5 DMC	Fiadh O'Neill	For always begin so happy & working with a smile on her face!!
Yr.5 DMS	Sofia Furey	For excellent presentation of her class work and homework
Yr.6 SMG	Caodhan Brown-Byrne	For demonstrating great general knowledge during topic and literacy work
Yr.6 ZMD	Noah Clarke	For great improvement in his time management
Yr.7 AC	Criston Repe	For always completing his homework to such a high level
Yr.7 KMK	Gavin McMahon	For always trying his best in all his work & for his impeccable manners

### Good Manners Award

**Junior Site:** Farrah McKnight, Eabha Colton, Olivia Gorska, Annabelle Sweeney, Ameila Pomichter, Grace McCann, Daithi Curran, Logan Woodhead & Ayla Mimnagh

**Senior Site:** Anna McElduff, Kristofers Kirilova, Jara Abelarde, Ben Doherty, Ruairi Donnell & Zach McFaul. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all.

### Upcoming Dates to Note

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Sacrament of Confirmation in the Sacred Heart Church @ 5pm

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Additional Staff Development Day - pupils not in school

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March** - School closed for St. Patrick's Day

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March** - School photographer on both sites (further details next week)

**Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Holy Thursday/School closes @ 12noon for pupils for the Easter break

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)** - Easter Holidays. School reopens Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April** - First Holy Communion at 12noon in the Sacred Heart Church

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May** - School closed for the May Bank Holiday

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May (inclusive)** - Mid Term Break

**Thur 11<sup>th</sup>/Fri 12<sup>th</sup>/Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June** - School Show 'Beauty & the Beast' in St. Joseph's Hall

### Collection of Pupils

We remind parents/guardians to please contact the school either through seesaw or by telephone to the office if there is any change in your child's home-time arrangements i.e. if your child is going home with another child and their parent or if someone other than those named as a contact is collecting your child. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### E.A. Contributory Charge for Instrumental Tuition - Yr's 5/6/7

The second instalment for the E.A. music tuition is due today (Fri, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb).

Payment has been set up on our school money app and we ask parents to please contact the senior site office if you experience any problems with the app or if you need any further information. The final instalment is due on 31<sup>st</sup> March.



### Cumann na mBunscol Boys' Indoor Competition

On Wednesday our K.S.2 boys took part in the Cumann na mBunscol indoor competition in Omagh Station Centre. The boys played teams from St. Conor's, St. Colmille's Carrickmore and St. Patrick's Castlederg and put on an impressive display of footballing skills. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to get them through to the final on this occasion and it was Carrickmore who were crowned eventual winners. Don't worry boys there's lots more football to be played before the end of June!!

### Scholastic Book Fair



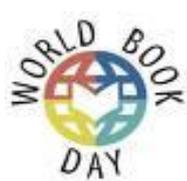
Our book fair took place during the week and was once again a great success. A big thank you to all those who supported the fair and especially to you, our parents/guardians, for your continued support - it is greatly appreciated. We would like to make special mention of Mrs. Mairead Turbett and Mrs. Sue Robinson who were on hand to help throughout the event. Due to the success of the book fair, each classroom will receive books to add to their class and whole school libraries. Many thanks and well done to everyone involved.

### Good Luck to our Fabulous Runners!!!

We wish the best of Holy Family luck to Kyra Mimnagh, James McCarron & Sam Motherwell as they proudly represent our school at the Flahavan's Primary Schools N.I. Cross Country League Final today at Mallusk Playing Fields. Such a fantastic achievement reaching the final in this very prestigious competition!!! We are so proud of your hard work, commitment and determination. N.B. We will let you know how they got on in next week's newsletter.



### World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. World Book Day inspires every child to enjoy the life-changing benefits of reading for fun. It is a global celebration of stories, authors and the joy of reading. On the Junior site we are exploring the theme of "Bedtime Stories" and we invite all children to wear their cosy pyjamas to school. On the Senior site we invite all children to dress up as their favourite character. We will be having lovely World Book Day Activities in all classes, and as part of our Eco-Schools we are asking the children to bring in a pre-loved book that they would like to swap in our Annual Book Swap. We are looking forward to a huge celebration of 'Reading for Pleasure' in Holy Family and we hope everyone gets involved.

### Easter Five Week Draw

This week sees the launch of our Easter Five Week Draw which is organised by our fabulous Parents' Committee who aim to enhance the learning experience of all our pupils across both sites. Today your child was given an Easter Five Week Draw card and a note explaining how the draw works. Winners will be announced at assembly and in the school newsletter each week - good luck everyone!!!

### Thought of the week

*You're only here for a short while.  
Don't hurry, don't worry,  
and be sure to smell the flowers along the way*



## Easter Five Week Draw

**Dear Parents & Guardians,**

Thank you for your continued support in our yearly fundraising efforts. We are launching our Easter Five Week Draw again, which has been very successful in the past! All money raised by the parents committee will be used to enhance the learning experience of all our children in Holy Family.

### How the Draw Works

- Your child will receive a draw card today. Each card has **five lines** for family and friends to join the draw.
- The cost is **£2.00 per person per week** - total **£10.00 for the five weeks**.
- You can choose to pay the full **£10.00 up front** (This does make administration easier).
- Children **must return their draw cards by Tuesday each week**, as the draw will take place every **Wednesday morning**.
- Winners will be announced during **assembly** and in the **school newsletter**.
- Each child will receive a draw card, but **one card per family is sufficient**.

### Prizes

#### **Prizes Weeks 1-4**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £50**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £25**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £10**

#### **Prizes Week 5**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £150**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £75**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £30**

The first draw will take place on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. Cards must be returned by **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to be entered**.

Children will receive their draw cards back each week to **sell more lines** or **collect payments** for upcoming weeks. Additional cards are available if needed!!

Thank you for your continued support. If you are participating for the first time, we truly appreciate your involvement.

**Yours sincerely,**  
**Holy Family Parents' Committee**