



Holy Family Herald



Newsletter

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to our Newsletter

A word from the Principal...

As we reach the midterm break after a busy first six weeks back at school, I want to take a moment to commend all the boys and girls for their hard work since we returned on August 28th. They have taken part in many fun and engaging learning activities, and we hope you enjoy getting a glimpse of these in our newsletter.

A special welcome to our new Junior Infants, our Early Start pupils, and to the new families who have joined our school in other classes — everyone has settled in wonderfully. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff for all they have done to support the children so far this school year.

Enrolment for the 2026/2027 school year is now open. Applications are now being accepted for places in our **Early Start programme, Junior Infants, and Autism classes.** If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the school office for more information.

I am very much looking forward to seeing all the creative costumes tomorrow for our Halloween dress-up day, which will begin with our **HFNS Spooktacular Costume Parade** — a walk around Dunedin Park. Parents and guardians are warmly invited to join us for our morning walk @9am.

Wishing our entire school community a safe and restful midterm break. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for more learning when we return.

M.Martyn

The Parents Association are having a fancy-dress competition for Halloween on Thursday, October 23rd. There will be a disco in the school hall, and a best dressed winner will be selected from each class.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Midterm & Presidential Election (Polling Day) Closure: School will close on **Thursday, October 23rd** at the **normal finishing times** of 1.30pm & 2.30pm and will re-open on Monday **November 3rd** at 8.50am.



For the month of November Holy Family will be running an Attendance Drive. All children who are in and on time each day will be entered into a weekly draw to win prizes. The parents of the children who have 100% attendance for the month of November will be entered into a draw to win a €50 Tesco voucher.

Bake Sale

Holy Family Parent's Association held a bake sale on the 8th of October. It was a great success and **€590** was raised. A big thank you to all who donated tasty treats to help make the day so enjoyable.

Creativity in the Class with Claire



Form & Function with 5th class



Pop-up 3D maps with 2nd class

Holy Family's Green Fingered Gardeners!



On Tuesday afternoons children are busy in Gardening Club. We are busy weeding and planting now with Tanya & Sandra.



Lego Club is also on Tuesdays. Mr Creamer sets the children different tasks each week.



Thursday sees children taking part in Crafty Club. Each week we design something amazing with Ms. Byrne and Tanya.



Every Wednesday our chess club study new moves and challenge each other in the Holy Family Chess Club League.

Friday mornings are busy with football training. Mr Quinn and Mr O'Connor put the children through drills and a game to finish the session. We are looking forward to representing Holy Family and taking on other schools!



Early Start getting ready for Halloween.



Carving pumpkins with Ms. Kelly & Tanya.

Our Student Council for the 25/26 school year are up and running and planning some activities for the school year. They would like to remind our school community that we are still collecting plastic bottles in the large orange bin in the school hall, the funds from which will go back to the school.



Have a spook-tacular Halloween



Enrolments for Early Start & Junior Infants for September 2026/2027 are now open. Spread the word about our wonderful school to your neighbours, friends and relatives in the area, we would love to have them join HFNS!