



20th April 2026



NUACHT NA CROISE NAOFA

Calendar for 2026/27

The calendar for next year (2026/27) is now on our school website: - www.holycrossschool.ie/

The first day of school for the children will be Thursday, 27th August 2026.

Please note the change from having a full week's mid-term break in February to having a mid-term break in May next year. This is due to Easter being very early in 2027.



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Our Green Schools Committee have been hard at work since the Easter hols and have been planting. They have written more about it on the next page.

Green Schools Committee

On Friday 17th April, the Green Schools Committee had a very busy and exciting day planting new plants around our school.

We planted sweet pea, rocket and morning glory, which is also called ipomoea and is a climbing plant with trumpet-shaped flowers. Sweet pea is also a climbing plant, so both of these plants will need support as they grow. Rocket is a herb. We planted eight plants that were grown from seeds by one of our kind SNA's.

We looked carefully around the school to find the best sunny place for the plants. In the end, we chose a spot beside the bike shelter and along the wall between the school and the Ash Grove Court apartments. The plants were placed near the bug hotel made by our wonderful caretaker, Paul.

We used trowels to dig holes in the soil. Then we carefully took the plants out of their pots and placed them into the ground. We worked together really well and made sure to leave enough space between each plant so they will have room to grow.

We planted the sweet pea and the morning glory against the wall because we knew the wall would help to support these climbing plants as they grow. We planted the rocket nearby, close to the dividing area beside the Montessori playground.

While we were planting, we also got to chat with some of the Montessori children who were outside on their break. We spoke to them about the plants and what we were doing. It was lovely to share our learning with them.

The Green Schools Committee in Holy Cross is made up of Green School representatives from 2nd class to 6th class. We do important work in our school to help with biodiversity, energy saving, recycling and water conservation.

We are very proud of our planting work and we cannot wait to watch our new plants grow. *The Green School Committee*



Trócaire Boxes

If any family has Trócaire boxes still to return, please drop them into the office this week. *Míle Buíochas*



GAA Arrangements this week

We had a wonderful week on the playing fields last week with the stars of the show undoubtedly our Senior Camogie Team. They put in a terrific team performance and came out on top in their match vs St. Raphaela's N.S. Well done girls - we are very proud of you!

This Wednesday sees Ms. Lane's Rang 3 students play in the re-fixed Andy Gibbons finals in Naomh Olaf at 4:40pm. A very exciting occasion and we wish the team all the very best! Holy Cross abú!

The Camogie and Hurling matches are coming thick and fast for all of our teams as the Cumann na mBunscol season continues this week. Best of luck to all of our teams in action. Details for the matches are below;

Unfortunately our Junior team will have to wait another week to get their matches up and running as the opposition school cannot play this week.

Our Senior Girls team play Mount Anville at 2pm on Wednesday in Deerpark. They will return to the school at 3:15pm.

Our Senior Boys team play St. Anne's in Shanganagh, Shankill at 1pm on Thursday. They will return to the school at 2:30pm.

Active School Week

We are very much looking forward to an action packed Active Schools Week next week. If any parent would like to lend a hand please get in touch with the office, it would be very much appreciated!

A reminder also about our Family Walk which takes place next Thursday, 30th April at 7pm, in Marlay Park. It is always a lovely evening, we look forward to seeing you there.

