



9<sup>th</sup> June 2025



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## A busy week in Holy Cross

Another busy and exciting week in store in Holy Cross.

Rang 5 have their school tour today. We have our big outing to Croke Park to support our Senior Boys Hurling team tomorrow, Sports Day on Wednesday (hopefully!), Senior and Junior Infants have their tour on Thursday and finally we have our second hand uniform sale on Friday morning with new junior infants visiting the school on Friday afternoon. More info on the relevant events below!

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week's photo is of our fantastic Rang 6 pupils enjoying their school tour last Friday. They had great fun experiencing a variety of water sports in Dún Laoghaire.



## School book scheme and related charges 2025/26

As you know, for the last two years, the government's Free School Book scheme has been in operation in all primary schools. The scheme will continue for the 2025/26 school year. This means that parents will not be charged for any school book or copy for next year. It is great that the financial burden of purchasing schoolbooks continues to be removed from parents.

Unfortunately however, the grant is not sufficient to cover all school related charges. Some examples of these charges include, Arts and Crafts materials, Pupil Personal Insurance and IT charges. These charges vary slightly from class to class. For example, not all classes will be doing a spring drama next year and so drama teacher charges are not included for all classes. The cost of these charges payable by families had previously been included in the book list total that would have been sent to each family. This week each family will receive a book list outlining the books they can expect your child to receive on return to school in August. These costs are covered under the scheme. The booklists will also outline the school charges which are not covered under the scheme and are therefore payable. An Aladdin payment link will accompany the booklists.

We would be grateful if you could pay these by the end of June. If you have any difficulties making payment please contact the school.



## A Big Day in Croke for Holy Cross!

A few reminders about our trip to Croke Park tomorrow.

All children from Rang 2 to Rang 6 will travel to support the team. Carina has sent a payment request to the relevant classes. Junior Infants to Rang 1 will have their normal school day with afterschool activities running as usual.

As it is such a busy time of the year, it was very difficult to arrange bus departure times that suited us perfectly. As a result, both the team and supporters will be leaving a little earlier than we listed in last week's Nuachtlitir. Please see schedule below:

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

**12:20pm** - Players depart for Croke Park.

**12:20pm** - Supporters' buses depart Holy Cross for Croke Park.

**2:20pm** - Throw in for Hurling Final

**3:30pm** - Supporters and team leave Croke Park to return to Holy Cross

**4:30pm** - Supporters and team return to Holy Cross for collection.

Croke Park can be quite cold so please ensure your child has a coat with them tomorrow. When classes return to Holy Cross they will line up in their designated lines for collection from the Senior Yard. If you are collecting your child from senior yard, please do not stand on the astro turf. Please stand on the tarmac or in the shed to allow teachers to organise the classes.

Parents are most welcome to attend the match in Croke Park but must purchase their own tickets. Any parent who wishes to attend can purchase tickets via the following link (we are on day 2 of the finals - Tuesday). All parents/guardians driving to the match can park in the Davin Stand car park. Our match is on the Cusack Stand side. Tickets are €8 and will be scanned on entry to the stadium.

<https://cnmb.ie/iomaint/information-for-finalists-parents-spectators/>

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## Sports Day 2024



After the disappointment of last week's postponement due to poor weather, we are all very much looking forward to our **Holy Cross Sports Day, this Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June.** This is always a brilliant day of fun for the children and staff as we leave the books to get outside and enjoy a variety of games, races and activities organised by Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Jackson. This will be a fun filled day of activities in the school and each class will also make the trip to Rosemount Park for the "traditional" sports day races and craic. **Please ensure your child has an extra drink of water on the day and has applied sun cream before coming to school!**

## PA Second Hand Uniform Sale



This Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, our fantastic Parents Association are running a second hand uniform sale in the halla. This is a great opportunity to pick up a few bargains ahead of the 2025-26 school year.

The sale will begin at 9am. When all of the children have arrived to the school, parents can use either door to come on into the school hall. Please note that the sale is **CASH ONLY!**



Finally, could we please ask that you remove any old nametags from clothing items and replace or cover them with new name tags before the start of the next school year. Many thanks to all of the families who have kindly donated uniform items in good condition. If there are families who would still like to donate, please drop items into the office this week. Míle Buíochas.