



28th September 2026



NUACHT NA CROISE NAOFA

Enrolment in Junior Infants 2027/2028

It is that time of the year again in Holy Cross! From Wednesday 1st October, we will be accepting applications for Junior Infants who will start in Holy Cross in September 2027.

October is the month for applications and our online application form is available on our school website <https://www.holycrossschool.ie/>.

You will also be able to find our Admissions Policy and Annual Admissions Notice on our school website under "Admissions" in the Information for Parents section.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our two winners of the first Holy Cross Way Raffle of the school year. Throughout the month of September, teachers were nominating students who were showing great "Responsibility" - full list of nominees later on the Nuachtlitir!





Voluntary Contribution

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It is at this time of the year that we usually ask parents who can, to make a voluntary contribution to the school. Schools are funded through a number of Government grants each year, particularly the school capitation grant. This grant increased slightly last year but it still does not adequately fund the day to day running costs of the school (for example almost two thirds of this grant was spent on our electricity and heating bills last year).

As with previous years, we suggest an amount of €70 per child or a maximum of €120 per family if there is more than one child attending the school. If parents would like to donate more please bear in mind that a contribution of €250 or more also enables the school to claim the tax back on the donation. **We also remind parents that this donation is voluntary and is not obligatory.**

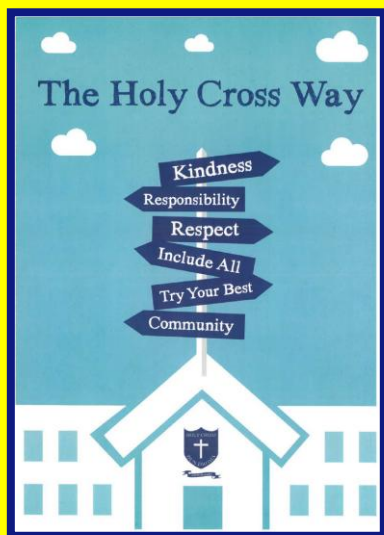
We understand that all families are facing more difficult financial times and very much welcome initiatives like the free school books scheme and the free hot lunches programme for primary schools. We would also like parents to know that if they would prefer to make smaller contributions than the figures above, or make the contribution in instalments throughout the year, that option is available through the Aladdin link which Miriam will be sending out to all parents later today. If parents would rather, they can of course pay by cheque or cash.

We count ourselves very lucky that we have such supportive families in Holy Cross. I wish to particularly thank our Parents' Association for their fundraising support which is so important to the running and development of our school.

On behalf of the Board of Management of Holy Cross School I would like to thank you sincerely for your ongoing support.

Míle Buíochas,
John McGrath

Holy Cross Way Nominees



Each month we pick an element of the Holy Cross Way to focus on. At our weekly Tionól we celebrate children who have been nominated by their teachers for setting a great example for their classmates in relation to that element of the Holy Cross Way. These weekly nominees are then entered into a draw at the end of the month for some prizes! Well done to all of the students who were nominated for the Holy Cross Way Raffle this month. They set a great example when it came to acting Responsibly - maith sibh!

**Ms. Smith
and Ms
Kearns**

Reuben
Chloe
Robyn K
Adam
Juliana
Robyn C

**Mr.
Fitzgerald**

Lauren
Tommy
Tom
Frankie
Christian
Luna
Jonathan
Helena

**Ms.
Kennedy**

Patrick
Hanne
Fionn
Saraana
Noah
Clodagh
Thomas
Emma

Ms. Faulkner

Beau
Natalie
Beth
Anika
George
Ryan
Sophie
Darren

**Ms.
Hegarty**

Nina
Willow
Regan
Seán
Molly
Holly
Jamie
Zarisha

Mr. McDaid

Poppy
Mazin
Vojta
Esmé
Ron
Finn
Síomha

Mr. Kelly

Thomas
Kate
Chloe
Christopher
Mimi
Ronan
Wynter
Kaden

Mr. Jackson

Emma
Ben
Sophie
Georgios
Ethan
Eli
Muneeb
Esmé

Ms. Lane

Arya
Billy
Ioana
Jacob
Adam
Lauren
Lucy
Luke

Leading the Holy Cross Way

Last week, our fantastic Rang 6 students began a great initiative called "Leading the Holy Cross Way". Our senior pupils will visit some of our younger classes to teach them about the Holy Cross Way and the valuable lessons they have learned on their way to Rang 6!



Goal Jersey Day

This Friday we will be raising money for GOAL who provide humanitarian aid in some of the most difficult and dangerous places around the world. We ask that all children who want to take part bring in €2 this Friday for the collection and they can wear a sports jersey of their choice.



GAA Arrangements this week

Well done to our Girls Senior team who had their final game of the season on Wednesday of last week. The enthusiasm, team spirit and determination shown by the girls has been inspiring this year. Ms. Leslie and Ms. Lane are in the process of organising further matches for the girls. Fingers crossed they will be able to arrange a match for this coming Wednesday. If so, the teachers will inform the players of all the details in advance. **Training will continue for the girls team, tomorrow, Tuesday in the school yard at 8:20am. Maith sibh a chailíní!**

Our Junior team's season continues tomorrow, Tuesday, as they play Gaeilscoil Laighean in Deerpark at 2:20pm. They will return to the school for collection at 3:20pm.

Well done to our Senior Boys team on their win last week. Mr. Fitzgerald is waiting for confirmation from our opponents on arrangements for this week. He will let the players know the details as soon as possible.

