



Holy Family Community School

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Newsletter One 2026/2027

It is with great pleasure that we present the first edition of our 2026/2027 school newsletter. As a school community, we are proud of the many achievements, experiences, and opportunities that make our school such a vibrant and supportive place to learn and grow.

This newsletter has been created to celebrate those moments and to keep students, parents, guardians, and staff connected with the life of our school.

Throughout the year, our students engage in a wide variety of academic, sporting, cultural, and extracurricular activities. This newsletter will provide a snapshot of these experiences, highlighting the dedication, talent, and hard work of our students and staff. From classroom projects and competitions to sporting successes, school events, and community involvement, there is much to celebrate.

We hope this publication will serve not only as a record of the many wonderful things happening in our school but also as a way of recognising the contributions of everyone who helps make our school community so special.

Leaving Certificate & Leaving Certificate Applied Class of 2026 High Achievers

Success was celebrated when we welcomed back high-achieving members of the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied Class of 2026. Students who earned over 500 points in the Leaving Certificate or achieved a Distinction in the LCA programme were invited back to school to mark their accomplishments.

It was a pleasure to catch up with our graduates and hear about the wide range of courses, careers, and opportunities they are pursuing. We are immensely proud of their achievements and grateful that they took the time to return and share their experiences. We wish them every success as they continue on their chosen paths and look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the years ahead.



Back Row: Leo (Computer Science – UCD), Leland (Employment), Grace (PE & Geography Teaching – UL), Felix (Biotechnology – DCU)
Third Row: Alessia (Accounting & Finance – TUD), Aisling (Childcare – Portobello), Odella (Midwifery – UCD)
Second Row: Jemma (Criminology & Psychology – Dunboyne), Anagha (Advanced Therapeutic Technologies – RCSI), Amber (Fashion – Crumlin)
Front Row: Ms. Fallon (Principal), Ryan (Law – DCU), Jonny (Mechanical Engineering – TUD), Paras (General Engineering – Trinity College)



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Culture Day 2026

In September, we proudly celebrated Culture Day in HFCS, an event made even more special as it was the first major celebration to take place in our new General Purpose Area (GPA). The GPA provided the perfect setting for what was a vibrant and memorable day for our entire school community.

A highlight of the celebrations was our Global Village, which featured over 30 stalls showcasing almost 40 different cultures represented within our student body. Students enthusiastically shared their family heritage through displays, traditional dress, music, and delicious homemade dishes from around the world.

The event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity that makes our school community so unique. Students and staff enjoyed learning about different cultures, traditions, and customs while fostering a greater appreciation for one another's backgrounds.



HFCS School Musical 2026: Grease

We are delighted to announce that *Grease* has been chosen as the HFCS school musical for this year!

Preparations are already well underway, with students from all year groups coming together to rehearse, sing, dance, and work behind the scenes to bring this iconic production to life. The enthusiasm, talent, and dedication on display promise another spectacular show for our school community.

Be sure to keep an eye on our Instagram for ticket information and updates as rehearsals progress. Students are also reminded to enter the *Grease* Poster Competition for a chance to win a pair of tickets to the show.

We look forward to welcoming you to what is sure to be another unforgettable HFCS production!



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Transistion Year

Transition Year has been a busy and exciting experience for our students, filled with a wide range of activities, workshops, and memorable events. Among the highlights were trips to Lilliput Adventure Centre and the Zipit High Wire Experience, where students challenged themselves, built confidence, and created lasting memories with their classmates.

Throughout the year, students have also had the opportunity to develop valuable life skills through a variety of workshops. From learning practical personal safety and self-defence techniques to engaging with guest speakers on important topics such as sustainability, students have gained new perspectives and skills that will benefit them both inside and outside the classroom.

The year promises to remain just as busy, with work experience placements fast approaching. We are extremely grateful to the many local businesses and organisations that generously open their doors to our students each year. Their support provides invaluable real-world experience and helps our students explore potential career paths while developing important workplace skills.

We look forward to seeing all that our Transition Year students will achieve in the months ahead as they continue to embrace every opportunity that comes their way.





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Higher Options and World Skills Event

Exploring future pathways was the focus for our 6th Year students during their visit to the Higher Options and WorldSkills events. Students had the opportunity to learn about a wide range of post-school opportunities, including university courses, apprenticeships, PLC programmes and alternative career pathways, while speaking directly with representatives from colleges, universities and industry.

A highlight of the day was meeting several past pupils at WorldSkills, where they were proudly showcasing their talents and professional skills. Their success served as an inspiring reminder that there are many different routes to achieving personal and career goals.

The visit encouraged students to ask questions, explore possibilities and begin envisioning their futures. Well done to all our 6th Year students on making the most of this valuable experience.

As we break for midterm, we would like to extend our best wishes to all students, staff, parents, and members of our wider school community for a happy Halloween and an enjoyable, well-deserved break. We hope the week brings plenty of fun, relaxation, and, of course, a few sweet treats along the way!

HFCS Parents Council – Making a Difference Together

The HFCS Parents Council is all about making a positive difference to school life for all our students — and we'd love more parents and guardians to get involved!

We've helped fund for the school polytunnel, a new sound system and, most recently, a brand-new kit for our basketball team, along with lots of other projects and initiatives.

Everything we do is about supporting our school community and, ultimately, benefiting our kids. The Parents Council is for everyone, and there are lots of ways to get involved, whether you can give your time, share an idea or support our fundraising.

Follow us on Instagram @hfcs_parents council for interesting content, school updates, events, competitions, fundraising and a look at what we're getting up to!

Support our Weekly Fundraiser: From just €2.50 per week, you could win up to €3,000, plus a guaranteed €20 weekly prize, regular spot prizes and cash bonus prizes throughout the year.

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