

School Calendar – September '17 to June '18

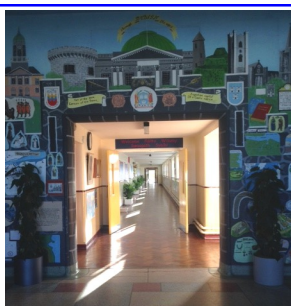
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| Mon 30th October - Fri 3rd November | School Closed | Mid-Term Break |
| (School re-opens on Monday 6th November) | | |
| Monday 25th December - Fri. 5th January | School Closed | Christmas Holidays |
| (School re-opens on Monday 8th January) | | |
| Thursday 15th & Friday 16th February | School Closed | Mid-Term Break |
| Monday 19th March | School Closed | St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday |
| Mon. 26th March — Friday 6th April | School Closed | Easter Holidays |
| (School re-opens on Monday 9th April) | | |
| Mon 7th— Friday 11th May | School Closed | May Break |
| Monday 4th June | School Closed | Bank Holiday |
| Friday 29th June (Last day of Term) | School Closes | Summer Holidays |

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please take the time to visit our school website as it is regularly updated with photos and other information. We post pictures of our monthly assemblies, featuring our 'pupil of the week', 'artist of the month' and attendance award winners etc. The school calendar can also be viewed on our website. www.holychildbns.ie

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Our Board have made many improvements to the school over the summer holidays. They meet regularly to discuss all aspects of school life. Our Board members are: Desmond Deegan Chairperson, Mr. Des Barrett, Fr. Tom Kearney, Ms. Kathleen Berry, Ms. Áine Caldwell, Mr. Alan Redmond, Mr. Paul O' Rourke and Ms. Cathy Timmons.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our Parents Association held their AGM in the school library on Wednesday evening. Thanks to all who attended. If you would like to get involved or to help out in any way during the year please give your name and phone number to the school office and we will pass on your details. There is a PA link on our school website which will be updated shortly with the outcome of the AGM.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we begin the 2017/18 school year I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome all of our boys back to school. We hope both pupils and parents had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We particularly welcome our first class boys (pictured) and a number of new boys who have joined our school over the summer. We also welcome Ms. Durney to the staff.

We very much appreciate the support and co-operation of our parents throughout the year. We encourage you to take an active role in your child's learning and to work with his teacher. We will have formal parent/teacher meetings later on but if you have any concerns you can also arrange to see the class teacher by phoning or calling in to make an appointment.

We look forward to a happy and successful year for everyone at Holy Child Boys'.

Cathy Timmons
Principal



GAELIC SQUAD

Mr. O' Rourke and Ms. Lynch have made their selection for the school football team who were in action on Tuesday. They had a winning start to their league when they put in a solid performance to beat St Cronan's 8-3 to 5-7. The squad is:

Evan Dignam, Harry Jacobs, James Bryan, Luke Shelley, Shane Kelly, Adam Kavanagh, Matthew O' Loughlin, Luke Leonard, Dominic Chebac, Sam Murray, Callum Flanagan, Logan preston, Evan Gorman, Joseph Lewis, Cian Ashmore, Simon Ashmore, Alex Farrell and Ryan Kelly.

Thanks to all of the boys who tried out for the squad and thanks to all the parents for their support. We wish them the best of luck for the season.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday the 19th of May is the date that has been set for 2nd Class pupils making their First Holy Communion. Confirmation for 6th Class pupils will take place in April, the exact date has not yet been finalised by the Archbishop.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

We will run our after school classes again this year, beginning on the week commencing 2nd of October. Homework Club on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday; Monday Club Gaeilge; Tuesday Chess; Thursday Sports Club and Thursday Speech & Drama. All classes run for a period of 10 weeks, they begin at 2.45 and finish at **3.45** and children can be collected at the front door at that time.

PARKING / SCHOOL SAFETY

At this time of year we ask parents to be mindful of our neighbours when dropping or collecting children from school. Please do not block driveways or park in the yellow lined zone outside the school gates. We also ask that you make allowances for the school buses. The safety of all of the children is our priority at all times.

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

We remind parents of the importance of keeping us up to date with any changes to your contact details, so if you change address or telephone number please do let us know. It is also very important that we have your up to date email address as much of our communication with parents is now done via email.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross country team are looking forward to representing the school on October 11th in Santry Demense. Our athletes are:

5th Class: Logan Preston, Calum Jenkins, Brandon Chisnall, Cian Ashmore, Cathal O' Neill, Lennon O' Byrne, Alex Farrell and Jake Malone.
6th Class: Callum Flanagan, Dominic Chebac, Luke Leonard, Sam Murray, Adam Kavanagh, Daniel Klimov, James Bryan and Evan Dignam.

Thanks to Mr. Culligan who is coaching the boys. Best of luck!

ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance for 2016/2017 school year was 93.6%. This year we hope to greatly improve on this and our target is 94%.

Please remember that if your boy is absent the school must be notified either by phone call, a note in his journal or an email explaining the reason for the absence. If your boy is being taken out of school for holiday purposes then we must be notified in writing of the reason and the duration of his absence.