



## Welcome to St. Helen's **Catholic Infant** School

Our mission statement is, "With Jesus alive in our hearts, we celebrate each other and learn together as a family."



#### **Reception Teachers: 2025-26**

RS/ EYFS Leader: Mrs Seaman



RR: Miss Rideout



"Children in Reception develop exceptionally strong learning habits from the start. They are well prepared for Year 1." OFSTED March 2024



#### Uniform

- Uniform Policy available on website
- Compulsory
- Black or white trainers
- Everything must be labelled
- PE Bag with spare underwear and joggers/shorts
- Book appointment with Smartypants

## **Term Dates 2025-26**



#### Diary Dates will be available in July

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools -Academic Year 2025-2026

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Term dates 2025-26 and 2026-27 are all available on the school website https://www.st-helensinf.essex.sch.uk/termdates/

#### **School dinners**



- School meals are free for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children
- Menus are available via school website
- Parents book in advance on ParentPay, if meals aren't booked on a Monday for the following week, children will need a packed lunch. We recommend parents book a term at a time
- Any allergies need to be emailed to admin email address before end of July with supporting medical evidence
- Children can have a healthy packed lunch provided by parents. The school policy on packed lunches is available on the school website: Parents – Lunch Menus





#### Induction 2025-26



- Please ensure your child's nursery has contacted us to provide information
- 1:1 Meetings with teachers/DHT (parents/carers and children 20 mins each):

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – These are booked via Parentmail nearer the time

- Part-Time Sessions: (children only School Uniform)
- 8th and 9th September 2025 9.15am 11.30am
- Full-Time provision begins: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 8.45am-3.15pm (children only - School Uniform)

Please note:

- Only 1 parent to bring them on their first few days to reduce stress for children
- Children with SEND/behaviour needs will have a longer induction period
- Children must be toilet-trained and not wearing nappies/ pull ups to ensure induction is successful.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 5pm: Curriculum Information Session

#### How to Prepare Your Child...



- Toilet training is compulsory: No nappies/pull ups
- Practice putting their own coat on by themselves
- Encourage your child to carry own bag and water bottle
- Talk to your child about starting school positively, and encourage them to respond
- Teach your child to read their own name, especially in clothing
- Encourage your child to be independent and be ready to learn



### Next Steps....

- Accept and open the Parentmail and ParentPay emails
- Book 1:1 meeting via Parentmail
- Purchase school uniform, book bags, plastic water bottles
- Ensure your child is toilet-trained: No nappies/pull ups
- Organise wraparound care
- Familiarise yourself with the school website, Instagram and Weekly
  Newsletter
- Book school lunches on Parentpay
- Bring your child and personal questions to your 1:1 meeting in September

# What to expect on first days....



- Full school uniform, book bag and plastic water bottle
- One adult per child at beginning of day
- Drop and Go
- School dinners
- School fund
- Communication with teachers via email: <u>foundation@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk</u> Please put child's name and class in the subject box.

#### How to keep up to date:

