



St Helen's Catholic Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

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Prayer of the Week: Class 2S

Thank you for keeping us safe as we start our learning in Year 2.

Amen

With Jesus alive in our hearts, we celebrate each other and learn together as a family.

Best Attendance:

2S – 100%

Whole School Attendance:

97%

Dear families,

Parents and carers are invited to attend a Curriculum Information session (no children) on **Wednesday 17th September 2025** where you can see your child's/ren's class, meet their teacher and find out all about what your child/ren will be learning. Please respond to the Parentmail sent out this week and book your places. **The session time is 5 – 5.30pm.**

To keep up to date with your child's/ren's learning please check the year group pages every week on the website: [Children – Year Group Pages](#)

You can also keep up to date with school life via the school's Instagram and Facebook pages.



The School Council

This week, children nominated their class councillors to represent the views of their class and raise school issues on the school council.

<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
RR: Isabelle & Roman RS: Alithia & Santino	1A: Noelle & Luca 1MC: Mila & Harry	2S: Oona & Tommy 2B: Jenica & Omar



Liturgy Leaders

This year we were inundated with children who presented fantastic speeches about their relationships with God and why they should be Liturgy Leaders; there was a tie break! I am delighted to share that this year we will have 4 children leading the Catholic life of the school as Liturgy Leaders. I will be taking them to morning Mass next week to receive a blessing from Canon John Harvey. Well done to all the children who wrote and presented speeches, I am so proud to have so many children in our school who aspire to share the word of God.

Celebrations of the Word: Year 2

This half term children in Year 2 will be presenting their Celebrations of the Word in the hall and parents/carers are welcome to attend to watch their own child/ren perform. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday 23rd September – 2.50pm: Class 2B

Tuesday 30th September – 2.50pm: Class 2S

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular clubs will be starting from Monday 15th September 2025. They are offered before and after school and there will be opportunities for children from all year groups to take part.

Further information and booking details are now available on the school website: [Parents – Extra-Curricular Clubs](#).

Please note: All bookings and payments are made directly to the club provider.

Autumn Term	Before School Clubs: 8am-8.45am	After School Clubs: 3.15 – 4.20pm
Monday	Ballet (Rec/Y1)	No Clubs
Tuesday	Tennis (Y1)	Multi skills (Y1 – 4.10pm finish)
Wednesday	Karate (Y1/2)	Street Dance (Rec/Y1/ Y2)
Thursday	Tennis (Y2) Spanish (R/Y1/Y2) Football (Y2)	Multi Sports (Y1/ Y2)
Friday	No Clubs	No Clubs

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception Class RS – Whole Class Class RR – Whole Class	Year 1 Class 1Mc - Despina Class 1A - Isla	Year 2 Class 2S - Rafe Class 2B - Dharmik
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	56	56
St Clare	90	**90**
St Francis	50	50
St Martin	83	83

Car Park: Permit Holders Only

Please ensure you park sensibly in line with car park regulations:

- The car park opens at 8.20am and 2.45pm and not before. Please do not arrive earlier as it causes traffic problems on Sawyers Hall Lane.
- Drive slowly at 5 miles per hour in and around the car park at all times.
- Park along the 2 outer long sides of the car park until they are full, then park making 3 lines down the centre of the car park, facing the school entrance.

Boxes of Tissues



We are now at the time of year where lots of children are catching colds and coughs. We ask every child to donate a box of tissues to their class to reduce the risk of germs spreading. Thank you in advance for your support.

Parents Association

Welcome back! For all parents new to the school the Parents Association organises fun events across both schools to raise much needed funds to enhance OUR children's learning and to offer additional experiences. In the last year we have been able to provide transport for trips, bibles, playground equipment and more.



We are in need of both volunteers (people that are willing to help at events) and new committee members – Please email sthelenspta@gmail.com with your contact details for more info. Also, please register onto the platform [here](#) as this is where you will be able to find information and purchase event tickets. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

Consultation: Lowering the Age Range

We are proposing to lower the age range of the school to from 4 to 3 years old and operate a school run term-time only early years and childcare setting from 8.30am to 3pm with additional paid hours from 8am and until 4pm to support working families. This provision will cater for a maximum of 26 places and will offer Funded Early Education Entitlement funded for early years (30 hours) to support eligible working families. The proposal is for this new early years setting to open from September 2026.

- The consultation period will run for 4 weeks from Monday 1st September 2025 until Monday 29th September 2025
- If you have any questions or comments about the proposal, please email the School Business Manager, Mrs C. Onslow: office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk
- You can also visit the school's website for further information and complete the survey available or please pick up a survey from the school office and return by Monday 29th September 2025

Safeguarding Update

Free virtual awareness sessions – open to Essex residents

Talking Safety: Empowering Young People

Wednesday 17 September 2025 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

- For parents, carers, and anyone working with young people in Essex

- Delivered by Essex Sexual Health Service in partnership with Risk in the Community

- Register here: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/9830a117-af81-4d35-8bf1-aa7b4b52f883@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Know the Online Risks (with The Two Johns)

Thursday 18 September 2025 - 8:00pm to 9:30pm

- For all parents, carers and professionals supporting young people across Essex

- Register

here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KtTs6WgJQ0yiQc6228mixg#/registration

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs C. Morris (Deputy Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms A. McAuliffe (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs J. Seaman (EYFS Leader)

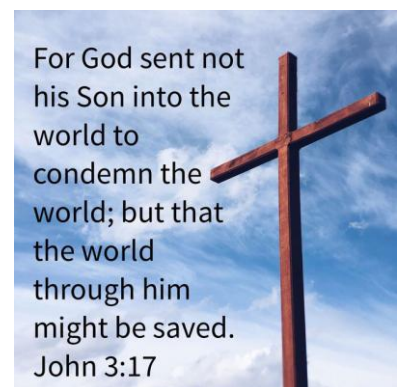


Reminders

- Next week the school dinner menu will be **Week 3**

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 17th September 5pm-5.30pm:** Curriculum Information Sessions for Parents/Carers (*no children*)
- **Thursday 18th September: Flu Vaccinations**
- **Tuesday 23th September:** Class 2B Celebration of the Word (2.50pm)
- **Friday 26th September:** Fencing Day
- **Tuesday 30th September:** Class 2S Celebration of the Word (2.50pm)
- **Wednesday 1st October::** Black History Month Begins
- **Friday 3rd October:** St Francis' Feast Day (All children to wear yellow and donate £1 to St Francis Hospice)
- **Tuesday 21st October 3.30pm – 6.30pm:** Parent Consultations (on-site or telephone appointments available)
- **Wednesday 22nd October:** School Photographer
- **Thursday 23rd October 3.30pm – 6.30pm:** Parent Consultations on-site or telephone appointments available)
- **Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October inclusive:** Half Term
- **Monday 3rd November:** Children return to school



God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts Council England

