



St Helen's Catholic Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025



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Prayer of the Week: Class 1Mc

Dear Lord

We love all the things that you have created for us. Thank you for the giraffes and butterflies. Help us to care for them.

Amen.

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

Best Attendance:

2B – 99%

Whole School Attendance:

97%

Dear families,

This week Class 2B shared their Class Liturgy on Noah's Ark and God's promise. Children performed beautifully, spoke clearly and reminded us all how we must take care of our world and each other. Thank you to all the families who joined us, the children were delighted to see so many of you. Well done Mrs Boness and Mrs Cavanagh for supporting the children with their preparation.



Black History Month

The month of October is Black History Month in the UK, and we will be exploring this area of the curriculum through lessons and activities in our classes. During Black History Month, we will remember and celebrate important people from the past. Black History Month recognises and values the inspirational individuals and events that have shaped our world. Although these are histories and lives that must be recognised and valued throughout the year, October is a special time when we acknowledge them nationwide.



St Francis' Feast Day: Friday 3rd October 2025

On Friday 3rd October, all children are encouraged to wear yellow clothes to celebrate the feast of St Francis. A minimum donation of £1 towards St Francis Hospice is payable via Parentpay. We encourage all families to donate as so many of our families have been affected by cancer and have received support from the hospice. To find out more about the fantastic work they do to support cancer sufferers and their families please see: <https://www.sfh.org.uk/>





World Space Week: Monday 6th - Friday 10th October 2025

On Monday 6th October we will be celebrating World Space Week and throughout the week, children will be learning about space and the galaxy around us. **On Friday 10th October, children are invited to dress as anything related to space.** This could include space prints, the colour of a planet, a black hole, a space scientist etc. They just need to explain why they chose to wear their outfit.

Parent Consultations: Tuesday 21st /Thursday 23rd October 2025:

3.30pm-6.30pm

On Monday 29th September via Parentmail (from 7am), parents/carers will be able to book a 10 minute appointment **on site** to discuss their child/ren’s progress this term. Alternatively If you wish to arrange a **telephone** meeting to discuss your child/ren’s progress, please contact your child/ren’s teacher directly via the year group email address to arrange.

This Week’s Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Class RS - Jess Class RR - Albert	Class 1Mc - Nehanth Class 1A - Patrick	Class 2S - Olivia Class 2B – Benjamin
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	127	334
St Clare	135	**337**
St Francis	139	331
St Martin	151	333

Prospective Reception Parents 2026-27

There will be tours of the school for prospective parents (Reception 2026) on **Tuesday 25th November, Wednesday 26th November, Thursday 27th November and Friday 28th November at 9.30am.** Please contact the school office to book a slot.

Consultation: Lowering the Age Range

Please read the information sent out earlier this week regarding our proposal 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.

ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL

Reception
ADMISSIONS 2026

We'd love to welcome you!
Book your place on one of our Open Morning visits to explore life at St Helen's and see our wonderful school in action.

- 25th November 2025
- 26th November 2025
- 27th November 2025
- 28th November 2025

Ofsted
Outstanding
Early years provider
2024

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- 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



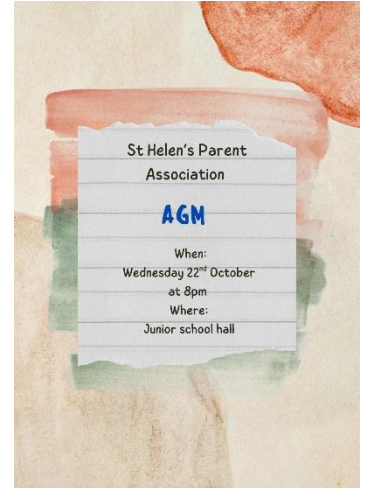
Parents Association

A very warm invite to our St. Helen's community 🤍🤍

Maybe you're interested in the funds that have been raised or you would like to see the donations being made to each school.

Maybe you're interested in joining our volunteer squad or even coming on board as a committee member.

Maybe you just want a cheeky glass of bubbles and the chance to miss the joys of bedtime hour.



Whatever the reason, we would love to have you join us. Absolutely no pressure at all 🌸

Our fundraising efforts are only possible due to the support we have from our volunteers and committee. It's crucial to get new members if we want to continue enriching our children's experiences in school therefore special call out to Reception parents 🧸

Honestly, being part of these experiences and seeing their little faces is just immense 🤍 Major parent points from your little one in these instances.

The PA AGM will be on Wednesday 22nd October: 8pm, in the evening at the Junior School. We encourage as many parents/ carers to support our PA as possible as funds raised are crucial to the enhancement of our children's school life.

Safeguarding Update

To find out information on 'What is Child Abuse':

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/>

NSPCC

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 1**

Diary Dates

- **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)

- **Friday 17th October:** Break the Rules Day: PA Event
- **Tuesday 21st October 3.30pm – 6.30pm:** Parent Consultations (on-site or telephone appointments available)
- **Wednesday 22nd October:** School Photographer
- **Wednesday 22nd October:** PA AGM at St Helen's Junior School
- **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

