



St Helen's Catholic Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025



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Prayer of the Week: Class 2B

Dear God

Thank you for all the priests that baptise us. Thank you for welcoming all the children in your family.

Amen

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

Best Attendance:

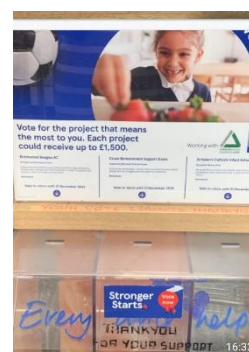
RS – 99%

Whole School Attendance:

96%

Dear families,

We are currently working with Tesco on Brentwood High Street to raise money to develop a 'natural' area in the Reception garden via their Blue Token Scheme. We encourage all families to pop in to Tesco on Brentwood High Street and show their support by voting for our project!



URGENT: Flu Vaccinations: Thursday 23rd October 2025

The Flu Vaccination Day has now been re-scheduled to Thursday 23rd October 2025. If your child did NOT received the Flu Vaccination on 18th September (original date), please ensure you register their CONSENT or DECLINE for the flu vaccination via the E-consent link [Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation](https://www.vaccination.uk/east-englia-immunisation)

- Please ensure consent is given correctly if you want your child to receive the flu vaccination otherwise they will NOT receive.
- Consent for vaccinations is given directly to the vaccination team and the school has no involvement or access to forms.

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

3.30pm-6.30pm

Parents/carers are now 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.

Phonics Workshops for Parents/ Carers: Wednesday 12th November 2025

The aim of the workshop is to provide support for parents/carers when reading with their children at home. The sessions will run virtually via TEAMS:

- Reception: 6pm - 6.20pm
- Y1: 6.30pm - 6.50pm
- Y2: 7pm - 7.20pm



The TEAMS link is: Meeting ID: 394 933 362 236 0

Passcode: pt9XY3Ry

Prospective Reception Parents 2026-27

There will be tours of the school for prospective parents (Reception 2026) on **Tuesday 26th November, Wednesday 27th November, Thursday 28th November and Friday 29th November at 9.30am.** Please contact the school office to book a slot.

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception Class RS - Dunni Class RR - Jacob	Year 1 Class 1Mc - Marrili Class 1A - Harry	Year 2 Class 2S - Maia Class 2B - Richard
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	223	876
St Clare	211	**914**
St Francis	185	862
St Martin	193	895

Safeguarding Update

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)

In our PSHE lessons next week, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule with the children. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse."

In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help



The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at

www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule

Parents Association

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](#)

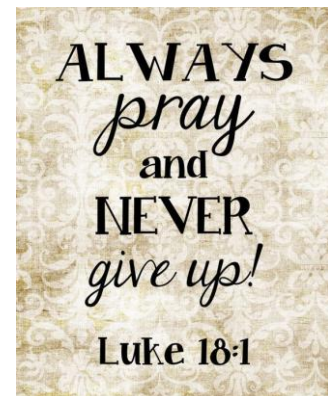
PA AGM: Wednesday 22nd October 2025: 8pm the Junior School. We encourage as many parents/carers to support our PA as possible as funds raised are crucial to the enhancement of our children's school life.

Reminders

- Next week the school dinner menu will be **Week 1**

Diary Dates

- **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
- **Thursday 23rd October:** Flu Vaccinations
- **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
- **Friday 7th November:** PA Coffee Morning/ Pre-loved Sale @ St Helen's Junior School
- **Monday 10th November:** Anti-Bullying Week/ Silly Socks Day
- **Tuesday 11th November:** St Martin's Feast Day – Children to wear green (£1 towards CAFOD)
- **Tuesday 11th November:** Remembrance Day
- **Wednesday 12th November:** Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers
- **Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November:** Tours for Prospective Reception Parents 2026
- **Wednesday 3rd December:** Y2 trip to Basildon Townsgate Theatre



God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher

