



St Helen's Catholic Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 7th November 2025



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Prayer of the Week: Class 1A

Almighty God,
Thank you for sending the Angel Gabriel to ask Mary to have baby Jesus.
Help us to be like Mary and say yes.
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,

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and has the theme: Power for Good. Children will complete activities that will teach children what bullying is and empower them with strategies to stop bullying. **The week will begin on Monday 10th November 2025 with Silly Socks Day**, where staff and children are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate differences and what makes us all unique.



Inter-Faith Week: Sunday 9th November 2025

Next week is also Inter-Faith Week and the aim is to strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels. In RE lessons and assembly, children will learn about a different faith community in the UK and will celebrate the contribution made to their neighbourhoods and wider society. To find out more: <https://www.interfaithweek.org/>



Reception/ Year 3 Admissions for September 2026

The primary school (Reception and Year 3) admission round will open on **Monday 10th November 2025**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception or Year 3 school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026. The statutory national closing date for applications is: **15th January 2026**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The Feast of St Martin: Tuesday 11th November 2025

All children are encouraged to wear green on Tuesday 11th November 2025 to celebrate the feast of their saint. We encourage all children to donate a minimum £1 towards CAFOD. Please Note: This is a charity donation and we are unable to offer refunds.



Remembrance Day Activities: Tuesday 11th November 2025

All children will receive a poppy, to celebrate the day that World War 1 ended in 1918. We will also hold a 2-minute silence at 11am to remember those who have died in any conflict. We encourage all children to make a minimum donation of £1 towards The Poppy Appeal via Parentpay.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's We Forget

During the month of November, we also encourage children to bring in photos of any family members who have served or are currently serving in any wars to display on our reflection area in the corridor to remember service and sacrifice of soldiers close to our hearts.

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



Road Safety Workshop: Reception parents/carers only

Reception parents/carers are encouraged to attend a road safety workshop at St Helen's Catholic Infant School with their children. The sessions are as follows:

RR parents/carers Tuesday 18th November: 9.10-9.40am

RS parents/carers Wednesday 19th November: 9.10-9.40am



Children will go into class as normal and then they will be brought in to share the session with parents/carers.

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 - Jack Class RR - Roman	Year 1 Class 1Mc - Riley Class 1A - Ava	Year 2 Class 2S - Gabriel Class 2B - Lavinia

House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	96	1279
St Clare	119	1242
St Francis	119	1222
St Martin	110	**1289**

Book Fair: Friday 14th November – 19th November 2025

The Book Fair will be open for parents to come with their children after school to buy books from the book fair. The Book Fair will be available for families:

- Friday 14th November 2025: 3.20pm-4pm
- Monday 17th November 2025: 3.20pm-4pm
- Tuesday 18th November 2025: 3.20pm-4pm
- Wednesday 19th November 2025: 3.20pm-4pm

You can pay for the books with:

- Cash (a small float for change will be available)
- QR code via phone

If you are using your device to pay, please make sure you check that you have clicked 'St Helens RC Infant School' when asked which school you are at.



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)

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](#)

Reminders

- The school dinner menu next week is week 2

Diary Dates

- **Monday 10th November:** Anti-Bullying Week/ Odd 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 6pm-7.20pm:** Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers
- **Friday 14th November – Wednesday 19th November:** Book Fair

- **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
- **Friday 5th December:** Elfridges (PA Event)
- **Friday 5th December 2.30pm:** Y1 Advent Service
- **Wednesday 10th December:** Christmas Dinner/ Fun Day
- **Friday 12th December 2.30pm:** Y2 Traditional Nativity
- **Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm:** Reception Nativity through Song
- **Friday 19th December 3.15pm:** School closes for Christmas Holidays



God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

