



St Helen's Catholic Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025



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Prayer of the Week: Dear Lord

We are sorry for not always doing the right thing. Thank you for our wonderful world and family. Please help us to always have a kind heart.

Amen

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

Best Attendance:

1A – 99%

Whole School Attendance:

94%

Dear families,

On Tuesday this week, children took part in a range of creative lessons to mark Armistice Day. Reception children printed poppies independently, year 1 children learnt about why poppies are used for remembrance and year 2 children wrote poems reflecting on soldiers and their experiences during war. Throughout the day, children also shared photos of family members who have served in wars, with their classes. At 11am we held a two-minute silence and the all the children were given a poppy to go home with. Thank you to our families for their generous donations which will go directly to The British Legion, we raised: £184

The children were exceptional throughout the day, they were thoughtful in their learning and reverend in their behaviour; excellent ambassadors for future generations.



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.

Reception/ Year 3 Admissions for September 2026

The primary school (Reception and Year 3) admission round is now open for parents of children to apply for a Reception school and a year 3 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

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 - Alithia Class RR - Khalil	Year 1 Class 1Mc - Indi Class 1A - Louie	Year 2 Class 2S - Reshanth Class 2B - Robyn
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	164	**1443**
St Clare	179	1421
St Francis	181	1403
St Martin	142	1431

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



Upcoming Festive Activities

We have got some new and exciting festive activities to add to the school diary!

Thursday 4th December: Christmas Biscuit Day

Mrs Dancey will be making festive biscuits for children to have at break-time. If you would like to purchase a biscuit for your child, please pay £1.20 on your Parentpay account by Monday 1st December 2025.

If your child is not taking part, they will have break-time as normal.

Thursday 11th December: Christmas Movie Night: 3.25pm - 5pm

We are holding a Christmas movie night for children to watch a Christmas movie with their friends in their classes. This will enable parents/carers to get some Christmas jobs done. Children will be supervised by their class teachers and they will choose their film as a class. If you would like your child to stay for Christmas Movie Night, please pay £5 on your Parentpay account by Monday 1st December 2025. This price includes a bag of popcorn or a pack of Haribo.



If your child is not taking part, they will need to be collected at 3.15pm as usual.

Safeguarding Update

Please see the attached flyer for helpful tips, keeping children safe when using SMART tvs

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 3

Diary Dates

- **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
- **Thursday 4th December:** Christmas Biscuit Day
- **Friday 5th December:** Elfridges (PA Event)

- **Friday 5th December 2.30pm:** Y1 Advent Service
- **Wednesday 10th December:** Christmas Dinner/ Fun Day
- **Thursday 11th December:** 3.13-5pm Christmas Movie Night
- **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

