



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



Friday 28th November 2025

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Prayer of the Week: Class RS

Dear God,
Thank you for all our friends.
Thank you for all our families.
Thank you for all the trees.
Thank you God for all of our world.
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,

Each year, we urge families to avoid sending Christmas cards wherever possible. In this Jubilee Year, as Pilgrims of Hope we are called to take swift and unified global action to protect our environment.

As a staff, we have made a pledge to donate to Brentwood Catholic Children's Society this year instead of sending cards: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/>



If you choose to send in Christmas cards, they must be brought into school by Friday 12th December and will then be given out on Monday 15th December 2025. They will not be accepted after this date.

Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 10th December 2025

If you have already selected a school dinner for Wednesday 10th December, then your child will automatically be given the Christmas dinner, either turkey (meat option) or Roasted Vegetable Strudel (vegetarian option). Children need to come to school in either Christmas clothes or party clothes and they are welcome to bring a Christmas hat to wear at lunchtime. We are also asking for donations of Christmas crackers by Tuesday 9th December, so each child can have a cracker with their meal.



If you haven't booked a meal for Christmas Dinner Day and you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, then YOU MUST BOOK IT BY MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 2025.

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Autumn term clubs are now finished, except for Advent Club, Glee Club, Gymnastics and Dodgeball

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Class RS - Emily Class RR - Dunsin	Class 1Mc - Kiiti Class 1A - Julian	Class 2S - Tommy Class 2B - Darshiv
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	157	**1737**
St Clare	169	1733
St Francis	172	1723
St Martin	121	1723

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)



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.



Parents Association

Elfridges: On Friday 5th December, each class will visit our festive pop-up shop (run by the PA) to purchase up to **THREE** gifts for their favourite people.

Please place either £3, £4, £5 or £6 in each envelope with the name of the intended recipient and envelopes into school by **Wednesday 3rd December 2025**.

Example:

Joe Brown: 1B
 £5
 Nanny Ann

Please only send in the exact money that you are happy for your child to spend as change will not be given. No presents can be bought for babies or younger siblings as we don't have suitable presents for them.

All children should bring a NAMED bag for life to school on Friday 5th December 2025.

Disco tickets for Infants and Panto tickets for Juniors are available now on the platform. [BUY TICKETS HERE](#)

Both the disco and panto events are in school time on the 10th December.

Reminders

- The school dinner menu next week is week 2

Diary Dates

- **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:** Christmas Movie Night – 3.15pm – 5pm
- **Friday 12th December 2.30pm:** Y2 Traditional Nativity
- **Friday 12th December:** Christmas Cards Deadline
- **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

