



# 1251 St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025



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### Prayer of the Week:

Dear God,  
Please help everyone to be kind this Advent time.  
Please help people to give time or money to others.  
Amen

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

**Best Attendance:**

**2B – 96%**

**Whole School Attendance:**

**94%**

Dear families,

Today we celebrated the beginning of Advent with a wonderful Advent Service led by year 1 children. It was the perfect opportunity to reflect and open our hearts in preparation for the birth of Jesus. Thank you to the staff for organising the service and supporting the children and thank you Fr Matúš for joining us and lighting the Advent wreath. Thank you also to all our families who joined us to pray and celebrate the children.



### St Helen's Herald: School Newspaper

Please find the autumn term edition of our school newspaper attached. The current and previous editions are also available on the school website: [Children – St Helen's Herald: School Newspaper](#)

### Extra-Curricular Clubs: Spring Term

Booking details for spring term clubs will be available on the school website: [Parents – Extra-Curricular Clubs](#) from **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.

### Reminder: Great Danes Car Park

Permit Holders: Please be reminded to park sensibly and see the attached Car Park Regulations.

### 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)



### Prospective Nursery Parents 2026-27 (3-4 year olds)

There will be tours of the school for prospective parents (Nursery 2026) on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am** and **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am**. Please contact the school office to book a slot.

### This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Class RS - Freddie Class RR – Henry S	Class 1Mc - Harry Class 1A - Luca	Class 2S - Charlie Class 2B - Maeve
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	125	1862
St Clare	142	1875
St Francis	139	1862
St Martin	155	<b>**1878**</b>

### 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)**



### St Helen's Catholic Infant School Vacancy: Kitchen Assistant: 11am - 2pm (term-time only)

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join our staff in January 2026. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: [office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk) Deadline: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### Parents Association

A huge thank you to the PA for giving up their time today.

Elfridges was a great success; the children can't wait to give out their gifts on Christmas day.





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



**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & GRAND DRAW**

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025, 11.00am – 3.00pm**

INVITATION FROM CANON JOHN HARVEY: I would like to extend a warm invitation to everyone to come and share with us at our Annual Parish Bazaar on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets can be obtained on the day. The Draw will take place at about 2.45pm on the day. My experience of Bazaars is that they are truly a wonderful social occasion for the whole parish community. Lots of parishioners can get involved.



There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex of the Cathedral if you can help in any way the day before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December in setting up, and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Bazaar itself, and afterwards in the grand clear up.

**Reminders**

- The school dinner menu next week is week 3

**Diary Dates**

- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner/ Fun Day
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm:** Y2 Traditional Nativity
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Cards Deadline
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm:** Reception Nativity through Song
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

