



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025



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Prayer of the Week: Class 2S

Dear God,
Thank you for bringing Jesus to the world
and for all the things that bring light to our lives.
Amen

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

Best Attendance:

1A – 98%

Whole School Attendance:

91%

Dear families,

Today we had a wonderful performance from Y2 children who performed a traditional Nativity to the school and their families. Thank you to all the families for attending and to Canon John and Fr Matúš who were delighted with the performance.

Thank you to Mrs Dancey and the Catering Team for a delicious Christmas dinner and to the Parents Association for the wonderful festive disco on Wednesday. The staff and children had a great day and there was a surprise visit from Santa too.



Finally, a huge thank you to the Parents' Association for all their support and help this week. Not only did they organise the disco on Wednesday, they stayed and set up the dinner hall and supported children with the Christmas Dinner. We have also had support organising our festive biscuit day and preparing popcorn for our movie night. We couldn't have done any of it without them!

Message from PA

What an exciting week the children have had! Last Friday they enjoyed Christmas shopping at Elfridges, and it was wonderful to see them so excited as they chose gifts for their families. We're delighted to share that the shopping day raised just over £3,000 in profit!

On Wednesday morning, the infant school hall was filled with dancing, games galore, and congas all around. I hear Steve's Lava Chicken was the standout hit of the disco!

On behalf of the St Helen's PTA, I want to say how truly grateful we are for the support and generosity of our parents. We couldn't do any of this without you—thank you so much.



We hope the children have enjoyed these events as much as we've enjoyed putting them on for them.

Reading Race Winners: RS

Congratulations to RS who have won this half term's reading race! Their non-uniform day will be on Friday 19th December 2025. Keep up the excellent reading!

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Spring Term

Booking details for spring term clubs will be available on the school website: [Parents – Extra-Curricular Clubs](#) from **Monday 15th December 2025**.

Please note: All bookings and payments are made directly to the club provider.

Spring Term	Before School Clubs: 8am-8.45am	After School Clubs: 3.15 – 4.20pm
Monday	Ballet (Rec/Y1)	Gymnastics (Rec/Y1/ Y2) Glee Club (Y2)
Tuesday	Tennis (Y1/Y2)	Football (Y1/Y2 – 4.10pm finish)
Wednesday	Karate (Y1/2)	Street Dance (Rec/Y1/ Y2)
Thursday	Spanish (Rec/Y1/Y2)	Tag Rugby (Y1/ Y2)
Friday	Dodgeball (Rec/Y1/ Y2)	Nerf Wars Club (Rec/Y1/ Y2)

Spring Term Diary Dates

Please also see the attached flyer for spring term diary dates.

Please Note:

Tuesday 13th January - 2.50pm: Class 1A Celebration of the Word, parents and carers are invited to attend.

Tuesday 20th January - 2.50pm: Class 1MC Celebration of the Word, parents and carers are invited to attend.

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

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

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

Deadline: Friday 16th January 2026

Interviews: TBC

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception Class RS – Ella E Class RR - Nathaniel	Year 1 Class 1Mc - Marrili Class 1A - Bryan	Year 2 Class 2S - Noah Class 2B - Noah
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	142	2004
St Clare	135	**2010**
St Francis	146	2008
St Martin	174	2009

Reminders

- The school dinner menu next week is week 1

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm:** Reception Nativity through Song
- **Friday 19th December 3.15pm:** School closes for Christmas Holidays

Safeguarding Update: Sort your settings – Essex Police online safety campaign for parents

This campaign is aimed at raising awareness of online exploitation for parents and carers, as well as what they can do to reduce the risks around this. Details can be found:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/sort-your-settings/>

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)



Joy



God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



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

