



# St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



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### Prayer of the Week: Class 1Mc

Loving Lord

Please help us to be kind and helpful just like you showed us.

Amen

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

**Best Attendance:**

**Class 2B – 99%**

**Whole School Attendance:**

**96%**

Dear families,

Welcome back everyone, we were delighted to see the children return this week, we hope you have all had a peaceful Christmas break. We celebrated the start of the new term with Mass. Children reflected on the Epiphany and the special gifts brought to Jesus.

This term we would love to see as many Reception and Year 1 children using the 'Drop and Go' system in the mornings as possible. It is a great way to develop their independence and they are able to start their learning quicker.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs: Spring Term

Extra-curricular clubs begin next week and there are still some places available. Please see the school website for further information: [Parents – Extra-Curricular Clubs](#)

### Spring Term Diary Dates

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

Please Note:

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

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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: **15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School Vacancy:

**Midday Assistant: 11.30am - 1pm (term-time only)**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join our staff in March 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: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

Interviews: TBC

### School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Do you know someone who would like a rewarding opportunity within the community? We currently advertising for a School Crossing Patrol Officer for the Sawyers Hall Lane crossing. The current rate of pay is £13.00p per hour. The role is part time (8 hours 20 mins per week) and term time only. No experience is required, and full training and uniform is provided. The role is assisting pupils and other pedestrians to safely cross the road on their journeys to and from school. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested and want to find out more - please visit : <https://www.workingforessex.com> or call the School Crossing Patrol Service on 03330 139788 or email your details to [schoolcrossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk](mailto:schoolcrossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk)

### Safeguarding Update

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact:

**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)**



### Reminders

- The school dinner menu next week is week 2

### Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2.50pm:** 1A Celebration of the Word – Parents and Carers invited
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2.50pm:** 1MC Celebration of the Word – Parents and Carers invited
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am:** Tours for Prospective Nursery Parents/Carers
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am:** Tours for Prospective Nursery Parents/Carers
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Number Day
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Children's Mental Health Week/ E-Safety Week
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Safer Internet Day
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>/ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February: 3.30pm – 6.30pm:** Parent Consultations on-site or telephone appointments available)



God Bless all our families,

*Ms A. McAuliffe*

Headteacher

