



# St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026



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### Prayer of the Week: Class RR

Dear God,

Please help us to share our love and kindness with each other like Jesus taught us.

Amen

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

**Best Attendance:  
Classes RR and 2B – 99%**

**Whole School Attendance:  
97%**

Dear families,

This week 1A led the Celebration of the Word telling the parable of Jesus at the temple. The singing was beautiful and lifted all our hearts! Thank you to Miss Adams, Miss Porter and Mrs Adams for supporting the children and thank you to all the families for joining us.



### 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.

### Nursery Wishlist

As you are aware, we are actively seeking support resourcing our school nursery ready for September 2026. We are hugely grateful for any support families can give. As well as supporting the nursery with financial contributions, we now have an Amazon Wishlist which is solely dedicated to resourcing the nursery classroom. If you would like to show your support by purchasing a resource for the nursery, the link to the list is:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/owner-view/CE4GY31VU4JM?ref=gr\\_universal\\_landing\\_ggr](https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/owner-view/CE4GY31VU4JM?ref=gr_universal_landing_ggr)



### 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

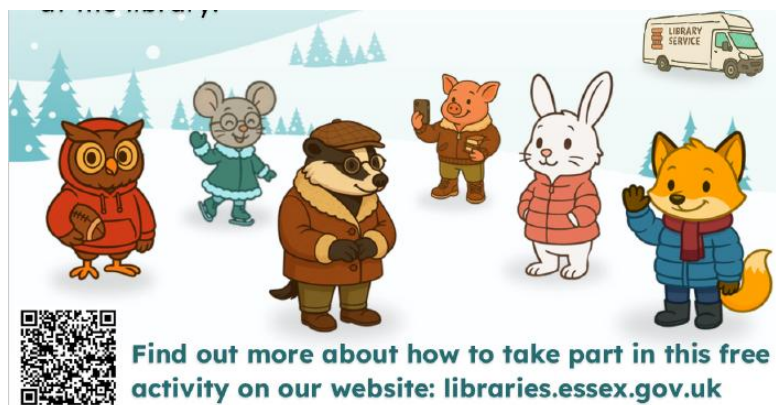
### **Parent Consultations: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025: 3.30pm-6.30pm**

On Wednesday 21st January 2026 via Parentmail (from 7am), parents/carers will be able to book a 10 minute appointment **on site** to discuss their child/ren's progress this term. Alternatively If you wish to arrange a **telephone** meeting to discuss your child/ren's progress, please contact your child/ren's teacher directly via the year group email address to arrange. ***If you want a telephone appointment please book early to avoid disappointment.***

### **The Winter Reading Challenge**

The Winter Reading Challenge is a fun activity put together by Essex Library Service for children aged 0-12. It encourages children and families to keep reading over the winter and to visit their local library.

Children are invited to complete 6 challenges from a list of 12 reading and creative activities, and it's **FREE** to take part. Their mission is to help some friendly animals that work in different professions across Essex! The challenge starts on Saturday 10 January and runs through to the end of the February half term on 22 February. For more information head to your local library to sign up!



### **This Week's Awards**

<b>Stars of the Week</b>		
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
Class RS – Grace Class RR – Joshua	Class 1Mc - Ernie Class 1A - Liam	Class 2S - Indie Class 2B - Omar
<b>House</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>This Term</b>
St Bernadette	137	**137**
St Clare	137	**137**
St Francis	129	129
St Martin	134	134

### **PA News**

#### **PA Coffee Morning & Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – Reminder**

You're warmly invited to our **PTA Coffee Morning and Pre-Loved Uniform Sale** on **Friday, 23rd January**, taking place in the **Junior Hall** from **9:05am**. We are delighted that the **Upper School Choir** will be performing, giving you a lovely opportunity to enjoy watching the children sing.

#### **Support Our School with Easyfundraising – At No Extra Cost!**

We're encouraging all parents and carers to sign up to **easyfundraising**, a simple way to raise money for our school while doing your everyday online shopping — and it doesn't cost you a penny.

#### **How does it work?**

Easyfundraising partners with over **8,000 well-known retailers**, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, and Tesco. When you shop with these brands through easyfundraising, they donate a percentage of what you spend directly to our school.

### Getting started is easy:

1. **Join** – Sign up for free on the easyfundraising website or app and select our school as your chosen cause.
2. **Shop** – Start your online shopping through the easyfundraising platform, or install the **Donation Reminder**, which pops up to let you know when a donation is available.
3. **Raise** – The retailer makes a donation to our school at no extra cost to you.

It's an effortless way to support our school using shops you already use — every purchase really does make a difference. Thank you for your continued support!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

### Raffle Prize Collection – Reminder

A quick reminder for parents: if your child won a raffle prize before Christmas, please come and collect it from the **Junior Office** at your earliest convenience. Thank you for stopping by, and congratulations again to all our winners!

#### 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 3

### Diary Dates

- **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

