



# St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026



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### Prayer of the Week: Class 2S

Mighty God,

We are sorry for the times that we have turned away from you and sinned.

Please help us to not sin again and always love you.

Amen

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

**Best Attendance:  
Class 2B – 97%**

**Whole School Attendance:  
96%**

Dear families,

Safer Internet Day is next week and this year's theme is Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. The children will be finding out about AI and writing about how it is used in different ways in our homes and how it is useful in the world. They will also be explaining how AI can make them feel in different situations and how to seek help if they feel uncomfortable or unhappy with anything when they are online.

**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2026** | **Tuesday  
10 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk)

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026: Valentine's Biscuit Day

Mrs Dancey will be making Valentine 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.



*If your child is not taking part, they will have break-time as normal*

### Parent Consultations: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026: 3.30pm-6.30pm

Parents/carers are now 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.***

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

**Kitchen Assistant: 11.30am – 1.30pm (term-time only)**

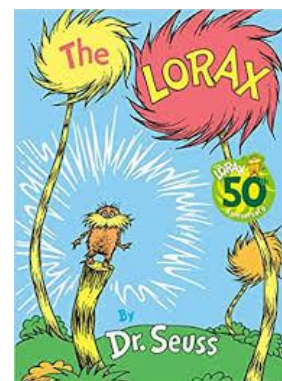
We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join our staff as soon as possible 2026. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: [office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk)

Deadline: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### World Book Day: Thursday 5th March 2026

Our theme this year is 'Looking after our world' based on the 'The Lorax' by Dr Seuss. The book is celebrated for its fun rhymes and crucial environmental message about saving trees and the planet.

Children are encouraged to come to school **wearing an outfit linked to 'The Lorax' or saving the planet**. For example, something **orange** like the Lorax, something colourful to match the Truffala trees or a costume linked to saving the planet like a conservationist. You do not need to buy any new items of clothing for this day.



### 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: Nursery Applications 2026-27

The nursery admission round is now open for parents of children to apply for a nursery place for the academic year that starts in September 2026. The application form is available on the school website and applications must be made directly to the school. The closing date for applications is: 20th March 2026.

### This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Class RS – Eddie Class RR – Larosa	Class 1Mc - Alfie Class 1A - Mireya	Class 2S – Jesse-Cruz Class 2B - Finley
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	155	684
St Clare	211	719
St Francis	167	**753**
St Martin	189	692

### 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

- **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)
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** Half Term
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Children return to school



**Upcoming Schedule**

**PTA 2026**

- 4TH FEBRUARY**  
PRO STRIKE (JUNIORS) 🗳️
- 13TH MARCH**  
MOTHERS DAY / SOMEONE SPECIAL SALE 🛍️
- 20TH MARCH**  
PARENTS NIGHT OUT AT THE BRENTWOOD KITCHEN
- 27TH MARCH**  
EASTER EGG HUNT 🥚
- 17TH APRIL**  
BINGO NIGHT
- 15TH MAY**  
DOUGHNUT SALE 🍩
- 19TH JUNE**  
FATHERS DAY / SOMEONE SPECIAL SALE 🛍️
- 26TH JUNE**  
SUMMER FUN DAY & PICNIC ☀️
- 3RD JULY**  
END OF TERM DISCO JUNIORS 🎵
- 8TH JULY**  
SUMMER DISCO INFANTS 🎵

Tickets are available to purchase on the PTA platform now

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/st-helens>

God Bless all our families,

*Ms A. McAuliffe*

Headteacher

