



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026



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Prayer of the Week: Class RR

Dear God,

Please give us the strength to keep our Lenten promise for 40 days.

Amen

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

Best Attendance:

Class RS – 99%

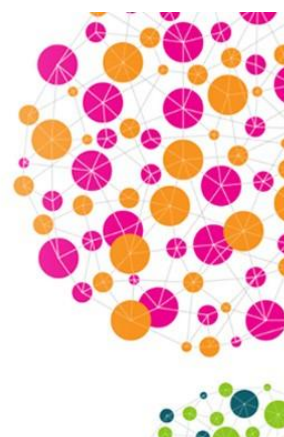
Whole School Attendance:

97%

Dear Families,

We are celebrating British Science Week at our school from the 9th – 13th March. This year the theme is 'Curiosity' so we are asking the children to really think about the world around them. We will be sharing our Science Home Learning Challenges with the rest of our classes. We will also be completing class investigations where Reception will be building and testing nests, Year 1 will be completing a forensic investigation and Year 2 will be recording their data about which side of the toast lands on the ground the most. On Friday we will be 'dressing as Science'. This can be wearing your own clothes as a scientist or the colour of your favourite flower or even dressing as an animal. We are looking forward to an exciting week.

British Science Week



Lenten Project: CAFOD

The School Council have decided that we will be raising money for Cafod during Lent. **The money** raised will supporting farmers in South Sudan who have had their farms and crops affected by floods. The money raised will help to support the farmers to build floating vegetable beds, protect a plant nursery and teach the farmers how to keep their crops healthy.



Each class will be collecting coins to raise the most amount of money for the appeal.

Please start to send in any spare change with your child and this will be stored in a jar on class reflection tables. The class that raises the most amount of money will win a treat in the last week of term

Thank you to all our families in advance for your generosity.

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.

Nursery: Amazon Wishlist

A huge thank you to our community for purchasing the last few items on our Amazon Wishlist, we are nearly there!



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



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

Deadline: Monday 9th March 2026

Interviews: TBC

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Class RS - Jorge Class RR - Isaiah	Class 1Mc - Edward Class 1A - Tyra	Class 2S - Adhrika Class 2B - Maddison
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	201	1241
St Clare	194	1255
St Francis	197	**1257**
St Martin	192	1248

Safeguarding Update

The **report harmful content button** is a new and ground-breaking process of helping users report legal but harmful content wherever they go. This button is now available on the school website for parents/carers: [Key Information – Safeguarding – Online Safety Support for Parents and Carers](#).

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)



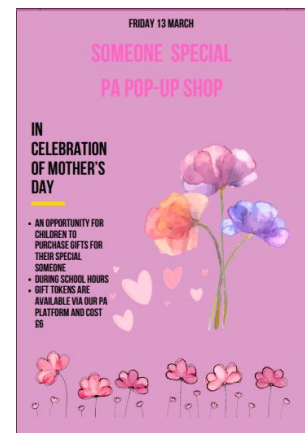
PA News

Mother's Day Sale: Friday 13th March 2026



The PA are opening their pop up shop for children to buy a gift for their Mum or someone special on Friday 13th March. Tokens can be purchased on the PA platform here [MOTHERS DAY TOKEN](#) Your child will be able to exchange each purchased token for a wrapped gift (please make sure you put the correct class as tokens will be allocated to teachers). Please note this event is entirely optional and will be handled sensitively.

No cash on the day as we will only have gifts for those that have pre purchased.



Boxes of Tissues



We are now at the time of year where lots of children are catching colds and coughs. We ask every child to donate a box of tissues to their class to reduce the risk of germs spreading. Thank you in advance for your support.

Reminders

- The school dinner menu next week is week 3

Diary Dates

- **Monday 9th March:** British Science Week
- **Wednesday 11th March:** Y1 Trip to Barleylands
- **Friday 13th March:** Mother's Day Pop Up Sale (PA Event)
- **Friday 20th March:** Glee Club Trip to Parish Hall
- **Friday 27th March:** Easter Egg Hunt (PA Event)
- **Friday 27th March 3.15pm:** School closes for Easter holidays
- **Monday 13th April:** Children return to school



God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



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Nominate us!

If you think our school, or someone who works in our school is worth celebrating, please nominate us for the Essex Teaching Awards!

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Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
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