



# St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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### Prayer of the Week: Class 1A

Holy God,  
Thank you for dying on the cross for us. We know we are loved.  
Amen

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

**Best Attendance:  
Class 2S – 98%**

**Whole School Attendance:  
94%**

Dear families,

As another term ends, we would like to thank all of our families for their continued support, working with us to educate the children and ensure they reach their full potential. We wish you all a safe and peaceful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Children can return in either Summer or Winter uniform (after St Bernadette's feast day). Please see the school website for details: [Parents – Uniform information – Uniform Policy](#)

### Summer Term Menus

The Summer term menus are now available for you to book via Parentpay. Please book them by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to ensure your child has school dinners after Easter.

**Lunches can be booked up to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 and we recommend you book all meals up until half-term to ensure they don't get forgotten.**

*Please note: We order the food according to the bookings and are unable to provide meals at short notice if we don't have the food. If you haven't booked your child's meals by 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026, they will need packed lunches the first week back after Easter.*



### St Helen's Wraparound: Summer Term

We are excited to announce that wraparound will be opening at the Infant and Nursery School after Easter! If your child currently attends wraparound and is an Infant and Nursery school child, please drop off and collect here. If there are any questions, please contact the wraparound team directly.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs: Summer Term

Information and booking details for some summer term clubs are now available on the school website: [Parents – Extra-Curricular Clubs](#).

They will all be available by the Easter holidays, so please keep checking.

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

Summer Term	Before School Clubs: 8am-8.45am	After School Clubs: 3.15 – 4.20pm
Monday	Ballet (Rec/Y1)	Gymnastics (Rec/Y1/ 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)

### Diary Dates: Summer Term

Please see the attached flyer for summer term diary dates.

Please Note:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 - 2.50pm:** Class RR Liturgy, parents and carers are invited to attend.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 2.50pm:** Class RS Liturgy, parents and carers are invited to attend.

### School Development Plan: Update

One of the Key Priorities in our School Development Plan this year is “To review and update current practice for managing behaviour to ensure positive behaviour across the school.”

This term we are going to trial a Golden Ticket reward. Each class will be given 2 golden tickets at the start of each half term. These golden tickets will then be awarded, by the adults in the classroom, to two different children at any time during the half term. The golden tickets will be awarded to children who consistently show exceptional behaviour, have an amazing attitude to their work or a child who is living out our school mission statement.

The reward for receiving a golden ticket is that the next day the child can come to school wearing their own clothes, they will also be the line leader for the day too. This will enable our school community to recognise the recipient of a golden ticket and celebrate this achievement.



### St Helen's Herald

The school journalists have been working very hard getting this term's edition ready. Please see the attached edition and have a read, there are lots of interesting articles about children's experiences and current world issues. You can also find it on our school website: [Children – St Helen's Herald](#)

### St Bernadette's Feast Day: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**All children** are invited to come to school in their own **blue** clothes to celebrate the feast of St Bernadette on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026. HCPT offers pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged young people from around the UK and further afield. We encourage all families to make a £1 donation to HCPT via PARENTPAY.



### This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
<b>Reception</b> Class RS - Ivanna Class RR – Mila	<b>Year 1</b> Class 1Mc - Imogen Class 1A - Alice	<b>Year 2</b> Class 2S – Maths Challenge Group Class 2B – Maths Challenge Group.
<b>House</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>This Term</b>
St Bernadette	201	**1864**
St Clare	173	1851
St Francis	172	1844
St Martin	179	1848

#### Reminders

- The school dinner menu the first week back is week 1

#### Diary Dates

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** Children return to school
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** Feast of St Bernadette
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2.50pm:** RR Celebration of the Word
- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2.50pm:** RS Celebration of the Word
- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April:** Y2 Trip to Thriftwood
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** Doughnut Sale (PA Event)
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2.15pm:** May Procession
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May:** Half Term
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** INSET Day
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** Children return to school

ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

## WE'RE HIRING

### *Early Years*

## PRACTITIONER VACANCY

Join our friendly Early Years team as we open our brand new school-based nursery.

Term-time only  
8:15am – 3:10pm  
Pay Scale: Scale 5  
Level 3 Childcare qualification required  
Closing Date: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding children. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check

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### 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)**

### PA Update – March 2026

March has been an incredibly busy and exciting month for the PTA!

#### **Friday 13th March – Someone Special Sale**

Our fantastic special sale was a great success. It was lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces as the children enjoyed choosing something for someone special. These shopping events are always a favourite—the excitement of picking their own gifts makes it extra memorable. Total £2000

#### **Friday 20th March – Pre-Loved Uniform Sale**

We held a pre-loved uniform sale outside the Junior School, which was very well received. Following its success, we're pleased to say another sale is planned for **Friday 8th May after school**, helping make uniform more accessible for everyone. Total £275

**PTA Parents' Night Out – The Brentwood Kitchen**

Our first-ever PTA Parents' Night Out was a brilliant evening, with lots of fun, laughter, and dancing! It was especially nice to see parents mixing across year groups—and great to have so many dads joining in too. Total £665

### Easter Egg Hunt 🐰🐰🐰🐰🐰

We wrapped up the month with our Easter Egg Hunt, which was a huge hit. The children had a fantastic time searching for eggs, bunnies, keyrings, and sweet treats—there were smiles all around! Every child has received a chocolate bunny 🐰 from the PTA today.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from all our parents and carers. Your generosity and involvement make such a difference, and we truly couldn't do it without you.

### Coming Up:

#### Bonkers Bingo Night – Friday 17th April

Join us in the Junior School Hall for an adults-only evening full of fun! Bring your own drinks and snacks, gather a table with friends or family, and get ready for a great night.

Tickets available on our website.



St Helen's PTA invites you to

## BONKERS BINGO

Join us for a night of laughs, comedy, singing and games at our Bonkers Bingo with Skittleman!  
BYO drinks (inc Alcohol) and Snacks (No nuts)  
Raffle, additional bingo books, and dabbers will be available to purchase on the night.  
**ADULT ONLY EVENT**

**Date:** Friday 17th April  
**Venue:** St Helen's School Hall  
**Doors open @ 7pm**  
**Eyes down @ 7:30pm**  
£12 per ticket including a bingo book



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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!

### Essex Teaching Awards 2026

[www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/essex-teaching-awards](http://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/essex-teaching-awards)

God Bless all our families,

*Ms A. McAuliffe*

Headteacher

