



# St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



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### Prayer of the Week: Class RR

Dear God,

Thank you for our families who love us and give us hugs.

Please guide us to be kind and helpful at home.

Amen

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

**Best Attendance:  
Class 2S – 99%**

**Whole School Attendance:  
96%**

Dear families,

Well done to RR, Miss Rideout and her team for a wonderful Celebration of the Word this week. It was a great opportunity for us all to reflect on the ascension and how God is always with us. Thank you to all our families for joining us.



### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026: Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sir David Attenborough. In class we will be basing all of our lessons around his life and inspirations that day. We are also having a non-uniform day and we are asking children to dress up in anything with an animal on it, animal print, or animal costume. We do ask that children wear something weather appropriate that does not affect their mobility. We are looking forward to this exciting moment in history.



### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026: May Procession 2.15pm



On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm, families are invited to join us for our May Procession Service. On the day, all children are encouraged to bring in a bunch of flowers to present to the statue of Mary in the peaceful garden. We look forward to sharing this event with you all.

### 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](#).

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

Spring 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)

### Governing Body Update

The Governing Body have nominated Louise Broadbridge as our new Chair of Governors due to Katie Sullivan resigning from the Governing Body. Unfortunately due to work commitments Katie is no longer able to commit to the role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Katie Sullivan for her contribution and dedication to the school and I wish Louise Broadbridge all the best in her new role.

We have already appointed a replacement foundation governor and will update you soon. Also, we will be advertising for a parent governor in the autumn term.

### This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception Class RS – CJ Class RR – The whole class	Year 1 Class 1Mc - Ayaansh Class 1A - Noelle	Year 2 Class 2S - Tomas Class 2B - Alex
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	165	369
St Clare	130	344
St Francis	120	335
St Martin	143	356

### 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 News

A fantastic evening was had by all last Friday in the junior school hall at our Bonkers Bingo Night. Skittleman had everyone on their feet—singing, dancing on chairs, and even a conga around the room! We're delighted to share that we raised a grand total of **£757**. A huge thank you to everyone who attended. We know there was a big push on ticket sales last week to reach our numbers, and it was absolutely worth it.



### Reminders

- The school dinner menu next week is **week 3**

### Diary Dates

- **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)
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** David Attenborough Non-Uniform Day
- **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*  
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**Class Teacher (ECT or MPS) Required for September 2026**

Visits are warmly welcomed. For further details and an application form please contact the school office.  
Closing Date: Thursday 14th May 2026  
Interview Date: WC 18th May 2026  
We reserve the right to withdraw the advert early if a suitable candidate is found before the closing date.



God Bless all our families,

*Ms A. McAuliffe*

Headteacher

