



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026



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Prayer of the Week: Class 2S

Almighty Father

Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit.

Please help us to act like the Holy Spirit and be kind to our friends and family.

Amen

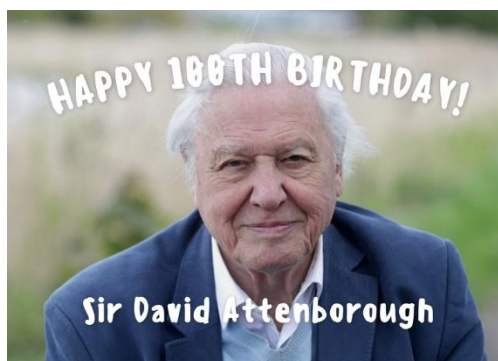
With Jesus alive in our hearts, we celebrate each other and learn together as a family.

**Best Attendance:
Class 2S – 97%**

**Whole School Attendance:
94%**

Dear families,

Today we celebrated David Attenborough's 100th birthday, marking an extraordinary lifetime spent helping us see, understand and value the natural world. Children spent the day learning about his life and work within a green career. The first activity was a live lesson which celebrated all that he has contributed to the world. Children then shared some of their own science research from last week's homework task.



In English, children wrote about his life and successes and thought about favourite animals that they would like to learn more about. Maths lessons across the school focused around the number 100. To enhance the learning, children dressed up as animals or in nature themed outfits. A wonderful day, celebrating and learning about the achievements of a wonderful person!

Monday 18th May 2026: May Procession 2.15pm

On Monday 18th May: 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.



Monday 18th May 2026: Iced May Cookies

Mrs Dancey will be making Iced May Cookies for children to have to celebrate the May procession. If you would like to purchase a biscuit for your child, please pay £1. 20 on your Parentpay account by Thursday 14th May 2026.

Behaviour Policy Feedback

Thank you to all the parents/carers who recently responded to the questionnaire about our Behaviour Policy:

1. 100% strongly agree or agree that **My child is valued and respected at St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School**
2. 100% strongly agree or agree that **The school promotes good relationships**
3. 99% strongly agree or agree that **My child is happy at school**
4. 99% strongly agree or agree that **My child is rewarded at school (stickers, house points, class cubes, star of the week, peg moved to the golden face)**
5. 94% strongly agree or agree that **My child understands the peg system**
6. 85% strongly agree or agree that **My child knows about the golden ticket reward**
7. 100% strongly agree or agree that **The school is consistent in its approach to behaviour**
8. 100% strongly agree or agree that **If I have a concern about my child's behaviour, I am able to contact the class teacher**
9. 90% strongly agree or agree that **I know when my child has done well at school**
10. 84% strongly agree or agree that **I know when my child has not had a good day at school**

In response to feedback, we are delighted to share:

- We will hold half termly assemblies to remind all the children about the Golden Ticket reward. This will also be followed up with regular reminders in every classroom.
- Reception parents have access to tapestry where they are able to see regular updates about their child's learning as well as weekly updates on the school website
- Each year group has an email address. This is a great way for parents to contact staff directly to find out about how their child is doing in class
- Weekly homework links to the learning that has taken place in the classroom or preparation for future learning is emailed to parents/carers on Fridays
- Teachers will speak to the children about sharing how they have behaved during the school day with their parents/carers when they are picked up. At the Curriculum Information Evening in the autumn term, teachers will support parents by giving ideas on how to ask their children about their behaviour during the school day
- Year 2 children will spend more time mixing as a year group to develop relationships
- We will continue to work with local schools sharing good practice

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception Class RS – Ella W Class RR – Henry G	Year 1 Class 1Mc - Harley Class 1A - Elisabeth	Year 2 Class 2S - Theo Class 2B - Oscar
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	150	703
St Clare	146	659
St Francis	154	673
St Martin	179	**705**

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 2**

Diary Dates

- **Friday 15th May:** Doughnut Sale (PA Event)
- **Monday 18th May 2.15pm:** May Procession
- **Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May:** Half Term
- **Monday 1st June:** INSET Day
- **Tuesday 2nd June:** Children return to school
- **Friday 5th June:** 1.30pm Sports Day
- **Monday 8th June:** Phonics Screening Week
- **Tuesday 9th June:** School Photographer

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



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

