



# St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026



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### Prayer of the Week: Class 2B

Dear Jesus

Thank you for keeping your promise and sending the Holy Spirit.  
Help us to remember the Holy Spirit is always with us to keep us safe.

We will shine our light

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:  
97%**

Dear families,

Next week is 'Walk to School' week, a national event designed to create a walking nation, free from congested roads. We encourage all families to either walk to school next week or walk the length of Sawyers Hall Lane to promote the initiative. We also encourage children to email me a photo of their walk to school via: [admin@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk). Special house-point coins will be issued to those who take part!



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



On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Essex Teaching Awards 2026

I am delighted to share that I have been nominated and successfully shortlisted for an Essex Teaching Award 2026 in the **Headteacher of the Year in a Primary, Secondary or Special School** category. I have been invited to an awards ceremony in June where the winners will be announced. I am delighted to have been considered and am very proud to be the headteacher of our wonderful school!



### This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception Class RS – Hunter Class RR – Rafferty	Year 1 Class 1Mc - Anna Class 1A - Celeste	Year 2 Class 2S - Jessiah Class 2B - Siaka
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	146	**849**
St Clare	169	828
St Francis	159	832
St Martin	140	845

### Reminders

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

### Diary Dates

- **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
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** 1.30pm Sports Day
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Phonics Screening Week
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June:** School Photographer

### Safeguarding Update

**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**

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)**

### The Big Future

The Children's Commissioner is asking all children across the country to complete a new survey, [The Big Future](#).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is their role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and they have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.



Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why the Commissioner is launching a survey, The Big Future.

With your child, please complete the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

The Children's Commissioner wants to make sure that they hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country.

God Bless all our families,

*Ms A. McAuliffe*

Headteacher



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

