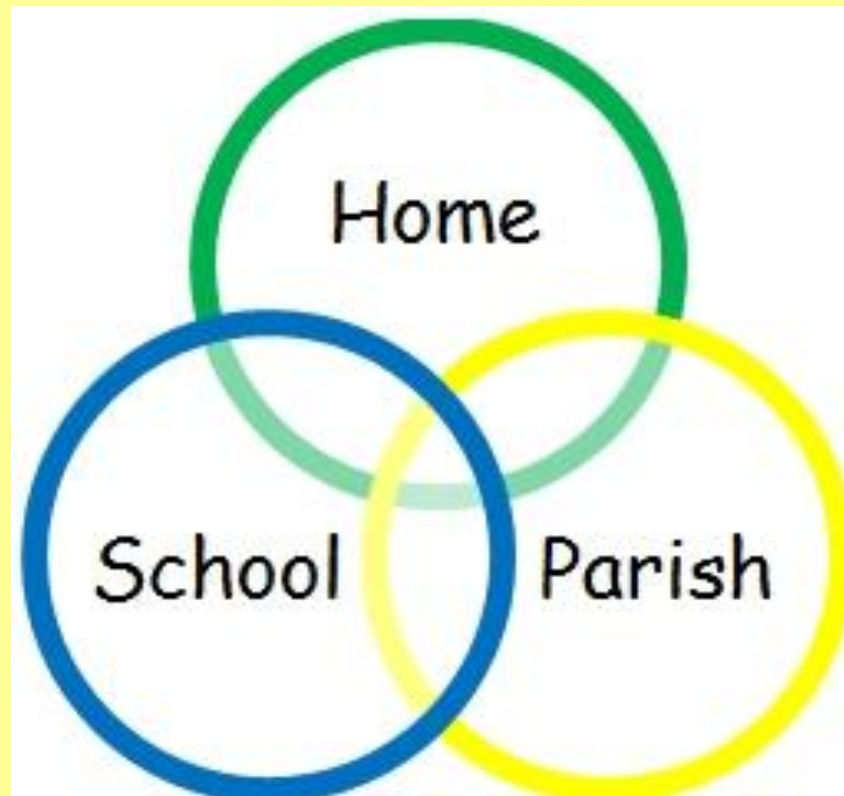




**Welcome to
St. Helen's
Catholic Infant
and Nursery
School**



Our mission statement is, "With Jesus alive in our hearts, we celebrate each other and learn together as a family."



Reception Teachers: 2026-27

- RS/ EYFS Leader: Mrs Seaman
- RR: Miss Rideout



“Children in Reception develop exceptionally strong learning habits from the start. They are well prepared for Year 1.” OFSTED March 2024



Uniform

- Uniform Policy available on website
- Compulsory
- Black or white trainers
- Everything must be labelled
- PE Bag with spare underwear and joggers/shorts
- Book appointment with Smartypants

Term Dates 2026-27



Diary Dates will be available in July.

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates
for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools -
Academic Year 2026-2027

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026							December 2026							
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= Schooldays = School holidays = Bank holidays = Weekends

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Term dates 2027-28 are also available on the school website -

<https://www.st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk/term-dates/>

School dinners



- School meals are free for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children
- Menus are available via school website
- Parents book in advance on ParentPay, if meals aren't booked on a Monday for the following week, children will need a packed lunch. We recommend parents book a term at a time
- Any allergies need to be emailed to admin email address before end of July with supporting medical evidence
- Children can have a healthy packed lunch provided by parents. The school policy on packed lunches is available on the school website: Parents – Lunch Menus





Induction 2026-27

- Please ensure your child's nursery has contacted us to provide information
- 1:1 Meetings with teachers/DHT (parents/carers and children - 20 mins each):
4th, 7th and 8th September 2026 – These are booked via Parentmail nearer the time
- Part-Time Sessions: (children only - School Uniform)
9th and 10th September 2026 9.15am – 11.30am
- Full-Time provision begins: **Friday 11th September 8.45am-3.15pm** (children only - School Uniform)

Please note:

- Only 1 parent to bring them on their first few days to reduce stress for children
 - Children with SEND/behaviour needs will have a longer induction period
 - Children must be toilet-trained and not wearing nappies/ pull ups to ensure induction is successful.
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- **Wednesday 16th September 2026 5pm:** Curriculum Information Session

How to Prepare Your Child...



- Toilet training is compulsory: No nappies/pull ups
- Practice putting their own coat on by themselves
- Encourage your child to carry own bag and water bottle
- Talk to your child about starting school positively, and encourage them to respond
- Teach your child to read their own name, especially in clothing
- Encourage your child to be independent and be ready to learn



Next Steps....

- Accept and open the Parentmail and ParentPay emails
- Book 1:1 meeting via Parentmail
- Purchase school uniform, book bags, plastic water bottles
- Ensure your child is toilet-trained: No nappies/pull ups
- Organise wraparound care
- Familiarise yourself with the school website, Instagram and Weekly Newsletter
- Book school lunches on Parentpay
- Bring your child and personal questions to your 1:1 meeting in September

What to expect on first days....



- Full school uniform, book bag and plastic water bottle
- One adult per child at beginning of day
- Drop and Go
- School dinners
- School fund
- Communication with teachers via email:
foundation@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk Please put child's name and class in the subject box.

How to keep up to date:

