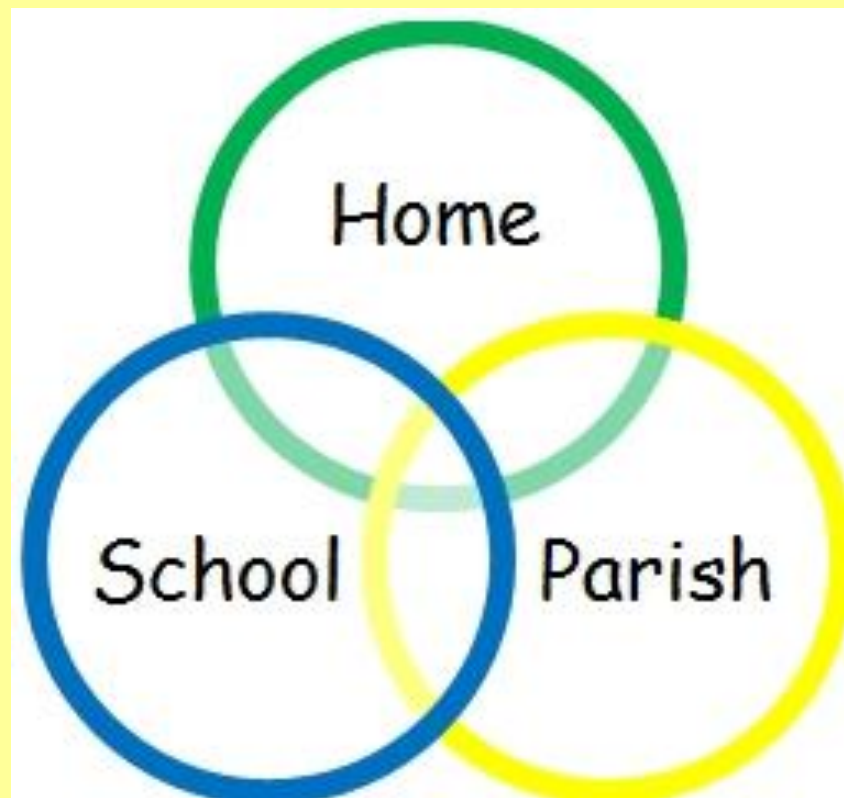




**Welcome to
St. Helen's
Catholic Infant
and Nursery
School**



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



Nursery Staff: 2026-27

- EYFS Leader: Mrs Seaman



- Nursery Teacher: Miss Adams



- EYFS Practitioner: Mrs Beckett



- LSA: Miss May





Uniform

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

School dinners

- School meals cost £3 per day
- 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
- Transition Sessions: (School Uniform)
9th, 10th and 11th September 2026 9.15am – 10.30am (if these are allocated days)
- Nursery begins: **Monday 14th September 8.30am-3pm** (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 may have a longer induction period
- Children must be toilet-trained and not wearing nappies/ pull ups to ensure induction is successful.
- **Wednesday 16th September 2026 5pm:** Curriculum Information Session

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

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

- Attendance is required to ensure funding eligibility continues
- All paid for sessions must be paid even if child is absent
- Term dates 2027-28 are also available on the school website - <https://www.st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk/term-dates/>

How to Prepare Your Child...



- Toilet training: No nappies/pull ups
- Practice putting their own coat on by themselves
- Talk to your child about starting nursery positively, and encourage them to respond
- Encourage your child to carry own bag and plastic water bottle
- Attend the workshop on either 7th and 14th July, with your child

Funding



- Funding is offered on a term time basis (38 weeks)
- All children are eligible for 15 hours: FEEE3-4
- Additional hours are charged at £17 per session (monthly invoice)
- Meals are booked/charged £3 (Parentpay)

Additional Funding for Working Parents: FEEE3-4 Extended Hours

- Must be approved the term before claiming:
<https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/check-youre-eligible>
- Once approved - 11 digit code must be given to the school
- This must be returned to the school by 14th July 2026



Next Steps....

- Accept and open the Parentmail and ParentPay emails
- Book 1:1 meeting via Parentmail over next few days
- Attend Nursery Workshops with your child on either 7th or 14th July 2026
- 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
- School dinners
- Nursery 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:

