



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter



Friday 4th September 2026

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Prayer of the Week:

Dear God,

Thank you for our families who we have had lots of fun with in the holidays.

Help us to be good listeners to learn new things.

Amen

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

**Best Attendance:
Class 1Mc – 100%**

**Whole School Attendance:
96%**

Dear families,

Welcome back, I hope everyone has had a restful summer! It has been a fantastic start to the year and Year 1 and 2 have settled well into their new classrooms. Learning has begun!

To keep up to date with your child's/ren's learning please check the year group pages every week on the website: [Children – Year Group Pages](#)

You can also keep up to date with school life via the school's Instagram and Facebook pages.



Reception and Year 1: Drop and Go

Reception children start their full-time places on Friday 11th September so the school will be very busy in the mornings. We encourage all Reception and Year 1 parents to make use of the Drop and Go system at the main entrance of the school.

Curriculum Information Sessions for Parents/Carers: Wednesday 16th September 2026

Parents/Carers are invited to attend Curriculum Information sessions (no children) where you can see your child's/ren's class, meet their teacher and find out all about what your child/ren will be learning. A Parentmail will be sent out nearer the time to enable parents/carers to book to attend the 30 minute session: 5pm – 5.30pm.

Celebrations of the Word: Year 2

This half term children in Year 2 will be presenting their Celebrations of the Word in the hall and parents/carers are welcome to attend to watch their own child/ren perform. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday 29th September – 2.50pm: Class 2B

Tuesday 6th October – 2.50pm: Class 2S

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular clubs will be starting from Monday 7th September 2026. They are offered before and after school and there will be opportunities for children from all year groups to take part.

Further information and booking details are now available on the school website: [Parents – Extra-Curricular Clubs](#).

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

Autumn Term	Before School Clubs: 8am-8.45am	After School Clubs: 3.15 – 4.20pm
Monday	Ballet (Nur/Rec/Y1/Y2)	Gymnastics (Rec/Y1/Y2)
Tuesday	Tennis (Y1/Y2)	Football (Y1 – 4.10pm finish)
Wednesday	Karate (Rec/Y1/2)	Street Dance Mini Movers (Nursery): 3.30pm finish Street Dance (Rec/Y1/ Y2)
Thursday	Spanish (Y1/Y2)	No Clubs
Friday	Dodgeball (Rec/Y1/Y2) Spanish (Nur/Rec)	Nerf Wars (Rec/Y1/Y2)

Car Park: Permit Holders Only

Please ensure you park sensibly in line with car park regulations:

- The car park opens at 8.20am and 2.45pm and not before. Please do not arrive earlier as it causes traffic problems on Sawyers Hall Lane.
- Drive slowly at 5 miles per hour in and around the car park at all times.
- Park along the 2 outer long sides of the car park until they are full, then park making 3 lines down the centre of the car park, facing the school entrance.

Parents Association

Welcome back from the parents' association. St Helen's PA aims to create a community for all parents and carers, children, and school staff outside of the classroom. The PA's ultimate goal is to raise money for both the Infant and Junior Schools to help support them in investing in further technology and equipment to aid in all our children's development. Fun events are organised throughout the school terms – from discos to shopping days and doughnut sales!



We use the St Helen's PA platform for tickets for events – if you haven't registered you can here <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/st-helens/index.cfm?event=register>

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 14th October at 8.00pm in the Junior Hall**. Coming along doesn't mean you have to join the committee or take on a role. It's a great opportunity to meet parents from across all the different year groups and become part of our friendly school community.



Safeguarding Update

To find out information on 'What is Child Abuse':

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/>

NSPCC

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

- Next week the school dinner menu will be **Week 2**

Diary Dates

- **Friday 11th September:** Reception start full-time
- **Monday 14th September:** Nursery starts
- **Wednesday 16th September 5pm-5.30pm:** Curriculum Information Sessions for Parents/Carers (*no children*)
- **Tuesday 29th September:** Class 2B Celebration of the Word (2.50pm)
- **Thursday 1st October:** Black History Month Begins
- **Friday 2nd October:** St Francis' Feast Day (All children to wear yellow and donate £1.20 to St Francis Hospice)
- **Friday 2nd October 3.30pm:** Colour Run @ St Helen's Juniors (PA Event)
- **Monday 5th October:** Harvest Festival/ Foodbank Collection
- **Tuesday 6th October:** Class 2S Celebration of the Word (2.50pm)
- **Wednesday 14th October 8pm:** PA AGM @ @ St Helen's Juniors (PA Event)
- **Tuesday 20th October 3.30pm – 6.30pm:** Parent Consultations (on-site or telephone appointments available)
- **Wednesday 21st October:** School Photographer (Nur/ Rec/ Y1/ Y2)
- **Thursday 22nd October 3.30pm – 6.30pm:** Parent Consultations on-site or telephone appointments available)
- **Friday 23rd October:** INSET DAY
- **Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October inclusive:** Half Term
- **Monday 2nd November:** Children return to school

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Reception 2027

Admissions

We'd love to welcome you!

Book your place on one of our
Open Morning visits see our
wonderful school in action.



**Wednesday 25th
November 2026: 9.30am**

**Thursday 26th November
2026: 9.30am**

**Friday 27th November
2026: 9.30am**



Contact Us!



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God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
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