



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter



Friday 11th September 2026

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Prayer of the Week: Class 2S

Almighty God,
Thank you for keeping us safe in the summer holidays.
Thank you for our families and friends. Please help us to always be kind.
Amen

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

Best Attendance:
Class 1M – 99%

Whole School Attendance:
96%

Dear families,

Parents and carers are invited to attend a Curriculum Information session (no children) on **Wednesday 16th September 2026** 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. Please respond to the Parentmail sent out this week and book your places. **The session time is 5 – 5.30pm.**

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.

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 have now started and there are still lots of spaces available! 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)

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week			
Nursery The Whole Class	Reception Class RR – Whole Class Class RS – Whole Class	Year 1 Class 1M - Alithia Class 1Mc - Adejuwon	Year 2 Class 2B - Violet Class 2S - Noelle
House	This Week		This Term
St Bernadette	59		59
St Clare	72		72
St Francis	60		60
St Martin	75		**75**

Nursery and Reception

On Monday 14th September, Nursery will be starting their first full day. The school and Great Danes Car Park will be very busy.

If you are a permit holder and have to use the car park. Please ensure you park sensibly in line with car park regulations:

- Only permit holders are eligible to use the car park
- Please do not arrive earlier than necessary 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
- If the car park is full, we will lower the barriers and you will have to park elsewhere to ensure the children's safety
- Please remain calm and courteous to other drivers at all times

We encourage all families to walk the length of Sawyers Hall Lane and avoid the car park unless necessary. We also offer full refunds on permits until Easter holidays.

On Monday 14th September, the gates will be opened at 8.30am and 3pm to allow Nursery parents/carers to drop off and collect. If your child is in a different year group, the drop off and pick up time remains 8.45am – 3.15pm. Please do not attempt to drop off or collect earlier.

Friday 18th September 2026: New Term Treat Day

Mrs Dancey will be making a special cake for children to have at break-time. If you would like to purchase a slice of cake for your child, please pay £1.20 on your Parentpay account by Tuesday 15th September 2026.

If your child is not taking part, they will have break-time as normal.



Boxes of Tissues

We are now at the time of year where lots of children are catching colds and coughs. We ask every child to donate a box of tissues to their class to reduce the risk of germs spreading. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 3**

Diary Dates

- **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

God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



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

