



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026



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Prayer of the Week: Class 1Mc

Dear God,
Thank you for the world and all the people and animals in it.
Please help us to be kind to everyone on the earth.
Amen

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

**Best Attendance:
Class 1M – 98%**

**Whole School Attendance:
97%**

Dear families,

During Fairtrade Fortnight, children will be learning about the purpose of Fairtrade and the motto for the fortnight this year is: Do it Fair – for the people and the planet.

The activities to help consolidate learning will include writing persuasive sentences to encourage us to buy Fairtrade in Year 1. Year 2 will be writing about what the Fairtrade Foundation do to help farmers and their families. The Nursery will be collaging bananas and having a tea party. Reception will be running a Fairtrade Coffee Shop and discovering where bananas are grown.



The School Council

This week, children nominated their class councillors to represent the views of their class and raise school issues on the school council.

<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
RR: Miles & Ava RS: Teddy C & Florence H	1M: - Cillian & Grace 1MC: - Joshua & Rae	2S: - Patrick & Tyra 2B: - Matilda & Riley



Liturgy Leaders

This year we were inundated with children who presented fantastic speeches about their relationships with God and why they should be Liturgy Leaders; there was a tie break! I am delighted to share that this year we will have 3 children leading the Catholic life of the school as Liturgy Leaders. I will be taking them to morning Mass next week to receive a blessing from Canon John Harvey. Well done to all the children who wrote and presented speeches, I am so proud to have so many children in our school who aspire to share the word of God.

Thursday 8th October: Official Opening of the Nursery Liturgy 2.30pm

On Thursday 8th October: 2.30pm, families are invited to join us for a Liturgy service in the hall to celebrate the opening of our school-based nursery.

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](#).

Parent Consultations: Tuesday 20th /Thursday 22nd October 2026:

3.30pm-6.30pm

On Tuesday 29th September via Parentmail (from 7am), parents/carers will be able to book a 10 minute appointment **on site** to discuss their child/ren's progress this term. Alternatively, If you wish to arrange a **telephone** meeting to discuss your child/ren's progress, please contact your child/ren's teacher directly via the year group email address to arrange.



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.

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week			
Nursery Reeva	Reception Class RR - Arthur Class RS - Luna	Year 1 Class 1M – Ella W Class 1Mc - Trent	Year 2 Class 2B - Despina Class 2S - Georgiana
House	This Week		This Term
St Bernadette	131		190
St Clare	108		180
St Francis	143		**203**
St Martin	127		202

Great Danes Car Park

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.

Parents Association

We use the St Helen's PA platform for tickets for events – if you haven't registered you can do so 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 1**

Diary Dates

- **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



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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! www.st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk

The school crest is a shield-shaped emblem with a blue background and a yellow border. It features a stylized white 'S' and 'H' intertwined.

A photograph of a young child in a blue school uniform, holding a green ball with both hands.

A photograph of two young children in blue school uniforms sitting at a table, focused on drawing or coloring.