



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026



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Prayer of the Week: Class 1M

Dear God,
Thank you for helping the nursery and reception children start school.
Thank you for looking after all of us.
Amen

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

Best Attendance:
Class RR - 98%

Whole School Attendance:
95%

Dear families,

The month of October is Black History Month in the UK, and we will be exploring this area of the curriculum through lessons and activities in our classes. During Black History Month, we will remember and celebrate important people from the past. Black History Month recognises and values the inspirational individuals and events that have shaped our world. Although these are histories and lives that must be recognised and valued throughout the year, October is a special time when we acknowledge them nationwide.



St Francis' Feast Day: Friday 2nd October 2026

On Friday 2nd October, all children are encouraged to wear yellow clothes to celebrate the feast of St Francis. A minimum donation of £1.20 towards St Francis Hospice is payable via Parentpay. We encourage all families to donate as so many of our families have been affected by cancer and have received support from the hospice. To find out more about the fantastic work they do to support cancer sufferers and their families please see: <https://www.sfh.org.uk/>



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.

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

3.30pm-6.30pm

Parent/carers are able to book (via Parentmail) 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.

School Council: Foodbank Project

The School Council are still collecting donations for Brentwood Foodbank and Food Hub until **Monday 5th October**. We ask all families who would like to make a voluntary donation to send an item/items into school with their child/ren.



Prospective Reception Parents 2027-28

There will be tours of the school for prospective parents (Reception 2026) on **Wednesday 25th November, Thursday 26th November and Friday 27th November at 9.30am**. Please contact the school office to book a slot.

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week			
Nursery Harison	Reception Class RR - Arinze Class RS - Louis	Year 1 Class 1M - Jess Class 1Mc - Callum	Year 2 Class 2B - Adam Class 2S - Liam
House	This Week		This Term
St Bernadette	119		309
St Clare	97		277
St Francis	105		308
St Martin	126		**328**

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 2**

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



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

