



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter



Friday 2nd October 2026

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Prayer of the Week: Class RR

Dear God,
Thank you for every new day, we love our learning every day.
Please help us to try our best.
Amen

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

**Best Attendance:
Class 2S – 99%**

**Whole School Attendance:
97%**

Dear families,
Thank you Class 2B for their Liturgy about Fairtrade Fortnight. The children did a fantastic job promoting ethical shopping. We were delighted to see so many parents there. Well done Class 2B, Mrs Boness and Mrs Adams. Thank you also, to all of the families who joined us.



World Space Week: Monday 5th - Friday 9th October 2026

On Tuesday 6th October we will be celebrating World Space Week and throughout the week, children will be learning about space and the galaxy around us. The theme of this year is Rocket Revolution. **On Wednesday 7th October, children are invited to dress as anything related to space.** This could include space prints, the colour of a planet, a black hole, a space scientist etc. They just need to explain why they chose to wear their outfit.

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 now 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 Charlie	Reception Class RR - Teddy Class RS - Florence	Year 1 Class 1M - Henry Class 1Mc - Jones	Year 2 Class 2B - Indi Class 2S - Florence
House	This Week		This Term
St Bernadette	133		309
St Clare	145		277
St Francis	165		**473**
St Martin	143		471

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Phonics Workshops for Parents/ Carers: Wednesday 25th November 2026

The aim of the workshop is to introduce parents/ carers to our phonics scheme, Little Wandle and provide support for parents/carers when reading with their children at home. The sessions will run virtually via TEAMS:

- Nursery and Reception: 6pm - 6.20pm
- Y1: 6.30pm - 6.50pm
- Y2: 7pm - 7.20pm

The TEAMS link will be sent out nearer the time

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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

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)

Upcoming PA Events

Autumn Term

Wednesday 14th October — AGM

Friday 16th October Coffee Morning and Preloved Uniform Sale

Thursday 22nd October — Make the Rules Day

Friday 13th November — Brentwood Kitchen Night, Parents night out

Friday 4th December — Elfridges Shopping Day

Wednesday 9th December — Christmas Fun Morning – Infants

Wednesday 9th December — Christmas Fun Disco – Juniors

Spring Term

Friday 12th February — Make the Rules Day

Friday 5th March — Mother's Day / Someone Special

Friday 19th March — Easter Egg Hunt (during the day)

Friday 19th March — Skittle Man Bonkers Bingo (evening, junior school hall parents only)

Summer Term

Friday 18th June — Father's Day / Someone Special

Friday 25th June — Summer Picnic

Friday 2nd July — Junior Disco

Wednesday 14th July — Infant Disco

Reminders

- Next week the school dinner menu will be **Week 3**

Diary Dates

- **Monday 5th October:** Harvest Festival/ Foodbank Collection
- **Tuesday 6th October:** Class 2S Celebration of the Word (2.50pm)
- **Wednesday 7th October:** Space Dress Up Day
- **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

God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



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

