



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026



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Prayer of the Week: Class RS

Dear God,

Thank you for everything we eat. Thank you for inviting us to be in your family.

Amen.

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

**Best Attendance:
Class RR – 100%**

**Whole School Attendance:
97%**

Dear families,

Thank you Class 2S for their Liturgy about Harvest. The children did a fantastic job teaching us about the importance of sharing food. We were delighted to see so many parents there. Well done Class 2S, Mrs Simmons and Mrs Adams. Thank you also, to all of the families who joined us.



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.

Thursday 22nd October 2026: Bonfire Popping Candy Cake

Mrs Dancey will be making a Bonfire Popping Candy 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 20th October 2026.

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



This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week			
Nursery Halle	Reception Class RR - Maya Class RS - Freya	Year 1 Class 1M - Archie Class 1Mc - Aadvi	Year 2 Class 2B - Mabel Class 2S - Maria

House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	179	488
St Clare	181	458
St Francis	121	555
St Martin	111	**582**

Prospective Reception Parents 2027-28

There will be tours of the school for prospective parents (Reception 2027) on, **Wednesday 25th November, Thursday 26th November and Friday 27th November at 9.30am.** Please contact the school office to book a slot.

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)

St Helens Parent Association

AGM

14th October

8pm

Junior School Hall

Come along to:

- Hear about what the PTA has achieved over the past year
- Find out how the money raised has been spent
- Hear about our plans and events for the year ahead
- Meet other parents and find out how you could get involved

Everyone Welcome!

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

Message from PA

The children had a fantastic afternoon last Friday running, laughing and getting covered in colour! It was lovely to see so many children and families enjoying the event and coming together as a school community.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event and came along to join in the fun. Your support really is appreciated and helped make it such a lovely celebration for the children. A really big thank you also goes to our teachers and staff who were brave enough to join in! We're delighted to have raised an incredible £1,500, which will go towards supporting the school and our children.

Reminders

- Next week the school dinner menu will be **Week 1**

Diary Dates

- **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)
- **Thursday 22nd October:** Make The Rules Day (PA Event)
- **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

