



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026



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Prayer of the Week: Nursery

Dear God,
We pray for the babies that get Baptised.
Amen.

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

**Best Attendance:
Classes 1M and RS – 97%**

**Whole School Attendance:
95%**

Dear families,

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 Photographs: Wednesday 21st October 2026

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting on 21st October 2026. All parents/carers are requested to pre-register for instant access to their child's photographs as soon as they are ready. Please note that pre-registration is required for every photo shoot. Register in 3 easy steps – it takes less than a minute:

- Visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
- Enter your unique code: JRM39ZAWM6
- Enter your child's full school register name.

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.



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 is:

Meeting ID: 317 341 013 054 774

Passcode: d2WM25cd



This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week			
Nursery Alexander	Reception Class RR - Maanya Class RS - Kamsi	Year 1 Class 1M - Jorge Class 1Mc - Albert	Year 2 Class 2B - Sophia Class 2S - Olivia
House	This Week		This Term
St Bernadette	110		419
St Clare	125		402
St Francis	95		565
St Martin	99		**570**

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.

Safeguarding Update

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)

In our PSHE lessons next week, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule with the children. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse."

In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acronym, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help



The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at

www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule

Parent Governor Vacancy: Deadline: Monday 9th November, 4pm

There is currently a vacancy for 1 parent governor on our school's governing body. Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The term of office for parent governors as determined by the governing body is 4 years.

Please note: Parent governors contribute to the strategic direction and oversee the financial performance of the school. They do not get involved with the day-to-day running of the school and social events for parents/ families are organised by the Parents Association.

If you would like to stand for election please return a completed nomination form to the school not later than **Monday 9th November 2026: 12pm**

Upcoming PA Events

Autumn Term

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 2**

Diary Dates

- **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

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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

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Friday 27th November 2026: 9.30am

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

God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
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