



St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter



Thursday 22nd October 2026

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Prayer of the Week: Class 2B

Almighty God,
Please help us to look after the poor and share our kindness with others.
Amen

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

Best Attendance:
Class RS – 99%

Whole School Attendance:
95%

Dear families,

After half-term the children will be busy preparing a selection of festive events for children to share with their families:

Friday 4th December 2.30pm: Year 1 will lead an Advent Liturgy in the school hall. Year 1 parents/ carers (2 tickets per family) are invited to attend and celebrate the beginning of Advent.

Friday 11th December 2.30pm: Year 2 will present a traditional Nativity. Year 2 parents/ carers (2 tickets per family) are invited attend and enjoy the children's singing!

Wednesday 16th December: 2.30pm Reception children will retell the Nativity through songs. Reception parents/ carers (2 tickets per family) are invited to attend and enjoy their children's performance.

Thursday 17th December: 2.45pm Nursery children will sing a selection of Christmas songs. Nursery parents/ carers (2 tickets per family) are invited to attend and enjoy their children's first performance.

Tickets for these events will be sent out via Parentmail nearer the time.

Reading Race Winners: 1MC

Congratulations to 1MC who are this half terms Reading Race winners with a huge 785 reads! Their reward was a non uniform day on Tuesday 20th October 2026.



The Feast of St Martin: Wednesday 11th November 2026

All children are encouraged to wear green on Wednesday 11th November 2026 to celebrate the feast of their saint. We encourage all children to donate a minimum £2 towards CAFOD. Please Note: This is a charity donation and we are unable to offer refunds.

Remembrance Day Activities: Wednesday 11th November 2026

All children will receive a poppy, to celebrate the day that World War 1 ended in 1918. We will also hold a 2 minute silence at 11am to remember those who have died in any conflict. We encourage all children to make a minimum donation of £2 towards The Poppy Appeal via Parentpay.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

During the month of November, we also encourage children to bring in photos of any family members who have served or are currently serving in any wars to display on our reflection area in the corridor to remember the service and sacrifice of soldiers close to our hearts.

Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 16th November – 20th

November 2026

This year's theme for antibullying week is Break the Silence. Children will complete activities that will teach what bullying and help them to speak out and discuss with strategies to stop bullying. The week will begin on Monday 16th November 2026 with Odd Sock Day, where children are encouraged to wear different socks to show that they are all different and unique. Children will then be talking about how we respect everyone's differences and celebrate our uniqueness.



Road Safety Workshop: Reception parents/carers only

Reception parents/carers are encouraged to attend a road safety workshop at St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School with their children.

RR and RS parents/carers Thursday 19th November: 9.10-9.40am



Children will go into class as normal and then they will be brought in to share the session with parents/carers.

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 Toby	Reception Class RR - Roman Class RS - Shresta	Year 1 Class 1M - CJ Class 1Mc – Shae-Marie	Year 2 Class 2B - Harry Class 2S - Matthew

House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	120	429
St Clare	134	411
St Francis	95	568
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)



Upcoming PA Events

Autumn Term

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

Friday 4th December — Elfridges Shopping Day

Wednesday 9th December — Christmas Fun Morning – Infants

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)

Summer Term

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

Friday 25th June — Summer Picnic

Wednesday 14th July — Infant Disco



Reminders

- The school dinner menu on the first week back will be **Week 1**

Diary Dates

- Friday 23rd October:** INSET DAY
- Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October inclusive:** Half-Term
- Monday 2nd November:** All children return to school
- Wednesday 4th November:** CAFOD Assembly and Workshops
- Wednesday 11th November:** Remembrance Day/ St Martin's Feast Day: Children wear green
- Friday 13th – Thursday 18th November: 3.30pm – 4.30pm:** Book Fair in School Hall
- Monday 16th November:** Anti-Bullying Week/ Silly Sock Day
- Thursday 19th November – 9.30am:** Road Safety Workshop for Reception families
- Wednesday 25th November 6pm-7.20pm:** Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers
- Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November:** Tours for Prospective Reception Parents 2027

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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.



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November 2026: 9.30am**

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Contact Us!

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God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



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

