

St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 6th November

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Prayer of the Week: Class 2S

Almighty God,
Thank you for all of the people who have protected our country.
Please look after men, women and animals that keep us all safe.
Amen

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

Best Attendance: 94%	Whole School Attendance: 2S

Dear families,

This week, St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School was successful in being awarded the Active Essex Key Stage 1 Award. A huge well done to Miss Adams (PE Leader) and the staff for ensuring excellent provision for physical development in our school. Miss Adams will attend an Awards Ceremony in April 2027 where she will receive the award on behalf of the school.

"Congratulations on being recognised for good practice in physical activity, PE and school sport across KS1."

Essex County Council





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.



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.



Reception/ Year 3 Admissions for September 2027

The primary school (Reception and Year 3) admission round will open on **Monday 9th November 2026**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception or Year 3 school place for the academic year that starts in September 2027. The statutory national closing date for applications is: **15th January 2027**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.





Book Fair: Thursday 12th November – Wednesday 18th November 2026: 3.20pm – 4 pm

The Book Fair will be open for parents to come with their children after school to buy books from the book fair. The Book Fair will be available for families:



- Thursday 12th November 2026: 3.20pm-4pm
- Friday 13th November 2026: 3.20pm-4pm
- Monday 16th November 2026: 3.20pm-4pm
- Tuesday 17th November 2026: 3.20pm-4pm

- Wednesday 18th November 2026: 3.20-4pm

You can pay for the books with:

- Cash (a small float for change will be available)

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	**Reception**	**Year 1**	**Year 2**
Thomas	Class RR - Scarlet Class RS - Tobias	Class 1M - Freddie Class 1Mc - Roman	Class 2B - Elise Class 2S - Aurelia

House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	100	100
St Clare	103	103
St Francis	110	**110**
St Martin	107	107

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)

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.

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 next week back will be **Week 2**

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

God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher