

St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 13th November

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Prayer of the Week: Class 1Mc

Holy God,
We are sorry for not listening to our adults. Please help us to think carefully about our learning. Thank you for our amazing Catholic School.
Amen

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

Best Attendance: Class RR – 99%	Whole School Attendance: 96%

Dear families,



On Wednesday this week, children took part in a range of creative lessons to mark Armistice Day. Reception children printed poppies independently, year 1 children learnt about why poppies are used for remembrance and year 2 children wrote poems reflecting on soldiers and their experiences during war. Throughout the day, children also shared photos of family members, who have served in wars, with their classes. At 11am we held a two-minute silence and the all the children were given a poppy to go home with. At lunchtime Mrs Dancey and the catering team made a special Remembrance lunch. Thank you to our families for their generous donations which will go directly to The British Legion, we raised**: £265**



During the month of November, we 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 2026

The primary school (Reception and Year 3) admission round opened 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.

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 Cruz	**Reception** Class RR - Francis Class RS - Heidi	**Year 1** Class 1M - Josh Class 1Mc - Joshua	**Year 2** Class 2B - Kiiti Class 2S - Robyn

House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	96	525
St Clare	104	515
St Francis	99	667
St Martin	114	**684**

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 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 3**

Diary Dates

- **Friday 13th – Wednesday 18th November: 3.30pm – 4pm**: Book Fair in School Hall
- **Monday 16th November**: Anti-Bullying Week/ Odd 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
- **Wednesday 2nd December**: Y2 Trip to Basildon Towngate Theatre
- **Friday 4th December 2.30pm**: Y1 Advent Service
- **Friday 4th December**: Elfridges Shopping Event (PA Event)
- **Wednesday 9th December**: Christmas Dinner Day/ PA Fun Day



God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher