

# St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 27th November

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**Prayer of the Week: Class RR**

Dear God,
Please help us to be kind and gentle like Jesus.
Amen.

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

| Best Attendance: Class 1M – 98% | Whole School Attendance: 96% |
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Dear families,

Our school Christmas tree is going up in the hall today and children are invited to make a Christmas decoration to hang on the tree. The only rule is that the children have to make it themselves!

**Decorations to be brought in to school by Thursday 3rd December 2026**

**Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 9th December 2026**



If you have already selected a school dinner for Wednesday 9th December, then your child will automatically be given the Christmas dinner, either turkey (meat option) or Roasted Vegetable Strudel (vegetarian option).

**If you haven't booked a meal for Christmas Dinner Day and you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, then YOU MUST BOOK IT BY MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2026.**

**Reception/ Year 3 Admissions for September 2026**

The primary school (Reception and Year 3) admission round is open for parents of children to apply for a Reception or Year 3 school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026. The statutory national closing date for applications is: **15th January 2027**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

**Prospective Nursery Parents 2027-28**

There will be tours of the school for prospective parents (Reception 2027) on**, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th January at 9.30am.** Please contact the school office to book a slot.



## This Week's Awards

| Stars of the Week | | | |
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| **Nursery**<br>Darla | **Reception**<br>Class RR - Isaac<br>Class RS - Dino | **Year 1**<br>Class 1M – Santino<br>Class 1Mc - Aadhiv | **Year 2**<br>Class 2B - Anna<br>Class 2S - Ava |

| House | This Week | This Term |
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| St Bernadette | 149 | 458 |
| St Clare | 159 | 436 |
| St Francis | 82 | 555 |
| St Martin | 91 | **562** |

## 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)**




## Parent Governor Appointment

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Edel Duckworth has now been appointed as our parent governor. I would like to say a huge thank you all of the candidates for their submissions, we were blessed with 4 very worthy candidates. Thank you also to all the parents who voted.

## Parents Association

**Elfridges**: On Friday 4th December, each class will visit our festive pop-up shop (run by the PA) to purchase

- Nursery: **TWO** gifts for their favourite people either £4 or £6
- Reception/Y1/ Y2: up to **THREE** gifts for their favourite people.

Please place either £3, £4, £5 or £6 in each envelope with the name of the intended recipient and envelopes into school by **Thursday 3rd December 2026.**

Example:

Joe Brown: 1MC
£5
Nanny Ann

*Please only send in the exact money that you are happy for your child to spend as change will not be given. No presents can be bought for babies or younger siblings as we don't have suitable presents for them.*

## Reminders

- The school dinner menu next week will be **Week 2**

## Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 2nd December**: Y2 Trip to Basildon Towngate Theatre
- **Friday 4th December 2.30pm**: Y1 Advent Service

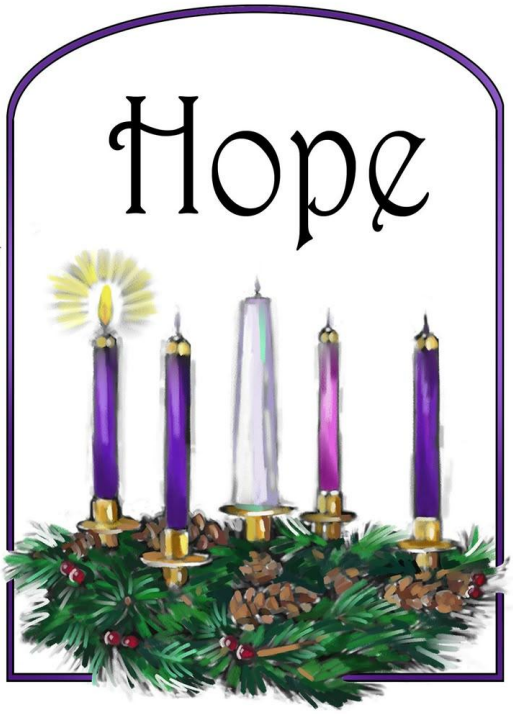
- **Friday 4th December**: Elfridges Shopping Event (PA Event)
- **Wednesday 9th December**: Christmas Dinner Day/ PA Fun Day
- **Friday 11th December 2.30pm**: Y2 Traditional Nativity
- **Tuesday 15th December**: Y1 Trip to Brentwood Theatre
- **Wednesday 16th December 2.30pm**: Reception Nativity Through Songs
- **Thursday 17th December 2.30pm**: Nursery Christmas Songs
- **Friday 18th December** 3.15pm: School closes for Christmas holidays




**ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR**

Saturday, 5th December 2026. 11.00am – 3.00pm.

An invitation to the whole parish community to join us for the annual parish Bazaar. This will be a wonderful social occasion. Thank you to all those parishioners who have donated gifts and items for the various stalls over the past weeks. This really is a last appeal for various gifts and items, BOTTLES OF WINE OR SPIRITS, TOILETRIES, FANCY GOODS, CHOCOLATES, NEW TOYS, NEW CUDDLY TOYS, GOOD BRIC-A-BRAC. THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE A PLANT STALL AND FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL BE WITH US FROM 12Noon UNTIL 2.00pm.




God Bless all our families,

*Ms A. McAuliffe*

Headteacher

KS1 Physical Education, Sport & Activity Mark

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THANK YOU

UNITED AGAINST BULLYING SILVER SCHOOL 2024

Rainbows

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

Healthy School