



# St Helen's Catholic Infant School

## Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025



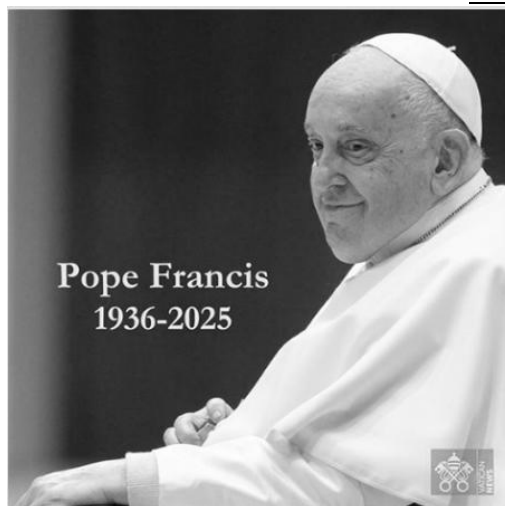
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### Prayer of the Week:



On Easter Sunday, Pope Francis encouraged us to not settle for the fleeting things of this world or give into sadness, but to run filled with joy to meet the Lord.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace, Amen.*

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

**Best Attendance:  
Class 2A – 100%**

**Whole School Attendance:  
95%**

Dear families,

Welcome back to all our families and well done to all the children in Reception and Year 1 who are using 'Drop and Go' more often in the mornings. It is a great start to each day seeing children coming into school confident, independent and ready to learn. We encourage all Year 1 children to use 'Drop and Go' in the summer term as part of their transition into Year 2, where 'Drop and Go' is compulsory.

Also, as the weather warms up, it would be great to see more families walking to school/ the length of Sawyers Hall Lane to reduce congestion and pollution on Sawyers Hall Lane.

Please Note: Children can wear either summer or winter uniform until May half-term. Please see the school website for details: [Parents – Uniform information – Uniform Policy](#)

### Fundraising: CAFOD Lenten Appeal

A huge thank you for all your donations for the Cafod Lenten Appeal. The school councillors counted the money for each class and the winning class was Class 2B. They raised over £100 for the charity. The total amount raised by all the classes was nearly £400. This money will help



communities by providing valuable shelters for crops or provide chickens for communities to help them to receive an income for their families.

### Website Launch

We have launched our new website this week, so please take a moment to visit it and acquaint yourselves with everything:

[www.st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk/](http://www.st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk/)

You may need to carry out a hard refresh (CTRL + F5 / CMD, SHIFT + R) when first visiting the site so that you get the best first impression of our brand-new design.



### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Next Monday there will be visitors in the school taking photos and videos of the children, staff and school environment for promotional purposes. Please ensure you child/ren are smart and in full school uniform ready to represent our school. If your child/ren has PE they will need to be smart and in the correct PE kit. **Please Note: Children who do not have permission to take part in marketing activities will not be photographed or videoed.**

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025: May Procession 2pm

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May: 2pm, families are invited to join us for our May Procession Service. On the day, all children are encouraged to bring in a bunch of flowers to present to the statue of Mary in the peaceful garden. We look forward to sharing this event with you all.



### This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Class RS - Autumn Class RR - Finn	Class 1S - Sophia Class 1Mc - Olivia	Class 2A - Bambi Class 2S - Jessie Class 2B - Gaizka
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	183	183
St Clare	173	173
St Francis	209	**209**
St Martin	179	179

### **St Helen's Catholic Infant School Vacancy:**

#### **Learning Support Assistant: 8.45am - 3.15pm (term-time only)**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join our staff in either April or September 2025. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: [office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk) Deadline: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

#### **St Helen's Wraparound Trip: Colchester Zoo - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

- Wrap Around open as usual: 7am - 6pm
- Coach leaving at 9am, returning for 4pm.
- Breakfast & Tea provided by St Helen's Wraparound.
- Bookings via Magic Booking.
- Open to any St Helen's Infant and Junior children just book via the above system.

*For further information contact: [Sthelenswraparound@outlook.com](mailto:Sthelenswraparound@outlook.com)*

#### **Safeguarding Update**

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

In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, 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



More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at [www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule)

**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)**

#### **Reminders**

- Next week's menu will be **week 2**
- 2026-27 INSET Dates are attached

#### **Diary Dates**

- **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025: 2.50pm:** Class RR Liturgy (parents/carers invited)
- **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025:** Y2 Trip to Thriftwood
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025:** Doughnut Sale (PA Event)
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025: 2.50pm** Class RS Liturgy (parents/carers invited)
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025: 2pm** May Procession (parents/carers invited)
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** Reception Trip to Hyde Hall
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 8pm:** 2Johns Workshop – Online Safety (via Zoom)
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May:** School Photos (class photos)

- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Half-Term**

God Bless all our families,

*Ms A. McAuliffe*

Headteacher



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

