



St Helen's Catholic Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 11th July 2025



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Prayer of the Week: Class 1S

Loving God,
Thank you for Pope Leo.
Thank you for Father John and Father Matúš who lead us
and help us to learn more about Jesus.
Amen.

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

**Best Attendance:
Class 2S – 97%**

**Whole School Attendance:
96%**

Dear families,

This week has been a wonderful opportunity to spend time with families and celebrate the end of the year. On Wednesday, many families came to our Leavers' Service followed by the Celebration Afternoon to enjoy their children's books and have a look around the school. Thank you to those who helped, we had over 50 parent helpers!



Also, today we celebrated Our Liturgy Leaders, Remi, Thomas, Carys and Thomas, being nominated for the diocesan citizenship award at Brentwood Cathedral for displaying outstanding awareness of good citizenship. We are all incredibly proud of how they have led chaplaincy in our school this year and the fantastic role models they are.



Long Service Awards: 25 Years

This week, Mrs Boness, Mrs Morris and I were recognised by the Diocese of Brentwood for 25 years long service to Catholic Education. We attended a beautiful Mass at the Cathedral with school staff from schools across the Diocese and Bishop Alan gave us a certificate to celebrate our achievement.



Review: School Development Plan: 2024-25

We are currently in the process of reviewing this year's School Development Plan and would like to hear the views of parents/carers on this year's targets. Please complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LDLKGJV>

The deadline for responses is: Friday 18th July, 9am.

Parking Permits: Great Danes Car Park

If families have been offered a permit, please ensure they have been paid for by 3.30pm Friday 18th July 2025. Any unpurchased permits, after this date, will be offered to families on the waiting list.

Reading Race Winners: RR

Congratulations to RR who have won the Reading Race! Your reward is a non-uniform day on Friday 18th July

St Clare's Feast Day: Monday 21st July 2025

All children are welcome to come to school in their own red clothes. All children are encouraged to make a £1 donation to the British Red Cross via ParentPay.



**British
RedCross**

Exercise Books 2023-24: Monday 21st July 2025

On **Monday 21st July 2025**, children will be taking their exercise books home. Please send in a bag for them to bring their books home safely by Friday. Please note we keep a sample of books each year to demonstrate how hard the children have worked. If one of your child's books has been selected, it will be sent home at the end of next academic year.

Celebration/ Picnic Lunch: Tuesday 22nd July 2025 (Children Only)

On the last day of term, all children will need a 'Celebration Packed Lunch' as we will be celebrating the end of the academic year on the field with a picnic. Please remember: no eggs and no nuts. Please also remember to include a treat, it is a celebration.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs are now finished for the summer term so please ensure children are collected on time next week. Autumn term clubs will begin on Monday 15th September and booking information will be available on Friday 5th September.

School Uniform

Please find the uniform policy attached to enable you to purchase the correct uniform for September.

Please note:

- All children will need a St Helen's sweatshirt and royal blue joggers for PE. These will be worn on PE days.
- Trainers for Reception, Y1 PE and Y2 PE must be plain black or white.

This Week's Awards

Stars of the Week		
Reception Class RS - Alice Class RR - Elton	Year 1 Class 1S - Alessia Class 1Mc - Ines	Year 2 Class 2A - Ythan Class 2S – The whole class Class 2B - Eveline
House	This Week	This Term
St Bernadette	161	983
St Clare	158	1002
St Francis	151	1014
St Martin	183	**1026**

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)

Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility

Reminders

- Next week's menu will be **week 3**

Diary Dates

- **Monday 21st July:** Feast of St Clare (children wear red clothes and donate £1 to British Red Cross)
- **Monday 21st July:** Exercise books going home, children to bring in a Bag for Life
- **Tuesday 22nd July:** Y2 Water Fight
- **Tuesday 22nd July:** Celebration/Picnic Lunch for children (all children need a packed lunch)
- **Tuesday 22nd July:** 3.15pm: School Closes for Summer Holidays
- **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September:** INSET Days
- **Wednesday 3rd September:** Year 1 and 2 children return to school

God Bless all our families,

Ms A. McAuliffe

Headteacher



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

