

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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10th February 2023 <https://www.facebook.com/sthelenswestcliff/>

Our Mission Statement

Respect yourself
Respect everyone in our school community
Respect everyone in our local community
Respect everyone in our global community
But most of all, respect God our Father in Heaven



Senior Leaders Special Mentions

Aiden Turay

Amazing phonics this week- you have been incredible!

To all our amazing staff

Dedication and commitment to our school community- our inspectors noticed this in many ways.

To everyone who supported us

The governors, trustees, diocese and local authority and our supportive families.
Thank you so much!

To all of our pupils

Talking to our visitors with confidence and politeness. They were very impressed with you all.
Very well done!

LAST DAY TODAY

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February—

Half term

Monday 20th February— Training day—

NO SCHOOL



FREE Family Group

Are you a parent of a young child?

Are you feeling:
Tired, stressed, anxious, isolated?

Would you like to meet
other parents who are experiencing
similar feelings?



Join our host Lisa and our group for six weeks.
Here we'll look at simple ways to improve mood whilst
your children have fun playing.



Starting: Thursday 23rd February

Avenue Baptist Church, Avenue Terrace, Westcliff, SS0 7PL

Places must be booked in advance by calling 01245 847 410 or
emailing info@home-startessex.org.uk

www.home-startessex.org.uk



February Half Term

Belfairs Woodland Centre

Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February

Belfairs Woodland Discovery (Over 8s)
Tuesday 14 February 2023 10am-12pm
Discover the woodland and create some natural
crafts in Belfairs Woods!
£7 per child / Over 8s

Belfairs Bird Box Building
Wednesday 15 February 2023 10am-12pm
Build a bird box to support National Nest Box
Week this February. **FULLY BOOKED**
£10 per bird box / Recommended 1+

Belfairs Drop in: Bird Feeder Fun
Wednesday 15 February 2023 2pm-4pm
Support our wildlife this winter by coming along
and learning about birds - create your own
feeder to take home.
Enthusiastic! All Ages

Belfairs Family Forest School
Thursday 16 February 2023 10am-12.30pm
Join us for family fun and woodland discovery in
the beautiful Belfairs Woods!
£7 per child / Primary Ages **FULLY BOOKED**

Friday 17 February 2023 9am-4pm
Belfairs Forest School drop-off day
Get back to nature! Explore wildlife and learn
about craft skills at our school holiday Forest
School drop-off days.
£25 per child / Over 5s only **FULLY BOOKED**

To book and find out more information
visit:
www.essexwt.org.uk/events



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February Family Fun

Langdon Nature Discovery Park

Bird Box Building Monday 13 February, 10am-3.30pm

Build your own bird box to take home, £10 per box
3 time slots available (10-11.30am, 12-1.30pm, 2-3.30pm)

Nature Tots Wednesday 15 February, 10am-12pm
Come and try one of our popular pre-school sessions, suitable for 18 months to 4
years, £7 per child

Family Forest Fun Wednesday 15 February, 1-3pm
Fun in the forest for all the family to enjoy. For children aged 5+, £7 per child

Forest Drop-off Day Thursday 16 February, 9am-4pm
Forest School drop-off days for unaccompanied over 5s, £25 per child

Woodland Story Time Friday 17 February, 10am-12pm
Share a classic woodland story, with crafts and activities, £7 per child

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What difference can I make?



Your offer of time and support as a volunteer can mean
the world to a family. Becoming a parent, whether it's the
first or the fourth time, can be an isolating experience.
There are so many unspoken pressures that we all need
help with from time to time.

What support do I get?



Supervision, training, friendship, socials, resource packs
and much more!
You will have a dedicated family co-ordinator who
supports you from the very beginning and will take into
account your interests, skills and ambitions.

Our Volunteers know how tough parenting can be and
they don't want anyone to go through this alone.
As a professionally trained volunteer you will make a long
lasting difference to families who need a helping hand.
The benefit to children is long-term: reducing the risk of
problems escalating in the future to ensure they have a
happy and secure family life.

Are you able to
support children and
families in Mid, South
& West Essex?



To find out more about Home-Start Essex
visit our website:
www.home-startessex.org.uk/volunteer

Follow us on Social Media



or call 01245 847410



Year 3 had an enjoyable time in the Nature Area. They investigated their Science theme of forces noticing how pushes and pulls were used in the nature area. Climbing, using the swings, see-saws are all using pushes and pulls. They also investigated the effects of friction on cars - pushing them along different surfaces testing which was better.



Sadly, Mrs Howe is leaving us today.

The children and staff put on a lovely assembly to say goodbye.

She will still be involved in school life, coming to visit us with Olly, reading with the children and looking after the Rainbow Garden.



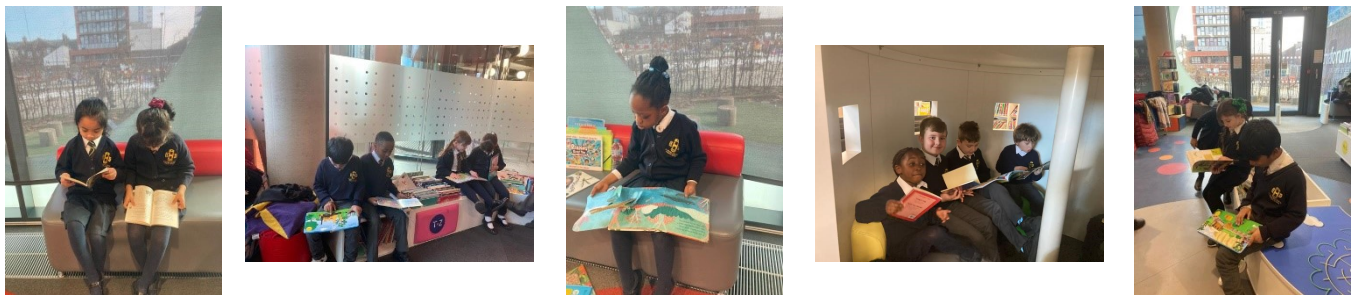
1 Starfish have been writing Journey stories about their favourite toys going on secret adventures! Today we drew our main characters and used oil pastels to finish them off. They all look fantastic!



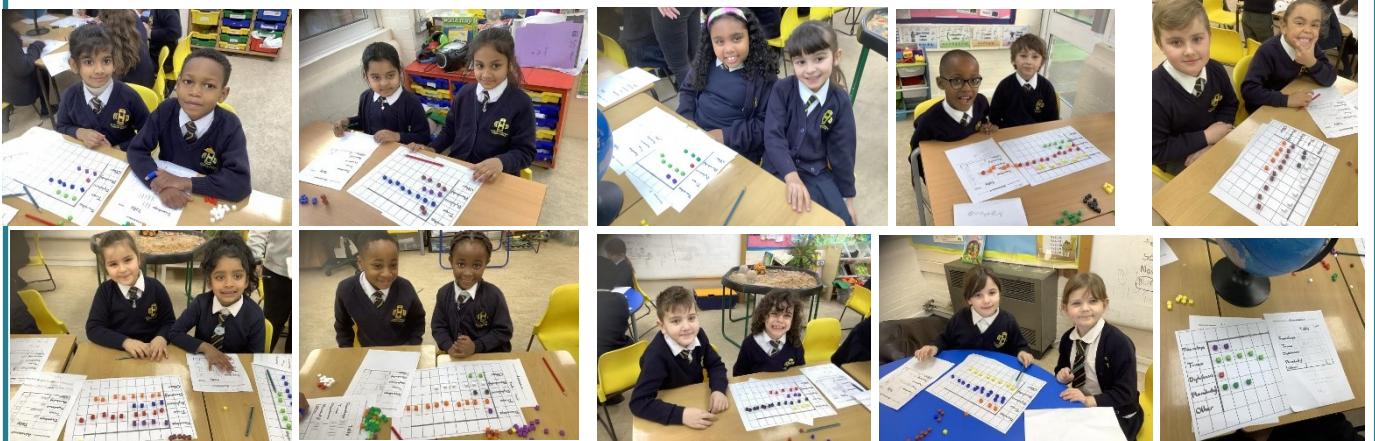
The children in **2 seahorses** class had a lovely visit to the library. Not only did they find lots of lovely books to look at but.....

- *They found out that it is free to join,
- *That a library card lets you borrow up to 14 books at a time,
- *You can use any library and there are six in the Southend area (Southchurch, Westcliff, Leigh on Sea, The Forum in Southend, Eastwood, Shoebury)
- *There are lots of activities and clubs to take part in at the library too for example a Lego club, crotchet club, mindfulness colouring in and so much more.
- * You can find out details on Southend library 'The Forum' social media pages or Mrs Conyard has a small amount of library card application forms.

I am sure Miss Appleyard would love to hear that you all visited the library at half term!!!



2 Seahorses creating block charts after collecting data on a tally chart.



STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Semiloore Titilola
	Ella Mncube
R Squirrels	Alfie Asuncion-Cariaga
	Maggie Ligutan
1 Jellyfish	Aiden Turay
1 Starfish	William Beneteau
2 Oysters	Chrys Rostin
2 Seahorses	Maxwell Bruce-Brimson
	Arian Gjerci
3 Robins	Kamsi Eze
	Nashe Magadzire
	Denosh Dyis
3 Seagulls	Zainab Salawu
	Aela Cardew-Williams
4 Fountains	Prince Duah
4 Gideon	Sara Sritharan
	Aaron Parirenyatwa
5 Rosa Parks	Lloyd Hyde
5 Walter Tull	Asher Kuttikaden-Thomas
6 St. Anthony	Lilly-Rose McGarvey- Miranda
6 St. Raphael	Laurenco De Sousa
	George Moss

POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Benjamin Santos Howell
Tyatt Cole
Marta Oleksiuk
Caleb Adenodi
Olly Clarke
Blaise Cooke

St. David 796
St. Patrick 745
St. Andrew 681
St. George 767

RE Topic-- Local church community

Early Years – CELEBRATING

People celebrate in Church

Year 1 – SPECIAL PEOPLE

People in the Parish family

Year 2 – BOOKS

The books used in Church

Year 3 – JOURNEYS

Christian family's journey with Jesus

Year 4 – COMMUNITY

Life in the local Christian community: ministries in the Parish

Year 5 – MISSION

Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)

Year 6 – SOURCES

The Bible, the special book for the Church

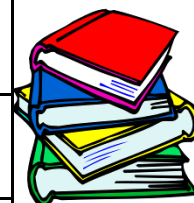
Musician of the month-KS2

Our musician of the month for February is **Aretha Franklin**. As she is the Queen of Soul, I would like the children to listen to her music and either: research Soul music and create a poster about it or choose their favourite song and explain why they like it/draw how it makes them feel or what it reminds them of (including some key lyrics). Please can all entries be returned to Miss Wallen by 28th February.



Class	Name	Title	
1S	Timur Jasmine	Dinosaurs in my school Winnie's Dinosaur Day	The dinosaur stole the pizza! I like the witch because she has a broom!
2S	McDaniel Ester	How to origami Doris the Loris	I like making things. I like learning about the animals in the rainforest.
3R	Nina Nashe	Grace the Pirate Harry the hero	I like Grace because she was brave and she would not listen to Captain Cutthroat who was selfish. I like Harry the hero because he was just transforming.
4F	Izabelle Eleena	Mr Squid's revenge Doctor daze and the bamboozler	Callum is a new boy and he joins a school but no one knows that he is evil! I like it because it has the Bamboozler!
5RP	Samuel Rayaan	Dog man unleashed The accidental secret prime	I like dog man because it's a funny comic comedy with an adventure. I like John because he's a comedian trying to get to be the prime minister of the U.S.A
6A	Emmanuel Emily	Return to the ROAR! Isaclar goes to school	I like this book because it is interesting and I loved the first book Land of ROAR! I like this book because it doesn't tell you that being unique is a good thing it shows you.

THIS WEEK'S BOOK REVIEWS



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