

# ST. HELEN'S NEWS



27th January 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

Brielle Amuzu

Supporting your friend when she needed you-well done!

3 Seagulls

Your amazing maths CLIC work- it is great to see so many of you moving to the next level. Keep up the good work.

Logan Edwards

Having a really positive week. Well done Logan!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursdays- Morning reading sessions Years 1&2 08.30-09.00

Fridays-Stay & Play Reception classes 2.45

**Monday 13th to Friday 17th February—Half term**

**Monday 20th February- Training day- No school**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, strike days have been announced by the NEU.

These dates are Wednesday 1st February, Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

Today I can only tell you the situation for the first day -

## WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY.

There will **NOT** be school on  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February for the following classes:**  
**Year 1 Starfish, Year 3 Robins, Year 3 Seagulls,**  
**Year 4 Fountains and Year 4 Gideon**

For those children not in school they can access all our normal online programmes and use their reading books,

All other classes are expected to be in school.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Mouchel

If you would like to join the **Parent Forum** then please email Mrs Faulkner-

pfaulkner@st-helens.southend.sch.uk

## ASSEMBLIES-

Parents will be invited to class assemblies.

They start at 9.00am

Thursday 9th February	2 Oysters
Thursday 9th March	5 Rosa Parks
Thursday 23rd March	1 Starfish
Thursday 30th March	1 Jellyfish
Thursday 27th April	3 Seagulls
Thursday 4th May	4 Fountains
Date to be confirmed	4 Gideon
Thursday 25th May	3 Robins
Thursday 8th Jun	2 Seahorses
Thursday 15th June	5 Walter Tull

ST HELEN'S PTFA

**DISCO PARTY**

FEATURING DJ MICKEY B

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

3.30PM - 4.15PM - YRS 1&2  
4.30PM - 5.30PM - YRS 3&4  
5.45PM - 6.45PM - YRS 5&6

£3 PER PERSON  
PAYABLE IN ADVANCE ON  
SCHOOL GATEWAY BY FRIDAY  
3RD FEBRUARY

JUICE AND A SNACK  
WILL BE PROVIDED

St Helen's PTFA

Reception Class Children

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
**THE TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**

on Thursday 23 February  
3.15pm to 4.15pm

The School Hall

Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Please bring along your favourite teddy for a fun filled afternoon!

£2.50 per child.  
Payable on school gateway by  
Wednesday 8 February

**2 Oyster** class building the nests for their dinosaurs making sure that the dinosaurs are protected and warm.



Last Friday **1 Jellyfish** class went on a trip to Southend Forum Library. We enjoyed learning about the different books available at the Library and we were able to explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We also enjoyed a story!



**1 Jellyfish** History Old Toys- The children enjoyed playing with a selection of old toys. They compared them to the toys they have at home. We noticed there were no electric toys and most of them were wooden, instead of plastic.



Year **1 Starfish** went to visit Southend Library Forum. First we planned our trip using Google Maps and then we walked to the Library. We had so much fun learning about all the exciting fiction and non-fiction books the library has to offer.



## RE DISPLAYS



**4F** experienced a busy and very cold morning in the Nature Area. They cooked orange cakes which were tasted and mostly enjoyed by all. Looking out for other users in the nature area, they litter-picked and tidied the whole area. Thank you 4F. Lastly, they made special fat balls to feed all the wildlife who use this area as well as us!



This morning, **Year 6** chose their favourite bible stories/quotes from the gospel writers - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They performed their quote and also stated what it meant to them and why they had chosen it. Some of the quotes were:

He made my word as sharp as a sword, with his hands he protected me.

It will be one of you twelve, one who dips his bread with me.

This is my body, take it and eat it.

The angels in the heaven, I tell you, are always in the presence of my Father in heaven.

He was lost but now has been found.

Do not be afraid of this who kill the body because they cannot kill the soul.

But the father called his servants, "Bring a robe."

Jesus spoke to them at once, "Courage, it is I, don't be afraid."

Jesus had pity on them and touched their eyes.

Jesus and his disciples were at the supper.

Can you match the quotes to the dramatical interpretations?



**Art Club** celebrated Chinese New Year by making lanterns and Chinese new year shakers.



Years 5 and 6 experimented with a non-newtonian fluid today. They recognised that at certain times this fluid acted as a liquid but when energy was exerted on it, it turned to a solid. Great fun and experimenting was had by all.



Some children in **2 Seahorses** have chosen to make paper planes during provision, they have been challenged to fly their plane and measure the distance. The furthest plane flown this week was designed and flew 10m 55 cm!



**2 Seahorses** have been learning about dinosaurs and their habitats. They created a micro habitat for their dinosaur thinking about camouflage so the dinosaur could either hide from their predator or stalk their prey.



### Harp Assembly



## STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Amira Rajulawalla Ignazio Burzotta
R Squirrels	Toluwani Adeoye Maximilian Crancher
1 Jellyfish	Laura Pradeesh
1 Starfish	Anele Kemoeng
2 Oysters	Maribell Jedrasik
2 Seahorses	Leo Parthiepan Maxwell Bruce-Brimson
3 Robins	Nina Annim Chloe Groshiti
3 Seagulls	Harison Gjana
4 Fountains	Ali Abbas Imran
4 Gideon	Agata Pawlikowska
5 Rosa Parks	Joel Binu Joseph
5 Walter Tull	Ali Imran
6 St. Anthony	Ffion Osborn
6 St. Raphael	Jessica Tran

## POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Ella Mncube  
Mustafa Shah  
Jasmine Vasconcelos Pinto  
Stewart Donald  
Deanne Blahakova  
Maya Wierzchon  
Lloyd Hyde  
Reanne Walulya  
Jessica Tran

St. David 534  
St. Patrick 439  
St. Andrew 603  
St. George 269

## 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

## Learning Conferences 6<sup>th</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> February Online Appointment Booking

All appointments will be in person at school.

**BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY,**

**3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY AT 9.00AM**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** Years 3 & 4 in the hall

Times: 1.45 – 3.05 3.45 – 4.55

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** Years 5 & 6 in the hall

Times: 1.45 – 3.05 3.45 – 4.55

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

1/2 in class, 3/4 in the hall, 5/6 in the studio

Times: 3.45 – 4.55 5.45 – 7.05

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** Years 1 & 2 in the hall

Times: 1.45 – 2.55 3.35 – 4.55

Please visit

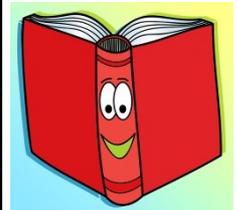
<https://sthelenscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. Login with the information requested: – parents first name, surname and email address, child's first name (preferred name), surname, date of birth.

Class	Name	Title	
Year 1J	Phoebe	Wanted Shark-Stephanie Moss	'I love sharks and it is funny!'
	Joshua	Under the Sea	'I love sea creatures.'
	Heidi	The Gruffalo's Child-Julia Donaldson	'The mouse tricks the Gruffalo!'
Year 2S	Sham	The Riddle Stone	'I enjoyed reading this book because I like the adventures of Biff, Chip and Kipper.'
	Arian	Demon Dentist	'I chose the book because it looked interesting and I'm really enjoying it so far!'
Year 3R	Iris	Meerkat Madness- Ian Whybrow	'I like Meerkat Madness because I've learnt how meerkats travel.'
	Nina	Penguin Pandemonium –Jeanne Willis	'I like this because it teaches me about penguins.'
	Mina	Personality Potion – Alan MacDonald	'I like this because it teaches about bullying.'
Year 4 F	Starr- Sofia	Goth Girl Series – Chris Riddell	'The books have interesting twists and contain beautiful artwork!'
	JohnJon	The Battle for Roar-Jenny McLachlan	'The book covers interesting topics.'
Year 5RP	Chevelle	Sherlock Holmes	'There are lots of plot twists.'
	Posi	Carrie's War- Nina Bawden	'It teaches us what it was like during WW2.'
Year 6 A	Max Lilly-Rose	An Eagle in the Snow- Michael Morpurgo Miss Happiness and Miss flower	'The book is very interesting; it talks about being at war.' 'I think that these books have a main character who lots of people can relate to and overall they are really enjoyable books!'

## THIS WEEK'S

## BOOK

## REVIEWS



Let's start the New Year with a fresh look at our children's online lives – this link helps you create an online safety plan that is just right for your family.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

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