

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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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

KS2 Choir

Your many impressive performances this week including singing to the residents of Alston Court, for the Southend community outside the Cliffs Pavilion and for the school. What a busy week!

KS1 Choir

Your amazing performance in front of the whole school. Thank you!

The Brass Group

Your impressive performance of Jingle Bells to the whole school- Amazing!

To everyone who took part

In the reconciliation and sorry services. Thank you!

Year 6

Your excellent behaviour and interest during your trip to the Synagogue. Well done for representing the school well in the community.

Dates for your diary

13th December– 6.30– Years 5/6– Carols at St. Helen's Church

14th December– 10.00 Year 1 Nativity

2.30 Years 3/4 Outdoor carols

5.30 Year 1 Nativity

15th December– Christmas dinner

10.00 Year 2 Nativity

5.30 Year 2 Nativity

16th December– 2.00 Reception classes nativity

20th December– LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

ALL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED

Charity collections

At this time of year, we usually have a collection after our nativities and carol services.

We are aware that the cost of living increases are affecting many families within our school community.

Please do not feel that you have to contribute but if you can there will be a sealed box at the exit, collecting for the Brentwood Catholic Children Society– a charity which helps many of our families.

Thank you.

Stay and play for Reception classes has finished for this term but will resume on the 13th of Jan. This session will be a reading session and all children will get a free book!

Y1/2 Thursday morning reading – has finished for this term but will resume on Thu 12th Jan.

PARKING!

Please do not stop on the Zebra crossing, zig-zag lines or park in the delivery area for Lidl/ Hobbycraft

Christmas Design & Technology competition

Can you get creative? Research, design and make a Christmas card with a moving part. All entries can be posted into the post box in the hall.

Closing date Monday 12th December 2022.

There will be prizes for the winners in each year group.

Please clearly label your card with your name and class.

Good luck from Miss Byfield

4 Gideon had a fun scientific afternoon building working electrical circuits and found the whole process rather 'illuminating'.



Year 2 had a fabulous morning in the nature area. They have been studying materials, we discussed differences between man-made and natural materials. The first activity was to describe materials whilst their partner was blindfolded. The blindfolded person had to guess what the material was. We introduced many new words to describe. Seahorses then tested the amount of water to sand to make the best sandcastle they could with interesting results.



Anti bullying Display



This half-term's working walls show that everyone is working hard in Science. Vocabulary is a key aspect that is being addressed in each class and every working wall demonstrates the new words learnt and used in lessons. Each class has been busy experimenting and testing theories.



This week, **Year 6** began to make their Cam Toys. They have researched and designed some. Now the making process begins. Many changes/improvements and adaptations have already been made. Look out next week for the finished versions!



Year 6 enjoyed their visit to the synagogue. They were shown around by Jeffrey and Jeffrey! The children were able to answer many of the questions posed and increased their knowledge.



The choir have been very busy this week! On Tuesday, the year 5s and 6s went to sing at Alston Court. The residents very much enjoyed it and even joined in with some of our songs. On Thursday, they went to sing as part of the Cliffs Pavilion's 12 Days of Christmas series, singing carols for people in the cafe. Both times, they sang incredibly well and made Miss Wallen proud. On Wednesday, we had a Christmas Carols session where the full KS2 choir sang along with the KS1 choir and the Brass Group treated us to a fabulous version of Jingle Bells. What a fantastic start to our Christmas celebrations!



STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Delilah Greenfield Adhiti Karmenan
R Squirrels	Gerardo Yovera Velicu-Scraba
1 Jellyfish	Jayden Masunga
1 Starfish	Siddharth Raj
2 Oysters	Cynthia Slotwinska
2 Seahorses	Esther Adenodi Leo Parthiepan
3 Robins	Mina Annim Nina Annim
3 Seagulls	Amayra Yumnaat
4 Fountains	Eleena Maria Prinson
4 Gideon	Scarlett Buckingham
5 Rosa Parks	Dylan Rosenthal
5 Walter Tull	Scarlett Leone Luana Gjerci
6 St. Anthony	Vinny Parker
6 St. Raphael	Bella-Donna Choat

POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Melissa Motpan
Jacob Lehane-Stone
Tyler Musindo
Prodromos Parastatidis
River Parkin-Webber
Nathaniel Zima
Maisie Carter-Green
Juliette Anyanwa-Odili
Agata Pawlikowska
Max Parthiepan
Kai Bucci

St. David 318
St. Patrick 482
St. Andrew 463
St. George 292

RE Topics – ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Early Years – BIRTHDAY Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1 – WAITING Advent a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2 – PREPARATIONS Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3 – VISITORS Advent; waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4 – GIFT God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5 – HOPE Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one
Year 6 – EXPECTATIONS Jesus born to show God to the world

This week our focus is on online issues that you might encounter with your children. The internet is a fantastic place for children to learn, create and have fun, but they may occasionally have to deal with a variety of sometimes challenging issues. These might include cyberbullying, along with various others issues. But there are positive things you can do to equip yourself and your child, support them in resolving any issue they may face. <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/> Don't forget that all the links can be found on the school's Online Safety page <https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/Curriculum/useful-links>

Starfish Class have been working hard researching, designing and making advent calendars. The children were very proud of their creations and have displayed them in class. Starfish class have been giving peer evaluations and talking about the positive aspect of their designs. We definitely have some future designers in the making!



Reading with parents



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