

# 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

### Year 5 & 6 football team

Excellent teamwork and representing the school well at the football tournament last Friday.

### Thea Hilsden

Lovely actions to accompany our hymn in assembly. Well done and thank you Thea!

### Lara Xavier Ventura

Lovely actions to accompany our hymn in assembly. Well done and thank you Lara!

### Kathryn Bance

Being so polite and welcoming to everyone at breakfast club. Well done!

## Dates for your diary

**29th November**– Year 3 Stone Age– Iron age

**9th December**– Christmas Fayre-

2.30 start Years R-2

3.25 start Years 3-6

**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**

## St. Andrew's Day - 30th November

On 30th November, St Andrew's day, we would like all the children to wear a t-shirt or jumper in their house colour along with their normal school uniform. We hope to start this tradition for all of our house group Saint days this year.

Here is a reminder of the colours:

St Andrew - BLUE

St David - YELLOW

St Patrick - GREEN

St. George - RED

Please ask your child to check with their class Teacher if they are unsure what house group they are in. Thank you.

**Ten Ten Resources** is producing a special prayer resource for schools and families to use throughout Advent in preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

**The Jesse Tree: From Creation to Christmas** is a daily prayer resource, starting on Monday 28 November, the first week of Advent, and running all the way through to Christmas Day. A Jesse Tree is a bit like an Advent calendar, but using a daily video Bible story about someone in Jesus' family tree to help us prepare spiritually as we move towards Christmas.

We would like to encourage your family to join the whole school community on this journey. We will be following the prayer each day in school, and we would like to encourage you to also open a Bible story on the Jesse Tree calendar at home each morning/evening, at weekends and during the school holidays.

To access the resource, please visit the **Ten Ten Resources' Collective Worship Parent Portal**:

Website: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Username: **st-helens-ss0**

Password: **magic-red**

The children in **Year 2** have been learning about Shabbat as part of their Judaism Topic in Religious Education and made their own version of Challah bread.

IT WAS DELICIOUS!



**Year 1** have been learning about the story of the Three Little Pigs. We measured the distance the Big Bad Wolf travelled from each of the three little pigs houses. The children worked together in partners and took care to measure accurately using a ruler. They then recorded their findings and discussed them with their peers.



This term, **Year 1** are learning all about traditional tales. In science we have been learning about materials. **Starfish class** explored what the best material would be to make a boat for the Gingerbread man to cross the river safely. The children used a variety of everyday materials including paper, cardboard, wooden straws and lollipop sticks and plastic. The children then tested their boats to see if their material was strong enough to carry the weight of the gingerbread man, and whether or not their material was waterproof.



The last **Science club for Year 3 and 4** took place this week. The children had fun experimenting with and making lava lamps. They were amazed at how the oil and water did not mix to make a solution and also the results when Vitamin C tablets were added.



The children in **Seahorses** finished off their Judaism topic in Religious Education by learning about Shabbat - by making special spice boxes (this also linked to their maths learning about 3d shapes) they decorated a net of a cuboid with pictures of things they like to do with their families and some added family member names. The boxes were then constructed by the children so they can put special items in at home.



Once again, **Year 6** have had a busy week. They studied various artist's portrayal of The Annunciation, commenting on features, colours, contrasting light and dark, mood and style. Once this was completed, they designed their own sketch. This will be on display for Christmas very soon so watch this space for the finished versions. They have also studied the adaptations made by a variety of animals in order to survive. This was linked to our work on Darwin and survival of the fittest.



**Year 2 Seahorses** had a great learning experience in their outside area on Thursday. They made suits of armour, axes and shields. They built a huge castle and defended it from attackers. They used collaborative play to demonstrate their learning.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Mariam Salawu
	Sarah Stamate
	Izabella Ashinyo-Koudiabo
R Squirrels	Selasie Glover
	Mustafa Shah
1 Jellyfish	Erlis Sefolli
1 Starfish	Jack Heard
2 Oysters	Isabella Nowacka
2 Seahorses	Ethan Malikula
	Josefa Reyes
3 Robins	Hugo Wiles
	Isobella Redding
3 Seagulls	Julius Metyko
4 Fountains	Eva Ryan
4 Gideon	Oliwia Kloc
5 Rosa Parks	Donnie Murphy
5 Walter Tull	Maria Hyde
6 St. Anthony	Verena Lawrence
6 St. Raphael	Josh Elliott

## POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Clementine Apuzzo  
Bella Mica  
Leon Gawlik  
Lordina Owusu  
Brielle Amuzu  
Aaron Parirenyatwa  
Caleb Adenodi  
Ta-Shae Kamano  
Lourenco De Sousa

**St. David 865**  
**St. Patrick 706**  
**St. Andrew 624**  
**St. George 544**

## RE Topics – Baptism/ Confirmation

**Early Years – WELCOME** Baptism; a welcome to God's family

**Year 1 – BELONGING** Baptism an invitation to belong to God's family

**Year 2 – SIGNS & SYMBOLS** Signs and symbols in Baptism

**Year 3 – PROMISES** Promises made at Baptism

**Year 4 – CALLED** Confirmation: a call to witness

**Year 5 – LIFE CHOICES** Marriage commitment and service

**Year 6 – VOCATION & COMMITMENT**  
The vocation of priesthood and religious life

## URGENT S-O-S– HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The PTFA would be really grateful for some helpers who can either set up a Grotto on Thursday 8th December after school or from 2pm on Friday 9th December setting up stalls etc.

Your child will be sent home on Monday/Tuesday with a small bag and slip asking you if you could please fill it with sweets and return to the school asap.

Thank you PTFA

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/online-gaming-the-benefits/#choosing-games>



### Online video gaming benefits for young players | Internet Matters

Gaming Benefits | Internet Matters. Online video games can be a way to help support your child's development. Online safety. Online safety for kids.

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

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