

# 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

Aria-Rose Stone- Being kind and caring to another child. Well done Aria and thank you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Multi-sports will be back on 11th March at 8am

Nature area dates-

9th March-1 Starfish AM/R Squirrels PM

16th March- 1 Jellyfish

23rd March -4 Fountains

30th March- 1 Starfish

## COVID UPDATE

Earlier this week, the Government announced the details of their Living with Covid plan. These are the main points which affect our school community:

**TESTING** - The Government have removed the guidance for twice weekly asymptomatic testing.

**SELF ISOLATION** - The Government have removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. But they still advise that **anyone who tests positive should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days. To also continue with the current guidance of staying at home until they receive 2 negative tests on 2 consecutive days.**

**CLOSE CONTACTS** - The Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those under 18, to test for 7 days. They have also removed the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

Close contacts should continue to attend school as usual.

With kind regards,  
Elizabeth Mouchel

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Our school has signed up for the project "School Superbloom."

This is being run by the Royal Palaces. A Superbloom of wildflowers is being created at the Tower of London and our school will be creating our own Superbloom creation in our grounds. All pupils will be taking part in this project.

Hi everyone,

Just to remind you of the upcoming dates for our regular secondhand uniform sales, this will help the environment and hopefully save you all some money.

They will be at 3.00pm in the hall alongside the book sale/swap.

The dates will be-  
Thursday 3rd March  
Thursday 5th May  
Thursday 9th June  
Thursday 7th July

If you have any old uniform that you would like to donate please drop it into the office.

Thank you very much.

Mrs Sears

**Spring Walk and Wildlife Experience**  
Sunday 24th April 2022 - 1:30 PM

Celebrate the arrival of Spring and the end of the Easter holiday with a family-friendly 3.5 mile stroll along the Prittle Brook Greenway, from Priory Park to Belfairs Woodland Centre, followed by an exciting Wildlife Experience.

Let's walk together to overcome homelessness one step at a time!

**Entrance fee**  
(includes free Spring Walk T-shirt or 4 for families)  
Adults - £5 (and pledge to raise £30)  
Children - £3 (and pledge to raise £30)  
Family - £15 (and pledge to raise £50)  
Registered Charity no: 1098125

SIGN UP NOW | [www.harpssouthend.org.uk/springwalk2022](http://www.harpssouthend.org.uk/springwalk2022)

**HARP** Southend's Homeless Charity  
**IMPERIAL** Bird of Prey Academy

3 1/2 miles

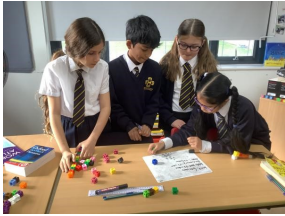
From Priory Park to Belfairs Woodland Centre

Start Priory Park

Finish Belfairs Woodland Centre

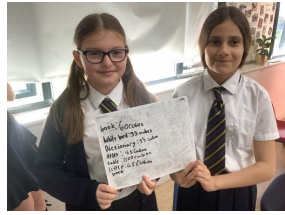
Map showing the route of the Spring Walk and Wildlife Experience, starting at Priory Park and ending at Belfairs Woodland Centre, with a distance of 3 1/2 miles.



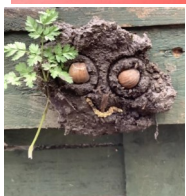
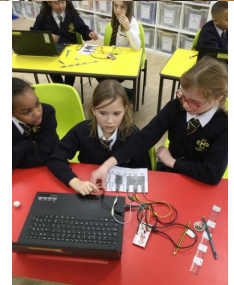


5RP Maths- Area: The children investigated how to calculate area using multilink to fill the area of different objects.

Science- Plants: To see how much we could remember about the parts of plants, we had to guess the part of the plant from the clue and then create it out of collage materials.



4G & 4F had an amazing morning with a visit from 'Conductive Music'. We learnt about the technology of circuit boards, how to interface them with a computer using crocodile clips and used ourselves to complete circuits to enable us to play music. We also built our own musical keyboard using just pencils and paper!



Year 6 had an enjoyable first Badminton lesson this morning. The skill level was high and all the children were very safe interacting well in a tiny space! Let's see how our skills improve over the next few weeks.

Seahorses had an enjoyable afternoon in the nature area. They made sure the birds were fed again after being off school for half-term. Some of the children built dens showing excellent construction skills whilst others demonstrated their art skills with mud faces.



Year 6 planted seeds last October and were very proud when weeding yesterday to dig up mini-carrots and spring onions. All tasted them yesterday and said they were delicious!





## STARS OF THE WEEK

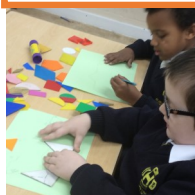
R Hedgehogs	Aria-Rose Stone Hannah Cijo
R Squirrels	Enos Baker
1 Jellyfish	Kekeli Glover
1 Starfish	Maribell Jedrasik
2 Oysters	Lordina Owusu Eliana Machado
2 Seahorses	Kamsi Eze
3 Robins	Aaron Jimmy Tom Mathews
3 Seagulls	Eva Ryan
4 Fountains	Matteo Di Leone
4 Gideon	Bella Gomes Chaves
5 Rosa Parks	Michael Sarpong
5 Walter Tull	Honor Oteng
6 St. Anthony	Salahuddin Mirza
6 St. Raphael	Susan Chirchiano



Class 4F completed their Geography topic 'Settlements' and had fun creating their own Settlement in a box. There was lots of creativity taking place, along with great design and construction skills.



Robins have been using shapes to identify acute, obtuse and right angles. We made dragons to use the shapes to identify the angles. We chose to make dragons as our new class reader is the boy who grew dragons.



Robin's class investigated the strength of a magnet. They tested different types of magnets to find which one was the strongest by using paper clips. They also investigated the benefits of the paper clips being linked together or unlinked.

## POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Marianna Rogado Enache  
Elijah Tyler  
Lily-Rose Nwokeji  
Elena Dajani  
Sophie Green  
Chevelle Adjei  
Jack Stephens  
Lorenzo Shella

**St. David 406**  
**St. Patrick 482**  
**St. Andrew 399**  
**St. George 475**

## RE Topic

**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

## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 14<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

To coincide with British Science week 14-18 March, St Helen's are running a Science shop. The Science shop will stock a wide range of experiments, things to play with, things to investigate and items to have fun with. This year, you will be able to access the Science shop on the Schoolgateway from Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. Items, prices and how many we have of each item have been emailed to you. The last day to purchase will be Friday 18 March. On Thursday 24 March, all items ordered will be delivered to your child at school.

During British Science week, all classes will be investigating and experimenting. This year's theme is Growth so please talk to your children about what they have learnt in Science this week. Look out for updates on the school website and face book page.

Happy experimenting and thanks for your support.

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