

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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13th October 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

Ollie Cooke

for being extra helpful
to children in his class.
Well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th October –19th October

Learning Conferences

18th October –Individual school photos

23rd-27th October -Half term

30th October –Training day school closed

3rd November– 2.45 Reception Stay and Play starts

7th November - 2.30 Reading Meeting

Reception class

Wednesday 18th October

PTFA AGM yearly meeting 2pm

All parents/carers welcome

Please note this is **NOT** a meet the
teacher meeting.

CHRISTMAS DINNER -
WEDNESDAY

13TH DECEMBER 2023

When you are booking your
lunches you will see Christmas
Dinner choices for Wednesday,
13th December.

A letter has been emailed to you
with more details.

Very exciting!

CLUB ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF

LEARNING CONFERENCES 16TH OCT – 19TH OCT

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CHOIR ON
THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

5 & 6 FOOTBALL CLUB ON TUESDAY,
17TH OCTOBER WILL BE ON AS USUAL

3 & 4 FOOTBALL CLUB ON THURSDAY,
19TH OCTOBER WILL BE ON AS USUAL

Please have a look on your child's class page on our Website

for lots more great photographs!

Hedgehogs and Squirrels <https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/Curriculum/classes/welcome-our-new-children>

Year 1 <https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/Curriculum/classes/class-1>

Year 2 <https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/Curriculum/classes/welcome-class-2>

Year 3 <https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/Curriculum/classes/welcome-class-3>

Year 4 <https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/Curriculum/classes/welcome-class-4>

Year 5 <https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/Curriculum/classes/welcome-class-5>

Year 6 <https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/Curriculum/classes/welcome-class-6>

Year 3 have enjoyed sharing their diary entries with Year 2 & 4. They have also started to bring in their homework based around our volcanos & fossils topic. 3R were amazed at a pupils home-made volcano she worked on with her dad on the weekend! (Well done!) On Tuesday, we took advantage of the warm weather to enjoy our nature area. Finally, in preparation for our newspaper write, we "interviewed" a friend from the other year 3 class about where they were, how they felt, and what they did when the volcano erupted on their island!



St. Vincent's and HARP Food Donations

Thank you all for your generous food donations. The last day for donations is Tuesday 17th October. We really want to help the food banks, as so many people are suffering with the cost of living crisis at the moment. One tin of beans can really make a difference in supporting our local community. Thank you so much.



Food Bank Items of Need

URGENTLY NEEDED

Pot noodles	Tins of rice pudding/ custard
Microwave and dry rice	Tins of veggie food (macaroni cheese/ veggie ravioli etc)
Mug Shots	Squash
UHT Milk	Sugar
Squash	Tuna
Pasta sauces	Coffee
Tins of meat meals (spag bol/ curry/ chilli/ spam/ sausage in beans/ hot dogs/ ravioli)	Biscuits
Tins of fruit	Cereal Bars
Tinned Meat pies	Crisps/ biscuits
Cuppa Soups	Nappies
Dry pasta in sauce	Wet wipes
	Noodles

Open to Donations Monday to Friday 11:00am - 4:00pm and Saturday 10am - 12pm
Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short Street Southend SS2 5BY
01702 592980

PHOTOGRAPHS NEXT WEDNESDAY 18TH OCT.

If you would like younger siblings to be photographed please come to school for 8.30 am. Other siblings will be photographed during the morning.

Please remember your best smile and lovely smart uniform.

Spare coat donation

If anyone has any old coats/rain jackets they would be happy to donate to Year 5, we would be most grateful. Our plan is to use these to design our own rain coats, taking part in a fashion show and advertising them as though we were proper designers. Your donations would be gratefully received.

First Holy Communion at St. Helen's Church

The last day for application forms for First Holy Communion at St. Helen's Church is 15th October.

Sessions to prepare will start on Wednesday 1st November at 5pm.

If you would like your child to be included please make sure your form is in on time. Thank you.

Father Alex





School of Noise Year 4

Hedgehogs & Squirrels Saint Francis Celebration





4 Fountains String telephones

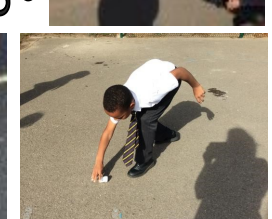


Year 4 had a busy morning. They made string telephones discussing the Science behind them - vibrations, sound waves, how sound travels through solids and whether it was louder and clearer the further or closer they were to the other person!

They moved onto Gymnastics where they were practising the synchronisation of moves and making their body perform with style and grace.



Year 5 experimenting with irreversible change



5RP were busy in the Nature Area this afternoon. They explored and noticed many changes to the environment. Later, they grouped together to design and fly their own kites. Luckily, there was just enough wind to help not hinder the kite flying. As always, some were more successful than others.



Let's go fly a kite!



Jellyfish had a very busy morning in the nature area. They used their senses to find their way around the nature area. They smelt various herbs and plants, commenting on which ones they liked the best. Jellyfish put blindfolds on and were given a mystery item which they then described and tried to name. They also played eagle eye and the spider's web game which they all enjoyed.



Jellyfish using their senses



STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Jess Stroia Xavier Carvalho
R Squirrels	Joseph Sherman Luke Gjoni
1 Jellyfish	Nkennaya Okoroafor
1 Starfish	Joanna Ojo
2 Oysters	Arlo Wiles
2 Seahorses	Elijah Tyler Willow Pinnock
3 Robins	Evelyn Kuttikaden Thomas
3 Seagulls	Maxwell Bruce-Brimson
4 Fountains	Emma Matthew
4 Gideon	Chloe Groshiti
5 Rosa Parks	Zara Ali
5 Walter Tull	Andrea Asaro
6 St. Anthony	Maria Hyde
6 St. Raphael	Bella Gomes Chaves

POSITIVE PLAY

SUPERSTARS

George Midson
Sarah Stamate
Nathan Matthews
Isaac Banda
Starr-Sofia Souter
Dominika Matthews
Alba Sorraj

St. David 967

St. Patrick 621

St. Andrew 589

St. George 607

Following guidance from Brentwood Diocese, our R.E programme is changing.

We will be following-

Religious Education Directory

Which will encourage the children to know Jesus more clearly. Each half term the children will follow a programme of study called "A branch", completing 6 branches within the school year. **Branch 1**-Creation and Covenant

This half term's stories-

EYFS- Creation story-When God made the world by Matthew Paul Turner

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1a6e5si3fk>

Year 1 - The creation story-Genesis 1:1-5 1:24-26

Year 2 - The story of Noah-Genesis 6:13-9:29

Year 3-Genesis story of Creation-Psalm 8

Year 4 - Call of Abraham.
Genesis 12: 1-9

Year 5 - The Burning Bush.
Exodus 3:1-15

Year 6 - Creation story second account. Genesis 2

**New lunch menu for after half term
has been added to the Schoolgateway -
please start booking!**

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