

# 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

### Miss Paice

for playing the cornet for our Remembrance Service. Thank you.

### 5 Rosa Parks & 5 Walter Tull

for your impressive Remembrance Day assembly—it was respectful, informative and maturely shared with the rest of the school. Your singing was also very moving. What a lot of words you learnt! We are very proud of you all.

### Keisha Mungwariri

for your very sensible choices at lunchtime. Well done!

### Oliver Wroblewski

for your impressive performance with the Southend Boys Choir at The Royal Albert Hall for the Carmina Burana. Mrs Hall said you were amazing and learnt all those words in Latin and High German!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**13th November**—whole school flu immunisation

**17th November**—Children in Need Day

**21st November**—Great Fire of London Day in school— Year 2

**24th November**—Non uniform day for a donation of a coloured raffle item

**28th November**—Hadleigh Histories Year 3

**8th December Christmas Fair**—please check your emails for all the information. Thank you.



## Class Assembly Dates

### All start at 9.00 am

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 2 Oysters     | Wed 24th Jan     |
| 3 Seagulls    | Thurs 8th Feb    |
| 2 Seahorses   | Thurs 21st Mar   |
| 1 Jellyfish   | Thurs 25th April |
| 5 Rosa Parks  | Thurs 2nd May    |
| 3 Robins      | Thurs 9th May    |
| 4 Fountains   | Thurs 16th May   |
| 4 Gideon      | Thurs 23rd May   |
| 5 Walter Tull | Thurs 20th June  |
| 1 Starfish    | Wed 26th June    |

6 St. Anthony & 6 St. Raphael  
Leavers Assembly 2 pm  
Friday 12th July

## A performance to be proud of!

**Oliver Wroblewski** gave a wonderful performance to an audience of around 5000 in The Royal Albert Hall. He said he felt nervous but did his best. Oliver had spent all day rehearsing, yet still managed to stay calm and collected throughout the performance alongside The Philharmonia Orchestra, the Bach Choir as well as other adult choral groups. Mrs Hall said, "I was just really impressed with how well he did considering the magnitude of the venue and the calibre of the whole performance generally!" Well done Oliver!



The PTFA will be sending empty bags home with the children next week, please could parents fill these up with sweets and return to school. Sweets must be pre packaged (no loose pick n mix style sweets unless they are individually wrapped) and nut free. Chocolate is allowed for the Christmas Fair.

We thank you for any cuddly toys donated already, please feel free to keep bringing these in.

The PTFA are also still looking for volunteers to help run stalls at the fair, if you are able to help please email [ptfa@st-helens.southend.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-helens.southend.sch.uk)

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

for lots more great photographs and curriculum/homework information!

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>

St Helen's Catholic Primary School PTFA

## Christmas Fair

DONATIONS NEEDED - WEEK 2

13th-17th November

We are holding our school Christmas fair on Friday 8th December from 3.15pm-5.15pm and need your help!

We will be sending empty ziplock bags home with your children.

Please could you fill these with sweets and return them for our sweet tombola.

Please note: all donations must be nut free. Please only include wrapped or pre packed bags. No loose sweets.

Please send donations in with your children or bring to the office.

HAVE YOU  
BOOKED  
YOUR  
CHRISTMAS  
DINNER?



WEDNESDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER  
2023

**5 Walter Tull** spent the afternoon in the nature area. They enjoyed smores and discussed how certain materials would react when burnt. Interesting thoughts and opinions were discussed. Following on from this , they tested their tree climbing, bug-hunting and digging skills finding some unusual things. They also enjoyed a game of eagle eye.



**Year 3** spent an exciting morning in the Nature area today. Both classes were in the nature area together. After enjoying smores and the fire, they designed and made their own skeleton from natural materials. They showed a very good understanding of the make up of the skeleton. Year 3 also designed some fitness trails as they are focusing on healthy bodies.



## The Great Plague

The children in **Year 2** learnt all about the Great Plague in 1665. The children collaged rats, and learnt how the rats spread the plague from person to person. We played Ring a Ring o' Roses, learning that the poem was actually created after the plague.

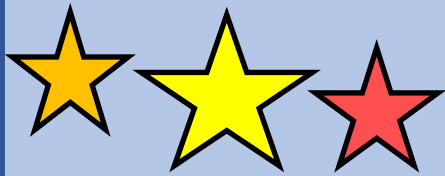
RING A RING OF ROSES- pink spots were a sign that you had caught the plague.  
 A POCKET FULL OF POSIES -the herbs and spices and flowers people carried to sniff clean air.  
 ATISHOO ATISHOO- related to the sneezing when the disease had been contracted.  
 WE ALL FALL DOWN- people died from the plague.

The children mixed herbs and spices and ground them to a powder to make sweet smelling cures for the plague. The children loved their learning today!



## STARS OF THE WEEK

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| R Hedgehogs   | Millie Dodge<br>Kyle Sibanda                            |
| R Squirrels   | Roman Nickeas<br>Gabrielle Nacaite                      |
| 1 Jellyfish   | Daniele Osborn Smith                                    |
| 1 Starfish    | Maggie Ligutan  |
| 2 Oysters     | William Beneteau  |
| 2 Seahorses   | Enos Baker  |
| 3 Robins      | Victor Stevens  |
| 3 Seagulls    | Jesse-James Parkin-Webber                               |
| 4 Fountains   | Eliana Machado  |
| 4 Gideon      | Caolan Doherty  |
| 5 Rosa Parks  | whole class for<br>Remembrance Assembly                 |
| 5 Walter Tull | whole class for<br>Remembrance Assembly<br>Laura Gajdel |
| 6 St. Anthony | Maria Hyde  |
| 6 St. Raphael | Rayaan Tai  |



## POSITIVE PLAY

### SUPERSTARS

Adeoluwa Oluwasola  
Adele Stean  
Connie Condron  
Lucas Bury  
Joshua Orazulume  
Jaiden Anoop  
Oyisi Enenche-Obande  
Hafsa Hussein  
Eliana Machado  
Vaigo Anoop  
Laura Gajdel  
Hannah Stean  
Joel Binu Joseph

St. David 1044  
St. Patrick 786  
St. Andrew 791  
St. George 836

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

We will be following-

## Religious Education Directory

The programme 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 2—Prophesy to Promise

The Big Questions for this topic:

**Year 1** - How do we get ready for Christmas?

**Year 2** - How can we share the light with others?

**Year 3** - How do we prepare ourselves for Christmas?

**Year 4** - What does the Church teach us about 'preparation'?

**Year 5** - Do you have to be big to be strong?

**Year 6** - What is the role of women in God's plan?

St Helen's uses a Relationship Education Programme called **Life to the Full Plus**.

Below you will find a link to the online parent platform so that you, as parent and carers, can engage with this resource and deepen the experience for your child. To access the online parent platform please visit:

[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal)

School Username: **st-helens-ss0**

School Password: **magic-red**

[https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/application/files/1616/9891/9785/LTTF\\_Parent\\_booklet.pdf](https://st-helens.southend.sch.uk/application/files/1616/9891/9785/LTTF_Parent_booklet.pdf)

**Squirrels** have been super busy, sharing their news and exploring the creation story. They displayed inquisitive interaction with the materials provided. They have also

been learning about circles and triangles.



"Mountain"



"Look, God made flowers and trees!"



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