

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



21st Nov—Great Fire of London Day Yr 2

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

28th Nov—Hadleigh Histories Yr 3

7th Dec— 10.00 am Yr 2 Nativity,
2.15 pm Yr 4 Carols, 5.30 pm Yr 2 Nativity

8th Dec—Christmas Fair

11th Dec—5.30 pm Yr 1 Nativity

12th Dec—2.15 pm Yr 1 Nativity,
6.00 pm Yrs 5 & 6 Carol Service at Church

13th Dec—Christmas Dinner

14th Dec—2.15 pm Yr 3 Carols

15th Dec—2.30 pm —3.00 pm Whole
school reading

19th Dec—2.15 pm Hedgehogs & Squirrels
Nativity

20th Dec—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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

Mrs Pease
for leading the anti-bullying
assemblies this week.
You shared some very
important messages.
Thank you.

St. Helen's Choir
for your very impressive
performance at the
1st Assisi CatholicTrust
Choir Competition.
You sang beautifully
and enthusiastically.
Thank you.

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week

KS1 and KS2 have been reminded of our poem, prayer
and our STOP poster in Assembly.

BULLYING is when incidents happen.....

SEVERAL
TIMES
ON
PURPOSE

The children know it is important to tell someone.

A Poem

Stop,
Don't bully me,
It's not okay,
You're making me feel small,
I don't deserve this at all,
Please just stop.

A Prayer

O God,
Close my ears to the whispering and the sniggering
and the name-calling of those who want to torment
me.
I hear them in the playground, I hear them in the
corridor, I hear them on the way home.
Worst of all, I hear them in my head when I am alone
in my room and when I am awake in the night.
O God,
Close my ears to ignore them, and open my mouth to
tell on them, not because I am mean, but because I
am brave to stop their nastiness spreading even
further.
Amen

Congratulations to Luana Gjerci who had a
Singing Assessment in September and received
some fabulous comments from her assessors:

'a very strong performance'

'gorgeous tone, great pitching, secure timing'

'lovely tone and great timing'

'I'm excited for what's to come'

Us too! Well done Luana!



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

Do you have any good quality unwanted and sealed
gifts (new/unused toiletries sets, new toys still in
boxes, sealed chocolates)?

Do you run a business or work for one that would be
able to donate a prize or donate a voucher?

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

Stay and Play 2.45 pm

Come and join your
children in
Hedgehogs and Squirrels

24th November

Christmas Nativity Scene

1st December

Making Christmas Cards

2 Oysters have been learning about the Great Plague as part of their Great Fire of London topic. We used green paint to demonstrate how the disease spread and learnt that the song Ring a Ring o'Roses is about what happened.



5 Walter Tull spent the afternoon investigating bridges during their Gymnastics lesson. They tried different body shapes, using levels and apparatus to help them. Year 5 designed a sequence of moves performing this to their class-mates who made suggestions of improvements and changes.



Year 5 were treated to a special cornet lesson by Miss Paice today. She showed them how it works, plays and taught them all about the different notes and sounds the cornet makes.



2 Seahorses spent the morning learning about London landmarks and discussing how London today is different from London in 1666. We used different resources within the classroom to build buildings and different objects associated with London today, like taxis, cathedrals, bridges, even a London Bus. Then we built streets, houses, graveyards and cobble stone roads from 1666.

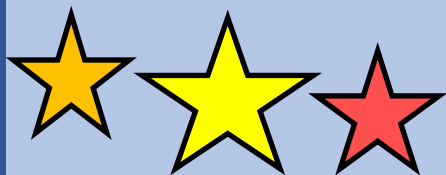


6 St. Raphael started to design and build their Cam Beetle Toys today. They spent time designing and thinking of their audience. In the afternoon, they began the building process with success. They are hoping to finish their designs very soon. Keep a look out for their finished product!



STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Yara Awad Ghanim Marinzie Fernandes
R Squirrels	Kassandra Panes Chimdiebube Oranekwu
1 Jellyfish	Riley Matibag Jacob Lehane-Stone
1 Starfish	Theodore Williams
2 Oysters	Eliseo Gashi
2 Seahorses	Amay Anoop
3 Robins	Lara Xavier Ventura
3 Seagulls	Catherine Mary Abraham Izarah Jittu
4 Fountains	Maisie Carter-Green
4 Gideon	Erin Asante
5 Rosa Parks	Malachi Sibanda
5 Walter Tull	John Helm
6 St. Anthony	Seren Sweeney-Syrett
6 St. Raphael	Diya Suraj



POSITIVE PLAY

SUPERSTARS

Jess Stroia
Hanna Basil
Bella Mica
Jasmine Vasconcelos Pinto
Hazelina Machado
Jake Wilson
Ethan Malikula
Annabelle Cooper
Zara Ali
Eleanor Greenwood-Kyndt
Posi Kola-Laguda

St. David 798
St. Patrick 808
St. Andrew 804
St. George 1064

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?

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>

S.V.P. VISIT



S.V.P visit The School Council and Liturgy Leaders visited the SVP Centre located in Short Street. They were very kind and were welcomed by many members of staff. We were taken on a tour around the Centre by Amanda. First, we saw the newly built kitchen. We saw a volunteer preparing sandwiches for the lunchtime clients, they told us they were having 30-40 people for lunch. Next, we were led to a room which had clothes donations in, they will be donated to those in need of a change of clothes. Then, we were taken to the food bank room where food parcels are put together for families in need. Some of the food parcels are taken to the local food banks and churches. After that we went upstairs to quite a cosy looking room for fitness, well-being and art/craft activities for the clients that use the Centre. It was a very peaceful room. We joined together to watch a heart-warming video where the clients shared stories of how S.V.P changed peoples lives. St Vincent's is a place of hope, joy, peace, love, friendship and family. We were told by Amanda how they have a weekly market where everyone can go to buy groceries at a budget price. We had a fascinating morning learning about S.V.P and the wonderful things they do for our community. A little bit of kindness can make a big change to someone following Jesus' footsteps.

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