

# ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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8th December 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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**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	

**Thomas Cauchi—ex-pupil**  
for your organised, clear &  
detailed presentation about  
the dangers of vaping. Thank you  
for sharing your knowledge.

### 2 Seahorses

for your very impressive Nativity  
play—beautiful singing, great acting  
and fantastic narrating. Very well  
done! We are very proud of you all.

### 2 Oysters

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### 4 Fountains

For your beautiful enthusiastic  
singing—very well done!

### 4 Gideon

For your beautiful enthusiastic  
singing—very well done!

**Football, Netball, Choir Club**

**are finished until after Christmas.**

## The Travelling Cribs have begun their journey

Thank you to all the families that have  
signed up to have a travelling crib at home.  
You may have already received the travelling  
crib or you may receive it sometime next  
week. We look forward to seeing any photos  
you may like to share.



## Christmas Charity Collections

At this time of year, we usually have a collection  
after our nativities and carol services.

We are aware that the cost of living increases are  
affecting many families within our school  
community.

Please do not feel that you have to contribute but  
if you can, please make your donation on the  
Schoolgateway - Christmas 2023 Charity  
Collection.

This year we are supporting Brentwood Catholic  
Children's Society and Havens Hospices. Thank you  
for your support as always, whatever you can give  
is greatly appreciated.

## Stick Man—Year 1

Our Whole Class reading book is Stick Man, so the children explored materials in the nature area and made their own stick men.



## The great fire in the nature area

Seahorses had an enjoyable morning in the nature area. We started by making a fire and discussing the Great Fire of London and how the fire would have spread and taken hold. Year 2 made some bread and this cooked well in the fire, giving them a totally different taste to bread today! They also enjoyed making smores. After this, Year 2 enjoyed exploring, climbing and digging. They also enjoyed playing Eagle Eye, hiding in some very unusual places.

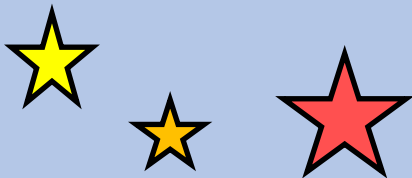


## Outdoor Learning for 6 St. Raphael



## STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Toby Watkins Ollie Heard
R Squirrels	Sarah Vasconcelos Pinto Kiara Dzomba
1 Jellyfish	Evana Basil
1 Starfish	Maya Dogan
2 Oysters	Jack Heard
2 Seahorses	Amber Lara Aiden Turay
3 Robins	Enoch Ashinyo-Koudiabo Esther Adenodi
3 Seagulls	Luke Vata
4 Fountains	Tyatt Cole
4 Gideon	Liliana De Gouveia Jardim Alyssia Abdul
5 Rosa Parks	Aaron Jimmy
5 Walter Tull	Eva Ryan
6 St. Anthony	Somto Eze
6 St. Raphael	Rahimeen Syed



## POSITIVE PLAY

### SUPERSTARS

Elvedin Naeem  
Enea Spaho  
Krisha-Cate Concepcion  
Jack Heard  
Lordina Owusu  
Caolan Doherty  
Anna Michaelson  
Carl Geonzon

St. David 799  
St. Patrick 1344  
St. Andrew 1152  
St. George 931

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:

**Hedgehogs & Squirrels**—Why do we celebrate Christmas?

**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?

### Midday Assistants required for January 2024

Are you or anyone you know interested in joining our friendly team of Midday Assistants?

Your duties will include supervising in the dining hall, supporting the children at play and administering basic first aid.

You will need to be able to work using your own initiative, enjoy working with children and be able to demonstrate understanding and patience.

Experience of working with young children in a positive and supportive role is preferred and an ability to work well as a part of a team is essential.

£10.59 an hour

**Hours:** 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  hours at lunchtime (6.25 hours) Monday to Friday - term time only.

Applications forms and full details on our website or call into the office please.

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>

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