

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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12th January 2024 <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

Well done to the whole school community for a calm and happy return to school after the holidays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Fri 19th Jan Hedgehogs & Squirrels Stay and Play 2.45 pm
Wed 24th Jan 2 Oysters Assembly
Fri 26th Jan VR Workshops Yrs 4,5,6
Tues 6th Feb Safer Internet Day
Thurs 8th Feb 3 Seagulls Assembly
Mon 12th Feb Chinese Dragon Dance Workshop Yrs 1,2,3
World Faith Day—
special lunch for Chinese New Year

Mon 12th Feb—Thurs 15th Feb

Learning Conferences—more details will follow

Wed 14th Feb Ash Wednesday
Thurs 15th Feb Parents Online Safety Session—more details will follow
5 Walter Tull to Library
Fri 16th Feb 5 Rosa Parks to Library

HALF TERM MON 19TH FEB—FRI 23RD FEB

NO SCHOOL MON 26TH FEB—STAFF TRAINING DAY

BACK TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

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

Let's wear our school uniform with pride.

Please remember every day your child needs:-

A warm, waterproof coat

Black school shoes with enclosed toes and heels—no boots or high heels

Hair should be of a natural colour

Christmas Charity Collections

Thank you for all your generous donations to our Christmas charity collections. Thanks to you we have been able to send £140 to Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and £141 to Little Havens. Thank you.

Shared Reading

Come and enjoy reading with your child in Years 1 & 2 on Tuesday afternoons at 2.45 pm—3.15 pm.

Starts Tuesday, 16th January.

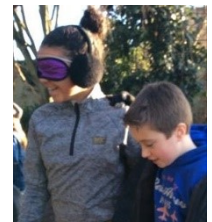
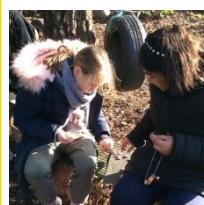
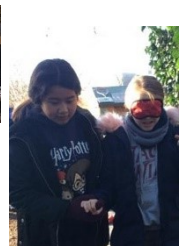
We look forward to seeing you all.

Nazareth House

Just to let you know that work has started at Nazareth House. We understand that they are currently putting offices on site before any other work commences. Please be very careful around all the entrances and exits as work traffic increases.

The Estates Manager at our Academy is liaising with the contractors to ensure work is carried out with as little disruption to us as possible.

6 St. Anthony have been busy in the nature area feeding themselves and the wildlife! They also practised instructions leading a partner blindfolded.



Our future designers

Year 5 have been extremely busy making their coats. They have finally finished all the sewing largely thanks to Mrs Hardcastle and Mrs Appleyard. Thank you from Year 5. We think their coats look amazing. Hope you agree.



Making music

1 Jellyfish made some percussion instruments out of food cartons today. They decorated them and poured rice and pasta inside them to make a pleasing noise. They then had fun playing them along with other school instruments. Great rhythm and creativity was shown!



Beatitudes

Year 5 are learning about the beatitudes. These are a list of virtues to live by and blessings given to certain groups of people. The class worked in pairs to produce art work about their beatitude.



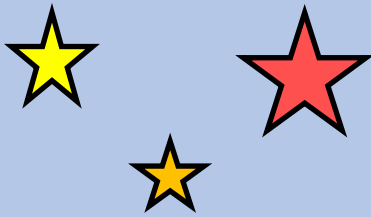
Year 2 had a busy time in the nature area today. They used their shape knowledge to build their own 2d shapes ranging from stars to hexagons. We were all impressed with their knowledge. They played games and made food for the wildlife.



In the afternoon, Year 2 took their Tudor houses outside and re-enacted the Great Fire of London. We discussed how quickly in 1666 the fire spread, about the materials the houses were made from and the demands on the population with no access to fire engines and only water available from the River Thames.

STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Alex Ludvik Bangura
R Squirrels	Enea Hunter
1 Jellyfish	Izabella Ashinyo-Koudiabo
1 Starfish	Junior Freese
	Daniel Blini
2 Seahorses	Natan Maslowski
	Vivienne Clark-Abdullah
2 Oysters	Hridhaan Sanja
3 Robins	Lily-Rose Nwokeji
	Zoya Qasim
	Alessia Di Leone
3 Seagulls	Chloe Roberts-Long
4 Fountains	Jayden Duru
4 Gideon	Benjamin Santos Howell
5 Rosa Parks	Tinasha Mondwa
5 Walter Tull	The Whole Class
6 St. Anthony	Luana Gjeci
6 St. Raphael	Posi Kola-Laguda



POSITIVE PLAY

SUPERSTARS

Marinzie Fernandes

Ola Komolafe

Dario Moroto-Solis

Jasmine Vasconcelos Pinto

Hridhaan Sanja

Beatrice Burzotta

Nini Annim

Scarlett Buckingham

Farhanul Akter

Posi Kola-Laguda

St. David 680
St. Patrick 971
St. Andrew 753
St. George 757

Religious Education Directory

Our RE 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 3 - Galilee to Jerusalem

The Big Questions for this topic:

Hedgehogs & Squirrels—Why did God send Jesus?

Year 1 - If you met Jesus, how would you know it was him?

Year 2 - When should we say sorry?

Year 3 - What can we learn from the parables?

Year 4 - Who do you think Jesus is?

Year 5 - How can we follow the Beatitudes in our life?

Year 6 - What were the clues that Jesus was the Son of God?

Science Competition

Get creative and enter the Assisi Catholic Trust Science poster competition. You can make a poster about anything involving 'Time'. We will enter the five best poster entries into a UK-wide competition, allowing you the chance to win an array of prizes. 'Time' as a theme offers a huge range of topics to delve into. Please email a picture of your poster along with your name, class, and school to sjjones@stthomasmore.southend.sch.uk by 1st March 2024. Those short listed will be contacted by March 8th Good luck!

Time is super important in science, tech, engineering, and maths! Evolution leads to plants and animals changing over time. Earth's movements give us seasons and time zones. When studying stars and planets, we measure distances in lightyears - that's how far light travels in a year!

Lifecycles are about how living things grow and eventually pass away. People usually live for about 73 years. You could explore how long other animals live and what they do.

Cool inventions like clocks help us keep track of time. In engineering, time is crucial for machines to work smoothly. Can you think of any machines that rely on precise timing?

Please follow this link for December 2023 and January 2024 newsletter from TenTen.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

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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