

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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TRUST



16th February 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

Kobee Lano

Singing the "Our Father" so beautifully in our Ash Wednesday Sorry Service. Very well done!

KS1 Football Team

Your fantastic effort— Mrs Fisher was very pleased with you all—you tried hard, were enthusiastic and played well as a team!

3 Robins

Your very impressive books of Greek myths— well done to you all!

Chloe Roberts-Long & Rosalie Crancher

Your well thought out internet safety scenarios — you shared a very clear message.

Well done!

To all staff

Involved in our Chinese New Year day especially Mrs Conyard for organising the whole day and the catering staff for a delicious Chinese lunch. And to all other staff involved too! Well done!

To years 5 and 6 School Councillors, Liturgy Leaders and Eco Councillors

The part that you played in interviewing the 2 candidates who want to be our next Headteacher. The interviewing panel (of very important people!) were very impressed with your questions and mature behaviour. Thank you!

Everyone involved in the Ash Wednesday Mass

Especially the readers who read so beautifully (and with little notice!) and the Altar Servers who performed your duties respectfully.

The readers at the Ash Wednesday Sorry Service (year 3)

Your lovely, clear reading— thank you for the part you played in this important service.

Alexandra Michaelson

Singing the "Our Father" and doing the actions during our Ash Wednesday Sorry Service. Very well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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 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

SAVE THE DATE

Dear Year 4 parents /carers.

You are invited to Year 4's Easter performance on Tuesday 26th March in the afternoon.

Time to be confirmed.

Thankyou

The Governors of St. Helen's and Trustees of the Assisi Catholic Trust are delighted to announce that they have appointed a new Headteacher.

Her Name is Miss Keeble and we are sure that you will give her a warm welcome when she starts at St. Helen's in September.

Mrs Mouchel will remain as Headteacher until the end of July.

Elsa Corr, Chair of St. Helen's Local Governing Committee

5WT discovered the phases of the moon today. Using Oreo biscuits, they represented the different phases, learning more about waxing and waning moons. They also used iPads to research extra information, working collaboratively in teams to produce their posters.



A picture of the fantastic homework **5WT** have produced: inspired by our



2 Seahorses had so much fun learning how to perform a Chinese dragon dance it was extremely hard and we kept getting in a muddle. We realised that you had to be quite strong to hold the sticks that carried the dragon. We also learnt that the tail is waved so as to look like the dragon is flying.



3 Robins have completed our magnet games (science) and have shared/ played with friends. We have also been sharing our myths with year 2. We are very proud of the creative writing we have done this term!



4G Pancake race



The children in **years 1, 2 and 3** enjoyed a creative afternoon celebrating Chinese New Year. They were able to choose from a wide range of different activities in different classrooms. There were Chinese number painting, lantern making, dragon mask painting, chatterboxes, origami dragons, kinetic sand model building and loads more activities to choose from. The children all had a lovely afternoon.



1 S Chinese Dragon

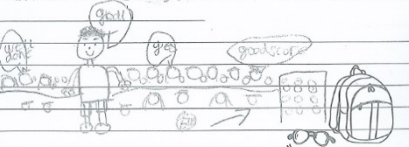


Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff for cooking a very special Chinese lunch on our first world faith lunch day! You are superstars and we can't wait for our next one!



On Friday 9th February some year 2 children from Seahorses and Osiers from St Helen's school played in a football tournament. We won some matches. Our best match was beating St Michael's. There were some brilliant goals at the tournament. Everyone tried their best in the matches and we had the most wonderful time. Congratulations to all.

KS1 Football Team



ST HELEN'S PTFA

Mother's Day Secret Gift Shop



6TH & 7TH MARCH
9.30AM-11.30AM

CHILDREN CHOOSE FROM A SELECTION OF SECRET GIFTS FOR THEIR MUM/CARER

£4.00 PER CHILD

THIS IS A PRE-BOOKED ACTIVITY AND MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE ON SCHOOL GATEWAY BY WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY



Our Mother's Day Secret Gift shop is taking place in school on the 6-7 March. Children will have the opportunity to select a secret gift for their mum/carer during this time.

Please pay £4.00 on the schoolgateway by Wednesday 28th February. You will be able to pay more than once if you have another special lady you wish to buy for. Sorry, but we are unable to take any bookings after this, to ensure we have the right number of gifts for all. We don't want you miss out, it was a very popular event last year!

St Helen's PTFA

Dear parents/carers,

Hannah Grainger is our school nurse .

She has arranged some drop in clinics in school if you feel you would like some advice on any medical issues related to your child.

There are 4 clinics , details are on the flyer.

Please come to the school office on the day.

The drop in clinic will take place in Rainbow Room.

Thankyou.

Mrs Curtis

School Nursing Service

Community health clinics for children aged 5 – 11 who are being educated in Southend.

Venue	Date	Time
St Helens Primary	6th March 2024	8.30-9.00
St Helens Primary	23rd April 2024	14.45-15.15
St Helens Primary	21st May 2024	8.30-9.00
St Helens Primary	18th June 2024	14.45-15.15

Emotional health and wellbeing advice • Growth and development • Healthy lifestyles • Bedwetting support • Hearing and vision • Sleep support • Puberty

No appointment needed.
Call or text us for further information.

01702 534843
ChatHealth Parentline: 07507 331884

Young People scan this QR Code to find support

Parents scan this QR Code to find support

www.southend.gov.uk/schoolnurses @SouthendSN MSEICB-S.Southendpublichealthnurses@nhs.net

Southend-on-Sea City Council

St Vincent's Centre, Southend presents

Indulge in the Exquisite South India Buffet!

RedChillies

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with the rich flavours of South India.



Wednesday 6th March 2024
Arrival Time: 6:30 PM
£27 Per Head

All proceeds will support vulnerable people struggling in the city.

Don't miss this chance to savour the authentic tastes of Homemade South India Buffet and stand a chance to win fantastic raffle prizes! Secure your spot for an enchanting culinary experience.




RSVP: 27/02/2024

Please be aware that our South India Buffet may contain allergens. If you have any specific dietary restrictions or allergies, kindly inform nesperm@svp.org.uk





Aussie Night

Join us for an unforgettable evening under the Southern Cross!

Date: 8th March 2024
Time: 6:30 PM
Venue: Terrace Bar, 1 Richmond Ave, Southend, SS1 1JE

Come and enjoy a BBQ Bonanza, Live Music
Fun-packed afternoon with Sheilas and Blokes galore
Dress Code: Show your Aussie spirit - wear a hint of green and gold!
£39 for BBQ grill and salad with Aussie dessert and wine.

All proceeds will support vulnerable people struggling in the city.

Let's celebrate the true blue Aussie way. Grab your mates and come along for a ripper of a time!



RSVP - 01/03/2024 (Nesperm@svp.org.uk)

SLEEP OUT
SO OTHERS DON'T HAVE TO!

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024



St Vincent's Centre, Southend in conjunction with Liberty Hygiene.

6:30pm - 8am
Liberty House, Totman Close, Brook Road Industrial Estate, Rayleigh SS6 7UZ

Come and enjoy a delicious BBQ between 6:30pm - 8pm and breakfast the following morning.

Minimum £50 sponsorship per person
If you would like to take part, scan the QR code or follow the link - [Sleep out](#)




St Vincent's
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Join us at Focal Point Gallery this Spring for our new exhibition and exciting events programme!

'S for Southend'
Our FREE community exhibition is back, celebrating art made by local residents and artists of all ages.
Sat 20th January to 9th March

Creative Open Day
FREE activities for all ages to enjoy while visiting the exhibition.
Sat 24th February 11am to 3pm
Sat 13th April 11am to 3pm



Children's Art Club
Open to young artists aged 7 - 12
£9 per session
Discounts available
Wed 10th January to 7th February
Wed 28th February to 20th March

Contemporary Elders
FREE workshops for those 60+ that challenge and inspire!
Sat 20th January, 17th February
23rd March and 20th April

Big Screen Southend
Outdoor screenings of artist's films and community projects. Now on: 'Relay', showcasing the work of Southend creatives.
Sun 7th January to 23rd March
7 days a week, 10am to 6pm

fpg.org.uk

Step away from the High Street and discover Southend's FREE contemporary art gallery!

Opening Times
Wednesday to Saturday
11am to 5pm at The Forum, Southend

FREE Exhibition tours are held on Thursdays and Fridays 3pm to 4pm

Relaxed time Thursdays 11am to 12pm

Find out more at fpg.org.uk

Follow us
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Southend-on-Sea City Council | ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

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 sjones@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?

STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Kai Sabanda
R Squirrels	Alexandra Michaelson
1 Jellyfish	Mariam Salawu
1 Starfish	Marcelina Dabulis
2 Seahorses	Akbar Syed Amber Lara
2 Oysters	Jack Heard Prodromos Parastatidis
3 Robins	Oyisi Enenche-Obande George Cullen
3 Seagulls	Roel Boci Rosalie Crancher
4 Fountains	Aela Cardew-Williams
4 Gideon	Ishaan Jayan Ivana Sunil
5 Rosa Parks	Anson Cheng
5 Walter Tull	Luqman Mirza
6 St. Anthony	Tobie Makanjuola
6 St. Raphael	Joel Binu Joseph



POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Emily Andre

Gianna Cijo

Ava Burrell

Kekeli Glover

Sebastian Matthews

Deanne Blahakova

Scarlett Buckingham

St. David 498
St. Patrick 281
St. Andrew 1000
St. George 743

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.

RE Class Displays



Once again, we will be celebrating

World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

The day will be filled with lots of exciting and fun book-related activities. Due to parental feedback, we have decided to ask the children to dress as their favourite book character. We ask that the children bring the book to school so that they can share it with their peers. As always, we are mindful of cost. Please do not spend lots of money buying an outfit. Dressing as a word is always a good, free option if you are stuck for ideas!

At 2.30-3pm we will be holding another 'Whole School Reading Event'. You are invited to come and share a book with your children. As the event finishes at 3pm, you are welcome to take your children home. When you arrive, please head to your eldest child's class and they will help you gather siblings and find a reading spot. When the reading event finishes, all children must return to their own class please. For safety purposes, we ask that you leave via the main entrance and collect your children from their usual doors.

**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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