

# ST. HELEN'S NEWS

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TRUST



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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



**Thursday 28th March—**  
Last day of term

**Easter Holidays**

**Monday 15th April—**  
Return to school

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Dear Year 4 parents /carers.

You are invited to Year 4's Easter performance  
on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

Thankyou

## Class Assembly

### Dates

### All start at

9.00 am

**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

### Dinis Ventura Barros

Your incredible 3rd place for year 4 boys  
across all the schools taking part in the Hot  
Cross Run.

What an amazing achievement!

### Isabella Nowacka

Your incredible 1st place for year 3 girls  
across all the schools taking part in the Hot  
Cross Run.

What an amazing achievement!

### Everyone who took part in the Assisi Catholic Trust's Hot Cross Run

Your amazing resilience in completing  
the course. Fantastic effort!

### 2 Seahorses

Your impressive assembly— thank you for  
sharing all your incredible learning and  
reminding us that “Christ is at the centre” of  
everything we do. You also gave an important  
reminder about keeping safe on the internet.  
Very well done!

### 6 St Raphael's & 6 St Anthony's

The part that you played in the World Day of  
Prayer service— we received a lovely letter  
from the committee saying that you were  
“a great credit to the school” and that the  
bookmarks you made were “especially valued  
by everyone”.

Thank you and well done!

### Luke Vata

For making great improvements in your PE  
lesson this week.  
Well done!

There is still time to donate to our fundraiser—Race for Life and  
Havens.

Here is the link for your child's sponsorship money- [https://  
fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/st-helens-catholic-primary-school](https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/st-helens-catholic-primary-school)

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 would rather  
donate a little cash, there will be a sealed box in the school office for  
your donations.

Thank you.

Unfortunately, **stay and play for  
Reception classes** have been  
cancelled for the rest of this term.

We will let you know  
arrangements for next term after  
Easter.

**Year 2** have been working hard learning songs and playing instruments for the Infant Music Festival. They did a fantastic job singing for Reception and Year 1 in assembly.



## 2 Seahorses Assembly



**1 Starfish** have been learning about 'All creatures great and small'. They sorted the animals into types and built a zoo for them. After learning about the types of birds we might see in Southend, we also have a few keen 'bird-spootters' in our class too.

In RE we have been thinking about the moments leading up to Easter, in particular The Last Supper. We acted out what happened during this special meal, remembering the words Jesus said to his disciples. We tried to imagine how they must have felt and why we still hear those words spoken at Mass today.



**2 Seahorses** have been learning about plants this half term. They are able to name the different parts of a plant and have also learned what a plant needs to survive. We will be conducting an experiment to investigate what plants need for water and light.

The children have also planted their own seeds and are challenged with looking after them during the Easter Holidays. When they bring them back into school after the Easter break, we will be able to see who has given the plant what it needs.



What an afternoon the **whole school** had last Friday! At 2pm, everybody moved classes, touring the school and looking at all the work produced in each class. The hidden moths were a big success and very tricky to find each one. The work produced by every class was amazing, wonderful to see all the inventive ideas that demonstrates everyone's excellent scientific knowledge.

My thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard this week to produce work of this high standard.



# Hot Cross Run

Children from the juniors took part in the Hot Cross Run at St. Thomas More on Wednesday, 20th March. They all enjoyed the event and we are very proud of them. A big thank you to Mr Lee for taking these wonderful photographs.



# Reminder of our uniform policy-Summer

## Starting after Easter

### OUR SUMMER UNIFORM FOR RECEPTION PUPILS (Squirrels and Hedgehog classes)

Blue and white checked gingham dress – any shade of blue.  
Blue or grey school shorts  
Gold polo shirts

Black shoes or black, white or navy sandals with enclosed toes and heels – preferably which they can fasten themselves  
Any suncap – does not have to have a school logo on it.  
School sweatshirt or school cardigan or school jumper

### OUR SUMMER UNIFORM FOR PUPILS (YEARS 1-6)

Blue and white checked gingham dress – any shade of blue

Blue and white playsuit (same material as summer dresses) - please make sure that your child is able to remove this in order to go to the toilet -

maybe more suitable for year 2 upwards.  
Grey school shorts or grey school trousers

White long or short sleeved shirts or blouses (not polo tops)  
School ties – will be removed on hot days  
School cardigan or jumper  
Socks – grey, black or white



**Essex Fire Museum Open Days**  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
10.30am to 4.00pm  
(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)

Visits must be pre-booked via:  
[museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,  
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS

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



**HAYA** Actor training for young people aged 5-25

HAYA's weekly classes give you the skills required for acting in theatre, film and TV. We provide the highest standard of actor training modelled on the leading drama schools in the UK.

What you will explore:

- Voice and Speech
- Movement
- Classical Performance
- Acting for Screen / Naturalism
- Theatre Performance Skills
- Stage Combat
- Dialect & Theatre Making
- Accent & Dialect
- Improvisation
- Character Development

Wardens of the Salvation Army Church,  
Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1SP  
Juniors: 4:30pm - 6:30pm  
Seniors: 4:30pm - 8:30pm  
HAYA+: 6:30pm - 10:00pm

Tel: 020 8694 8535  
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HAYA Agency  
Our optional agency gives all members the opportunity to audition for feature films, commercials and stage productions.



## 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 can text ChatHealth to text support  
Parents can text ChatHealth to text support

www.southend.gov.uk/actonmaria @SouthendSN  
Health & Social Care Public Health & Prevention  
Southend-on-Sea City Council

## STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Adam Hussain
R Squirrels	Mylee May Perry Sebastian Palmer
1 Jellyfish	Delilah Greenfield
1 Starfish	Darshith Ajesh
2 Seahorses	The whole class for their assembly and for performing their infant music festival songs to reception and year1
2 Oysters	Stewart Donald Hridhaan Sanja
3 Robins	Esther Adenodi Kingsley Sibanda
3 Seagulls	Alveena Benny Sham Awadghanem
4 Fountains	Catherine Riyo Nathaniel Szkurlat
4 Gideon	Tomas De Sousa
5 Rosa Parks	Izabelle Fimin
5 Walter Tull	Alicja Moszczynska
6 St. Anthony	Mary Jose
6 St. Raphael	Christian Pemhiwa



## POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Alex Ludvik Bangura

Lotshe Tshuma

Zoya Hussain

Alyssia Abdul

Flo Pinnock

Tobie Makanjuola

St. David 480  
St. Patrick 466  
St. Andrew 766  
St. George 455

## 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 4- Galilee to Jerusalem

Reception classes-Who is the king of the Earth?

Year 1- Is it important to say sorry?

Year 2- Is forgiving someone always easy?

Year 3- What does it mean to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?

Year 4- Is it always easy to make the right choices?

Year 5- Why is prayer so important?

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

**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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