

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

25th October 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

Congratulations to Catherine Mary
and all the Abraham family on the
birth of their new baby girl
Hazel



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



HALF TERM– Monday 28th October–
Friday 1st November

4th November– **INSET DAY**
(no school)

Class Assembly Dates

all start at
9.00 am
Parents/carers
welcome

Year 5

11th November
Remembrance Day

3 Seagulls

14th November

Year 4

29th November
St Andrew's Day

4 Fountains

16th January

3 Robins

22nd January

5 Rosa Parks

30th January

4 Gideon

6th February

Year 3

28th February
St David's Day

2 Oysters

13th March

Year 6

17th March
St Patrick's Day

2 Seahorses

21st March

5 Walter Tull

8th May

1 Starfish

22nd May

1 Jellyfish

5th June

Year 6 Leavers mass

22nd July

Dates may be subject
to change

Thank you to all the parents/carers who donated to
the School Harvest collection for HARP.
Thank you to our liturgy leaders and school councillors
who collected and organised the baskets from each
class.



This week the children voted for our new **Head Pupil**
and two **Deputy Head pupils**. Congratulations to them
all, and well done to all the students who entered!



Welcome also to our new Leaders,
Ambassadors and Councillors.



Please make sure all children have
a water bottle with them to use at
school that has their name
clearly marked on it.



Thank you



Here is the link to our Facebook page-

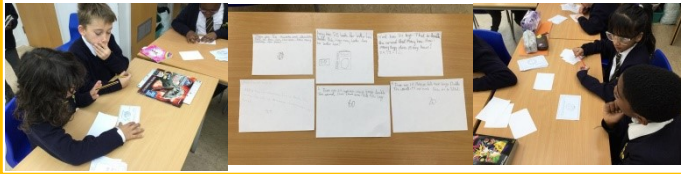
https://fb.watch/vrbel_TDbC/

SCIENCE

Every half term, teachers and children add to their display regarding their Science topic. You can see how different the topics are and also work covered. Children learn new vocabulary and are challenged in their thinking by answering a big question which they re-visit at the end of the topic.



4G have been working on doubling and halving this week. The children worked in pairs to complete doubling and halving word problems. They then invented their own doubling and halving word problems and passed them to different pairs to complete.



3S completed their science unit on rock and fossils by making salt dough fossils! Some students made dinosaur footprints while others favoured a more traditional ammonite fossil shape.

Making **SALT DOUGH** is an easy and a fun half term activity! Mix 1 part table salt (say 200g) to 2 parts flour (say 400g). Then add 1 part water (200 ml) and knead to create dough. Store in a sealed plastic bag to keep fresh. Make any imprints using hands, toys, or use a cookie cutter to make a shape. Can be cooked on low heat to dry out or left at room temp to dry. Optional painting as well.



4F testing out string telephones



After school Cricket Club



2Oysters Homework



1 Starfish braved the rain to enjoy their time in the Nature Area.

They discovered the new swing and noticed that Year 6 had been busy taking down fences. Starfish completed a habitat hunt and found a variety of interesting natural items to discuss. At the end of the afternoon, using their senses, they all played a game of Eagle Eye.



Year 6 had a working morning in the nature area. The wooden fence sectioning the sensory garden from the rest of the nature area was covered in ivy and was completely rotten. Using all their skills and strength, Year 6 took this down, stripping the area of ivy and also completing a comprehensive litter pick in the process. Mr Nimmo will build a new fence over the October half-term. My thanks to all of Year 6.



4F Homework



4G shared their homework with 4F this week. Students made sculptures of the Iron Man which included fantastic robots with moving parts and glowing eyes. Other students were inspired to make their own maps with landmarks of Southend, train sculptures of the pier as well as fantastic writing about notable people, including Beethoven. Well done all those students who completed homework this term!



4F PE games



As the children approach half term we wanted to share some of the magnificent RE work that has been completed this term. Our topic this term was titled 'Creation and Covenant' and is the first branch of the Religious Education Directory. The children have encountered lots of stories from the Bible including the Creation story, Noah's Ark, the story of Abraham and Moses and the burning bush. Year 2 also produced a lovely hall display for us depicting the Noah's Ark story which included a rainbow which was Gods covenant to us all.





TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Our Lady Of Lourdes PTA
Fireworks Display
1ST NOVEMBER

Book now!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/our-lady-of-lourdes-pta/t-noqgdpk>



Our Lady Of Lourdes School & Nursery
Manchester Drive Leigh-On-Sea SS9 3HS



Santa's Hamper Ham!

Calling all Santa's little helpers!
Non - uniform day
Friday 15th November 2024

Pupils can wear non-uniform to school for a donation of hamper items.*
Win one of Santa's surprise hampers at the Christmas Fayre raffle!

Reception Tea - Coffee	Year 1 Hot chocolate Marshmallows	Year 2 Biscuits - Crackers	Year 3 Chocolate - Sweets
Year 4 Christmas traditional item	Year 5 Jam - Chutney	Year 6 Cordial - Mulled wine - Alcoholic fizz	

Let's sleigh this fundraiser!

*Please check best before dates and ingredients - NO nuts! Thankyou



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help!

Friends of St. Helen's is looking for volunteers to help make our school events a success. Your time and support make a huge difference to our pupils and the school community!

Can you spare a few hours to:

- Help set up and run stalls
- Organise activities
- Assist with refreshments
- Lend a hand in planning or clearing away

No experience needed - Just a willingness to get involved!
Even a small amount of time can make a big impact!

Interested? Email fosh@st-helens.southend.sch.uk

Your School Photograph is ready!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Mrs Felstead in the office 01702 343823 who has a copy of your photo order numbers.

Regards
Vancols Photographers

STARS OF THE WEEK



R Hedgehogs Casper Smith

R Squirrels Ida Wilk

1 Jellyfish Matilda Matthew

1 Starfish Millie Dodge

2 Seahorses Joseph Parapully

2 Oysters Daniel Blini



3 Robins The whole class for their amazing DT work!

3 Seagulls Arlo Wiles

4 Fountains Luke Vata

4 Gideon Nathan Matthews

5 Rosa Parks Basit Syed

5 Walter Tull Despoina Sadikllari
Albie Upward

6 St. Anthony Luqman Mirza

6 St.Raphael Zara Ali



POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Ciona Martin

Katy Wu

Daniel Blini

Olivia Liwena

Stewart Donald

Ruben Wojciechowski

Zainab Salawu

St. David 1263
St. Patrick 1096
St. Andrew 1038
St. George 1156

Following guidance from
Brentwood Diocese, in R.E
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.

The Big Questions for this topic:

CREATION

Year 1 - How did our world begin?

Year 2 - What is a promise?

Year 3 - How are you like God?

Year 4 - Why is faith important?

Year 5 - How do the 10 Commandments affect everyday lives?

Year 6 - How different would the world be if Adam hadn't taken the apple?

Please have a look on your child's class page
on our Website

for lots more great photographs and curriculum/homework information!

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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