

# ST. HELEN'S NEWS



8th November 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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11th November – **Year 5**-Remembrance Day  
Assembly Parents/Carers welcome
- 14th November – **3 Seagulls**-Class Assembly-Parents/  
Carers welcome
- 20th November – **Big Maths Demonstration**-  
open to all parents/Carers
- 29th November-**Year 4**-St Andrew's Day Assembly  
Parents/Carers welcome-Children to wear house  
colours-Themed lunch
- 2nd December-**Reception classes** Stay & Play for  
Parents/Carers-2.30pm
- 4th December—**School Nurse drop in session**  
2.30-3.30pm
- 6th December-**Christmas Fayre**
- 10th December-**Year 2** Christmas presentation-  
(Morning & 5.30pm) Parents/Carers welcome
- 11th December – **Year 5 & 6** Carol Service at  
St. Helen's Church 6 pm Parent/Carers welcome
- 12th December-**Year 1** Christmas Presentation  
(Morning & 5.30pm) Parents/Carers welcome
- 13th December-**Reception classes** Stay & Play for  
Parents/Carers-2.30pm
- 16th December-**Years 3 & 4**-Carols outside 2.30pm  
Parents/Carers welcome
- 17th December-**EYFS (Reception classes)** Nativity  
morning-Parents/Carers welcome
- 18th December-**Christmas dinner**
- 20th December-**Last day of school**
- 23rd December-3rd January – **Christmas Holidays**-  
**No school**
- 6th January – Inset Day-**No school**
- 7th January – **Children return to school**



## Class Assembly Dates

all start at

9.00 am

Parents/carers

welcome

See dates for diary for  
November Assemblies

### 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

Senior Leaders  
Special Mentions

## Assisi Catholic Trust-Football & Netball competition

**Football** - Played 7, won 1, drew 1, lost 5. (we  
beat OLOL 1-0)

Goals for 1, goals against 11.

(JohnJon scored our only goal from a terrific free  
kick).

Order of finishing as follows:

1st - St Joseph's

2nd - OLOL

3rd - Holy Family

4th - Sacred Heart

5th - St George's

6th - St Teresa's

7th - St Helen's

8th - OLOL



**Netball** - Played 6, drew 2, lost 4. points for 1,  
points against 14.

Order of finishing as follows:-

1st OLOL

2nd - St George's

3rd - OLOL

4th - Sacred Heart

5th - St Teresa's

6th - St Helen's

7th - St Joseph's



All Children enjoyed the day and had fun -  
good sporting behaviour all round.

**Chris Gibson**  
PE Lead - Class 5WT



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/vJHoMIZA4n/>



In Maths, **2 Oysters** have used chocolate to demonstrate their halving skills.



Both **year 3** classes 'exploded' their volcanos using a mix of bicarb soda, fairy liquid and vinegar. If parents would like to do the experiment at home, they can look up the British Science Museum, exploding volcano YouTube video.



**Year 6** are also studying Evolution and specifically looking at the work of Charles Darwin. They are comparing this to their RE learning from last term regarding Creation and analysing both points of view. Today, they discussed similarities and differences between each other, their parents and siblings. They thought about genes and DNA. They were given playdough and using the same colours for the face and features, look how differently they all turned out!



**Year 6** had a practical morning of Maths activities. They were using their measuring skills for Capacity, Length and Weight, also trying to convert measures where appropriate.



**Year 6** visited Westcliff beach to investigate habitats. They were comparing the various beach habitats to the information Farmer Carl had given them regarding habitats round the farm. Not only did they find habitats, they discovered many exciting artefacts including a clay pipe! Later in the morning, Year 6 designed beach art, their designs were amazing.



**ACT Netball and Football Tournament**—scores on front page



**Year 1 starfish** had great fun creating firework pictures. We thought about words to describe their noise (and heard the term Onomatopoeia) and even had a firework rocket race into the Parle- Pavillion !



**1.Jellyfish** had a very busy morning in the Nature Area. Their Science topic this half term is Materials. Firstly, we blindfolded a partner, we gave the partner a material from the nature area and asked them to describe it. We shared good vocabulary for describing all the different materials we found. We also made a habitat for a teddy, making sure our teddy was safe, warm and dry. The last activity was a having a fire. We learnt about our fire triangle, keeping safe around the fire and also cooked marshmallows which we enjoyed in between two biscuits.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

F.O.S.H News

I hope you all had a wonderful half term. Before the break we shared details of this year's Christmas raffle, and we're excited to kick off our preparations!

### **Non-Uniform Day - Friday 15th November**

Pupils are invited to participate in a non-uniform day - festive attire encouraged but not required. We ask that each child please bring in an item for the hampers as part of **Santa's Hamper Haul!**

Posters have been put up around the school, and each year group has been assigned a category for donations.

#### ***Reception: Teas and coffees***

***Year 1: Hot chocolate and marshmallows***

***Year 2: Biscuit and cracker selection boxes***

***Year 3: Chocolate and sweet boxes***

***Year 4: Mince pies and other traditional Christmas baked goods***

***Year 5: Jams, preserves and chutneys***

***Year 6: Cordial, wine and fizz (Please note: An adult must bring the alcohol item and are asked to drop this off directly at the office on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> November)***

These items will be used to create festive hampers containing one item from each category, ready to win at the Fayre. Please choose items that you would like to receive in a hamper, that will be in date until at least the 6th December, and do not contain nuts.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and support in making our Christmas Fayre a fabYuleless event.

### **Upcoming FOSH meeting - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 8:45am**

Our next FOSH meeting will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 8:45am in the studio. At this meeting we will be discussing our plans for the Christmas Fayre and asking for support for different roles.

### **Stay connected - we're going social!**

Exciting news! We have launched a FOSH Instagram and Facebook account to keep everyone updated and engaged with upcoming events.

[Please follow us on Instagram @friendsofsthelens](#)

[Please follow us on Facebook - Friends of St. Helen's](#)

Going forward there will be regular messages shared through posts and stories, followed by less frequent emails. Minutes from meetings will be updated on to the school website for anyone who is unable to attend.

Many thanks for your continued support,



Eilis Clark-Abdullah  
Chair

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## Values Children



- R Hedgehogs **Immanuelle Aliganga**- Empathy
- R Squirrels **Amelia Monteith**- Empathy- for always noticing children who need a good friend and inviting them to join her.
- 1 Jellyfish **Gianna Cijo**-Enjoyment
- 1 Starfish **Kai Sibanda**-Resilience
- 2 Seahorses **Clementine Apuzo**- Resilience-for persevering with her Clic test and scoring 10/10, well done!
- 2 Oysters **Theodore Williams**-Service
- 3 Robins **Beauden Ruddock**-Patience
- 3 Seagulls **Ava-Marie Mills** - Resilience
- 4 Fountains **Ellis Gjoi**- Empathy
- 4 Gideon **Ariain Gjeci**- Enjoyment- showing enjoyment with his positive attitude towards all learning, especially Maths.
- 5 Rosa Parks **Mina Annim**- Enjoyment- of music.
- 5 Walter Tull **Alex Ciepiel**- Resilience
- 6 St. Anthony **Aaron Parirenyatwa** - Resilience-competed in football tournament and when times were tough, he kept going, performing at his best!
- 6 St.Raphael **Georgina Lee**- Resilience

## POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Jana Maroto-Solis  
Mustafa Shah  
Lorenzo Gouveia  
Erlis Sefoli  
Jessica Montiero  
Evana Sunil  
Amayra Yumnaat  
Benjamin Ojo

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

Following guidance from  
Brentwood Diocese, in R.E  
we will be following-

**R**eligious  
**E**ducation  
**D**irectory

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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