

ST. HELEN'S NEWS



22nd 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

29th November-**Year 4**-St Andrew's Day Assembly
9am Parents/Carers welcome-Children to wear house colours-Themed lunch

2nd December-**Reception classes** Stay & Play for Parents/Carers-2.30pm

4th December-**Christmas Craft Extravaganza**
(More details on the poster on page 3)
School Nurse drop in session
2.30-3.30pm

6th December-**Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.30pm**

10th December-**Year 2** Christmas presentation-
(10am & 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
(10am & 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
10am-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

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO LUNCHES ON

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

GREAT CHRISTMAS CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA

This is our special craft day, the children will be in their house groups making gifts to sell at 'Elfridges'.

We are going to change the lunch arrangements on this day.

There will be no hot dinners on this date, you will have a choice of home packed lunch or a school grab a bag.

ALL HOT DINNER CHOICES WILL BE REMOVED SO THAT YOU CAN RE-BOOK.

Please note the choices on the system cannot be changed – so please look at the choices below and choose.

RED BOOKING WILL BE TUNA SANDWICH

GREEN BOOKING WILL BE EGG SANDWICH

PINK BOOKING WILL BE HAM AS USUAL

ORANGE BOOKING WILL BE CHEESE AS USUAL

YELLOW BOOKING WILL BE HOME PACKED LUNCH

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK BLUE OR PURPLE – THERE WILL BE NO JACKET POTATOES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Last year, some classes took part in a competition from St Thomas More to design an invention to help others. They had to draw and describe it's features and how it would work.

STM have now chosen 10 winners - listed below. Winners were chosen due to effort and how their invention helped others, improving their lives.

Chevelle Adjei (ex pupil now Year 7)

Evana Cijo (ex pupil now year 7)

Olivia Jimmy (ex pupil now Year 7)

Ishana (6A)

Analisa (6A)

Georgina (6R)

Anson (6R)

Starr-Sofia (6R)

Darcie (1J)

Luke (1J)

STM kept the entries as the head of Science wanted to put them in the next Assisi trust newsletter.

Here is the link to our Facebook page-



<https://fb.watch/w03mzM4Bul/>

2 Oysters have been enjoying finding a quarter of a set of objects in maths.



Year 5 have started learning war time dances. This week we learnt the Charleston



3 Seagulls explored the nature area this morning. They started exploring bug life and the other creatures/birds and animals that live there. They made lard balls and cheerio necklaces to feed the many birds who visit. Year 3 learnt about the fire triangle and staying safe by the fire. They cooked chocolate bananas which most enjoyed and were experiencing for the first time! Later in the morning, they designed their skeletons using natural materials found in the nature area. An exhausting but enjoyable morning was had by all!



Year 6 studied more about the work of Charles Darwin. They looked at his work on finches and their different shaped beaks. They learnt that the finches adapted to their environment, slightly changing their beak shape to access the food on offer more readily. Experimenting with different types of food and beak shapes made Year 6 appreciate this adaptation.



4 Fountains— Finding rivers on a map



Well done to our Eco Warriors and School Councillors for a fabulous soup and a roll breaktime. We were so busy we actually ran out of soup and bread! We raised over £82 for SVP!

Well done to our school community in supporting our local community



4 Fountains— Making complete circuits



A huge well-done to all of **year 6** for demonstrating many of the maths methods used across the school.

A huge thank you, too, to all the parents that took the time to come and see and take part



4 Gideon— Learning Talk for Writing instruction actions for how to trap a Dragon



Tree planting



4 Gideon— Planning their podcasts for school news



Values children



Congratulations to our **choir** who entered a competition at St. Thomas More. They all sang beautifully.



Great fire of London Day



FOSH INVITE YOU TO

SANTA'S GROTTO
AS A PART OF THE
CHRISTMAS CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA

Wednesday 4th December **£6**

SECURE YOUR NICE LIST STATUS!
COME VISIT SANTA IN HIS MAGICAL CHRISTMAS GROTTO!
TICKET (€6) INCLUDES EXCLUSIVE MEETING WITH SANTA ON HIS SLEIGH AND A SPECIAL PRESENT SURPRISE

AVAILABLE TO BUY ON SCHOOL GETAWAY UNTIL 1ST DECEMBER

VISITS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING SCHOOL HOURS, IS A PART OF THE CHRISTMAS CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA. PLEASE NOTE THAT VISITS ARE OPEN TO ST. HELEN'S PUPILS ON ROLL ONLY.

Design and Invention Competition winners



WRAP & CHAT

Could you spare an hour of your time? We need help getting our hampers all wrapped up! Join one of our WRAP & CHAT sessions, where you can contribute to our Christmas Fayre preparations and enjoy some festive cheer with other parents. Refreshments provided!

Thursday 28th November
3x sessions:
9-11am
2-3pm
5.30-7.30pm

Sweet tombola time! Little bags will be going out in school bags today, please donate any extra sweets you have at home (individually wrapped and no nuts please!) Return the bags by Monday 25th November -your donations really do make a huge difference!
Thanks in advance FOSH

SWEET AMNESTY
DONATIONS NEEDED

DO YOU HAVE LOTS OF SWEETS LEFTOVER FROM HALLOWEEN?

WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SWEETS FOR THE FOSH CHRISTMAS FAYRE SWEET TOMBOLA. REMEMBER - NO NUTS PLEASE!

FOSH PRESENTS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

6TH DECEMBER 2024

WITH STALLS AND GAMES FROM 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

JOIN US FOR A JOLLY GOOD TIME!
Bridges - crabs made with love by pupils of St. Helen's
Free painting along with letters to Santa
Christmas Games and Raffles
Delicious refreshments!
NO HO-HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

St Vincent de Paul Society
(England & Wales)

St Vincent's Centre, Southend
Unit 9, Victoria Business Park,
Short Street,
Southend,
SS2 5BY
01702 592980

19 November 2024

St Vincent's Centre, Southend. Christmas Appeal 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this message finds you well.

As we approach the festive season, we are reaching out to invite your support for the St Vincent's Centre, Southend Christmas Appeal 2024. Last year, thanks to the generosity of people like you, we were able to reach many families, providing not just essential support but a message of hope and solidarity during difficult times.

St Vincent's Centre - A Door of Hope
The St Vincent's Centre, Southend, is more than a food bank. We are a centre of help, hope, and opportunity. This Christmas, our goal is to shine a light of hope for as many families as possible in our community, especially those facing food insecurity, housing instability, and financial hardship.

We are reaching out to you, as an integral part of our community, to help us make Christmas brighter for the families in your school who need it most.

How You Can Help

- Identify Families in Need**
We would like your school to identify 5 families within your community who could benefit from a Christmas hamper. This year, we aim to simplify the process.
 - You choose the families most in need.
 - We will deliver hampers to your school.
 - You distribute them directly to those families.
- Spread the Word**
Attached, you will find a list of items needed to create the hampers. Sharing this with your school community, perhaps in your newsletters or communications, will

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encourage collective efforts to provide for those in need. Together, we can make a tangible difference.

- Monetary Donations**
As a charity, monetary donations are essential to sustain our work. These funds help us cover the costs of running critical services, such as counselling, outreach programs and activities for vulnerable individuals. To support our Christmas Appeal financially, donations can be made via our JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/st-vincent-southend
- School Engagement**
We would love to deepen our collaboration with your school. Our team can visit and host assemblies to talk about the importance of community support and the impact of charitable work. This not only raises awareness but also inspires students to take pride in helping others.

Why This Matters
Rising living costs, soaring food and fuel prices, and an ongoing housing crisis have left many families in our community facing impossible choices. The harsh reality is that some of these families may be within your own school. The good news is that together, we can be part of the solution, extending a helping hand and spreading joy this Christmas.

Join Us
We hope your school will join us in making this Christmas special for families in need. Please let us know how you would like to be involved. Whether it's through donations, volunteering, or simply sharing our message, your contribution is invaluable.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.

You can find out more about our work by visiting our website www.svp.org.uk or www.facebook.com/stvincent-southend

We also offer a variety of services that may be of some help to families in your school. Thank you and we look forward to working alongside you and your school.

God bless,
Daniel Cauchi
Centre Manager

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CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2024

HELP US KEEP THE DOOR OF HOPE OPEN

THIS CHRISTMAS WE WILL BE SUPPORTING MANY FAMILIES WITH HAMPERS TO HELP THEM. THESE ARE THE ITEMS WE NEED TO CREATE A HAMPER FOR A FAMILY IN NEED.

- Pasta
- Chocolate spread or jar of jam
- Packet of cream crackers
- Packet of sweets/biscuits
- UHT milk
- Jar instant coffee
- Bottle of ketchup
- Cereal
- Mince pies
- Christmas crackers
- Tins of Custard
- Jar/packet instant hot chocolate
- Jar Pasta sauce
- Gravy granules
- £10 voucher - Tesco, Sainsbury's or Lidl

LAST DONATIONS 19TH DECEMBER
UNIT 9 VICTORIA BUSINESS PARK, SOUTHEND SS2 5BY
CHARITY NO :1053992
www.svp.org.uk/st-vincent-southend

Values Children



R Hedgehogs	Louis Bolukbasi - Patience - he is always calm when faced with challenges. He waits his turn and was very patient when making his solar system picture.
R Squirrels	Cionna Martin-Empathy-for helping her friends.
1 Jellyfish	Kassandra Panes-Empathy-for noticing when other children needed help and being helpful to others.
1 Starfish	Millie Dodge- Service- she has earned the service badge by demonstrating great team work. She demonstrated that she is 'there for others and fulfils their role in a team (the classroom), supporting and encouraging.'
2 Seahorses	Light Okeke-Patience- she waited very patiently to do each activity during our Great Fire of London day, even when some activities were very busy!
2 Oysters	Toluwani Adeoye- Resilience- she has worked extremely hard this week and when she found the weaving activity difficult on Great Fire of London day, she persevered.
3 Robins	Ethan Da Cruz-Service -for his utmost efforts in ensuring that he is respecting our new core values and being a fantastic role model in helping his peers to understand them also.
3 Seagulls	Diamen Itoyah- Patience- for showing patience when teaching a friend to play draughts.
4 Fountains	Cynthia Slotwinska- Courage-for embracing change and being unafraid to try something new.
4 Gideon	Cael Benneth-Service-she has been so supportive of her friends when they have needed assistance at school. Also recently, she has become an alter server, serving her community as well.
5 Rosa Parks	Tomas De Sousa-Courage-Tomas had the courage to ask during a music lesson to do a solo on the recorder.
5 Walter Tull	Jayden Duru-Enjoyment- he always has a smile on his face and loves to tackle new problems.
6 St. Anthony	Analisa Blini-Empathy - being kind and caring towards all class mates, going out of her way to help others
6 St. Raphael	Oliwia Musial-Service-for always being so willing to help peers and adults. She goes above and beyond!
SLT's Award	Jayden Masunga-Enjoyment-for enjoying a new experience when going to the cinema.
SLT's Award	All children in the choir- for their enthusiasm and beautiful singing at the St. Thomas More Choir Competition- you reflected all of our St. Helen's values when you represented the school. Well done!
SLT's Award	Daniella Nwauku-Trustworthiness-she went up to Year 6 on a message for me and fulfilled the task perfectly without help and without being reminded!
MDA's award	Aisha Hashmi- 1S-Service-for her lovely manners.
MDA's award	Frederica Oteng- 5RP-Empathy-for looking after Reception class children.

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?

St. David 934
St. Patrick 1351
St. Andrew 1035
St. George 1200

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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