

ST. HELEN'S BULLETIN



07 March 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th March-Jubilee Year celebrations
Whole school Jubilee Flame Congress
(Children should come to school in their house colours)

4th April-Last day of term
7th-18th April-Easter Holidays
21st April- Bank Holiday (no school)
22nd April-Inset Day (no school)
23rd April-Children return to school

Class Assembly Dates

all start at

9.00 am

Parents/carers

welcome

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

Now Friday 6th June

2.30pm

Year 6 Leavers mass

22nd July

Dates may be subject to change

Week 3 swimming

Swimming next week for

5 Rosa Parks & 5 Walter Tull,

1 Jellyfish group 3

& Hedgehogs group 3.

If any parents from Year 1-8.50am

& Reception 2.10pm,

would like to help change their children,
they are very welcome.

St. David 1343
St. Patrick 940
St. Andrew 1310
St. George 1251

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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

What's been happening at St Vincent's Centre, Southend

Embroidery Project & Burns Night Out January 2025

Embroidery Project Launched!

This month, we launched our new embroidery project. This program supports families in need by providing affordable school uniforms created through our Pioneer Program. It's a fantastic initiative that benefits the community while teaching valuable skills. We are proud to share that we have already completed four orders for beautifully embroidered shirts!

A Successful Burns Night Celebration!

We wrapped up the month with a fantastic Burns Night celebration at the Cricketers Pub on London Road. It was a wonderful evening filled with great company, delicious food, and lively entertainment. Most importantly, the event brought our community together and successfully raised £... for our centre in Southend. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported this special night!



HOW WE HAVE TURNED CONCERN INTO ACTION January 2025

- KINDNESS KITCHEN - 1,511 HOT MEALS PROVIDED
- 100 SUPPORTED WITH FINANCIAL AND UTILITIES
- 14 SUPPORTED INTO EDUCATION
- 119 HOURS OF OUTREACH SUPPORT
- 125 HOURS OF IN REACH SUPPORT
- 71 ITEMS PROVIDED
- 6 INDIVIDUAL HELPED WITH ACCOMMODATION
- 96 ATTENDED OUR WELLBEING PROGRAMMES
- 23 ATTENDED OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
- 131 FAMILIES SUPPORTED BY VINNIE'S PICK & MIX
- 747 LUNCHES PROVIDED

Approaching the milestone of opening 180 bank accounts, this initiative has proven transformative, enabling clients to work, manage benefits independently and reduce the risk of financial exploitation.

Upcoming Events

Get ready for an exceptional year ahead! Your calendar is about to be filled with thrilling experiences, making this year one to remember!

February 2025
Namaste Vegan & Veg Night Out - 28th February 2025

Please contact Nesper, our Centre Officer to book your slot or if you are a local business who would like to sponsor an event either by email (NesperM@svp.org.uk).

March 2025
Southend City Day - 1st March 2025
International Women's Day - Garon's Park - 7th March 2025
St Patrick's Night at Club Rega at the Cricketers Pub - 21st March 2025
Quiz Night - The Terrance Bar - 20th March 2025

January 2025

St Vincent's Centre - Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short St, SS2 5BY. 01702 592980
www.svp.org.uk/st-vincents-southend

Happy New Year!!!

As we step into 2025, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of the past year and look forward to the opportunities ahead. This year, we remain committed to supporting our community through our various programs, including our new embroidery project, outreach initiatives, and fundraising events. With your continued dedication and generosity, we can make an even greater impact. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our success—we are excited for what's to come!

Donating

We have many ways in which you can donate money or buy items. Please click on the link below.

- [Just Giving](#)
- [Amazon Wish List](#)
- [St Vincent's Website](#)

Foodbank and Services

To find out our services & activities, please click the link below;

[St Vincent's Centre, Southend - Website](#)

SVP Kindness Kitchen: Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun 6:30pm-8pm

EPUT: Wednesday between 11am - 2pm
Food Market: Every Friday between 10:00am - 11:30am

SVP Drop in:
Mon - Fri between 11am - 2pm
Saturday between 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Dentist: Once a month
Activities: Daily between 2pm - 4pm
Paramedic Practitioner: Wednesday between 11am - 2pm
Stars: Wednesday between 12pm - 2pm

Happy New Year

Click Here to find out what we have achieved this year!

[Happy New Year Video - Facebook](#)

Fancy Volunteering?

Have you ever fancied Volunteering? We always have volunteering opportunities and would love to welcome you to the St. Vincent's Family. We have a role for everyone. Call us on 01702 592980 or email our Centre Officer: lilyd@svp.org.uk

Sign Posting to all services and advocating so that Action to your Concern is resolved.



Do you need some support to combat an addiction. Could this be the programme for YOU! Come and find out if this will help you and make the changes that YOU want? Give us a call and book Monday 1:30pm

Acts 435

Partners are crucial to our success in helping those in need in our local community. Working with Acts 435 allows us to fully support individuals with their specific needs. Through Acts 435, you can read real stories and choose to donate any amount to help someone facing a difficult situation—100% of your donation goes directly to the individual.



St Vincent's Centre Sponsors



January 2025

St Vincent's Centre Southend invites you to celebrate

ST PATRICK'S DAY

AT

Club Rega @ The Cricketers

FRIDAY 21TH OF MARCH 2025

6.30PM TILL LATE

'£10 PER PERSON OR £30 PER FAMILY' BUFFET

(ADVISE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WHEN BOOKING)
BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF MUSIC, LAUGHTER, AND IRISH SPIRIT

LIVE MUSIC: THE SOUTHEND CEILI BAND

To Book Contact Phone: 07549128877
Email: nesperm@svp.org.uk
Charity No: 1053992



Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA)
An Event for ParentCarers

Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF) continues its series of valuable informative events for ParentCarers of children with SEND with the fourth seminar of the year: "Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA)".

Details

Date and time
Thursday, 20th March 2025
9.15am to 12.45pm

Venue
Civic Centre
Committee Room 4 (1st floor)
Victoria Avenue
Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6ER

Refreshments
Refreshments will be provided: Tea/coffee and biscuits

Scan to book



We are inviting ParentCarers to submit any questions they have for the panel by email, by Monday 10th March 2025, via email, to joay@southendsendindependentforum.org.uk. This is to save time in the room on the day as our speakers will build their presentations around the answers to these questions.

There will also be an opportunity for people to participate in a co-production session to develop a useful route map/flow chart of the EHCNA process.

We look forward to seeing you there.



*****AFTERNOON TEA –
ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOTHERS' DAY EVENT 2025***
WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH**

Dear Families,

Mothers' Day is fast approaching and we are planning a slightly different "event" this year, in partnership with FOSH.

On Tuesday 25 March, the whole school will bake cupcakes, supported by Mrs Butcher, our catering manager, who has very kindly agreed to operate the ovens after service on that day. The children will then decorate those cupcakes on the morning of Wednesday 26 March.

We are inviting "mums," or any significant adult to come along for "afternoon tea" on Wednesday 26 March. Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classrooms will be set up as "tea rooms," and families will collect their cupcakes and drinks from the hall, then sit together in one of the "tea room" classrooms.

We are planning to do this in houses so that "significant adults" can be with all the children in the same family. We are asking adults to arrive at school as follows:

- 1.30pm – St Andrew's (Gates open 1.20 and close 1.30)
- 1.50pm – St David's (Gates open 1.40 and close 1.50)
- 2.10pm – St George's (Gates open 2pm and close 2.10)
- 2.30pm – St Patrick's (Gates open 2.20 and close 2.30)

Adults should come to the playground **VIA THE CAR PARK** at the appointed time – gates will open 10 minutes beforehand and close promptly to ensure the smooth running of the event.

Teachers will take the children from that house onto the playground to meet their adult and families will enter the hall from the Year 1 outdoor entrance to the hall. There will be a one way system in the hall where families will collect their tea and cakes and then have a sit down in one of the tea room classrooms.

Children who do not have a significant adult who is able to attend will have tea and cakes with staff in different areas in the school and they will box up a cake or two to take home.

There is no charge for this event.

However, to ensure that we cater adequately, we are asking adults to book in advance for the afternoon tea event via the Schoolgateway so that we can gauge numbers. Please note this event is for **one guest only per family**.

*****The last day for booking on will be MONDAY 17 MARCH.*****

There will be strictly no admittance on the day without a booking so please spread the word as we don't want anyone to miss out!!

We are planning to organise a similar event for Father's Day – a treat will be decided!

Values Children



- R Hedgehogs **Molly Clark– Resilience**–for being independent in finding solutions.
- R Squirrels **Hannah Zima–Service**–for always being polite and considerate to adults and always being the first to help.
- 1 Jellyfish **Alexandra Michaelson– Enjoyment** - for always having a positive attitude to her learning and often showing a great sense of humour in the classroom with her peers and also with adults.
- 1 Starfish **Alexandros Mattas–Enjoyment**–for being curious and enjoying his new learning about animals and their habitats. He has designed environments for a range of animals in provision this week.
- 2 Seahorses **Evana Basil–Enjoyment**– she has worked really hard this week and has shown a great attitude to her learning. She is very proud of her achievements this week, well done Evana!
- 2 Oysters **Maddie Brotherton–Murphy–Enjoyment**–for enjoying practicing for her role in our class assembly, she has worked very hard at it.
- 3 Robins **Natan Maslowski–Courage** – Natan showed courage during swimming lessons and was able to put his face in the water. Well done.
- 3 Seagulls **Elijah Tyler- Enjoyment**- Elijah has shown increasing maturity in the classroom, working independently in different subjects and has been recognising the values in others too.
- 4 Fountains **Jesse-James Parkin-Webber-Resilience**–for showing great resilience this week, tackling every subject with determination even when things got tricky.
- 4 Gideon **Tharaga Karthikeshan–Trustworthiness**–for always making good choices. She can be relied upon to get on with work sensibly and quietly. She is always engaged with learning in school. Well done!
- 5 Rosa Parks **Denosh Dyis–Resilience**–for being resilient in maths this week.
- 5 Walter Tull **Ilze Beniusis–Enjoyment** - for showing an amazing engagement in this weeks World Book Day activities.
- 6 St. Anthony **Oliwia Musial–Trustworthiness** -for always doing the right thing, being reliable and for working so hard in everything she does.
- 6 St.Raphael **Aaron Jimmy–Empathy**-He saw a younger child at real risk of hurting himself and persevered with keeping him safe. So proud of Aaron!
- MDA's award **Khadijah Qasim–RH–Empathy**–for allowing another child to join her activity.
- MDA's award **Akira Peherkar–3R–Empathy**–for showing compassion to another child.