



# ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## BULLETIN

11th July 2025



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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd July-Last day of school

24th July-29th August Summer holidays

1st & 2nd September-Inset days-no school

Wednesday 3rd September-Children return to school

See next page for more dates

Year 4 would love to make  
Lava lamps in September.  
If you have any clean  
plastic bottles approx.  
500ml size, we would love  
them for our  
project.  
Thank you

### SOUTHEND PARKS TENNIS OPEN DAY EVENT

LTA TENNIS FOR ALL NATIONAL SOUTHEND PARKS TENNIS Southend-on-Sea City Council

FAMILY TIME & COACHING TASTER SESSIONS FOR MINIS + ADULTS  
**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 9.30 - 12.30**  
PRIORY PARK, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-sea, SS2 6NB  
OPEN PLAY FOR ALL ABILITIES - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED  
[clubspark.lta.org.uk/southendparkstennis](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/southendparkstennis)

A big "Thank you"  
to all the choir parents and  
children, who came to the  
Children's Liturgy coffee morning  
last Sunday, we managed to  
raise £135 which will help us buy  
supplies for the next year!

St. Andrew 1472

St. Patrick 2439

St. David 2098

St. George 2094

### Our Mission Statement

Respect yourself  
Respect everyone in our school community  
Respect everyone in our global community  
But most of all Respect God our Father in Heaven



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# Summer Reading Challenge

We're excited to once again take part in the Southend Libraries **Summer Reading Challenge**, running from **24th July to 30th August**! This year's theme is **"Story Garden"**—a celebration of imagination and adventure through books. Children can sign up **for free** at any local Southend library, including: The Forum, Kent Elms, Leigh-on-Sea, Shoeburyness, Southchurch, or Westcliff. By reading just **six books**, participants can earn **stickers, a certificate, and even a medal**! It's a fun, rewarding, and completely **free** way to keep children engaged over the summer holidays.

What better way to spend the summer than diving into stories?

**Southend Libraries Summer Reading Challenge**

**Super Sign-up Saturdays:**  
12<sup>th</sup> + 19<sup>th</sup> July  
10am - 1pm

**Story Garden**

**We Challenge you to:**  
Visit your library  
Choose books  
➤ Read  
Return to the library  
Talk about your books  
Collect Stickers  
➤ Repeat! ➤

After 3 stickers we'll give you  
A bookmark  
After 6 stickers we'll give you  
A Medal  
A Certificate  
Entry into a prize draw to win tickets from our sponsors!

Send your pictures + book reviews to  
librarydevelopment@southend.gov.uk  
for our social media channels :)

**Thursday 24th July - Saturday 30th August**  
At all Southend Libraries  
Monday - Friday: 10am - 1pm & 2 - 3.30pm  
Saturday: 10am - 1pm  
Plus at The Forum: Saturdays 2 - 3.30pm  
31<sup>st</sup> July - 28<sup>th</sup> August at Garon Park:  
Thursdays 10am - 3pm  
Under 4s can join the  
Early Years Challenge!

Sign up to our monthly newsletter

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Thanks to our sponsors:

Our partners:

**Wednesday 16 July** – afternoon and evening Year 6 Performance

**Friday 18 July** – Jubilee Family Pledge Day – this will be an all day event to which all families are welcome culminating in celebration of Mass at 2pm.

**Tuesday 22 July 6pm at St Helen's Church** – Year 6 Leavers' Mass – this is open to all families and anyone who has taught or known our Year 6s. Please spread the word that all are welcome!

**Wednesday 23 July** – BREAK UP FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

I have already circulated the INSET days for next year. In addition we will be having the following closures:

## Wellbeing Days:

Friday 28 November 2025 – SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 26 June 2026 & Monday 29 June 2026 – SCHOOL CLOSED

## Pupil Progress Conferences:

Early closure for learning & teaching staff to discuss pupil progress.

Children should be collected at 1.15pm and there will be no after school provision.

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Wednesday 11 February 2026

Wednesday 25 March 2026

Wednesday 20 May 2026

Wednesday 1 July 2026

These dates will also be included in the annual calendar that will be circulated at the end of this term. Please make a note in the meantime and begin to consider any additional arrangements that you may need to make.

## Essex Fire Museum Open Day



**Sunday 27th**      **10:30AM**  
**July**              **To**  
**2025**              **4:00PM**  
**Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays**  
**RM17 5QS**

**Book Now**



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

## Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



**Tuesday 19th & Sunday 31st**  
**August**  
**10:30AM To 4:00PM**  
**Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays**  
**RM17 5QS**

**Book Now**



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

The Essex Fire Museum is open every Tuesday and Thursday over the school holiday. We don't have enough volunteers to run family fun days each week (with different stands and activities) but families are welcome to attend and have a look at the artefacts we have on site. This might suit some people who prefer a quieter environment. Entrance to the museum is always free but we would still like people to message us before coming, just so we can keep the main station informed of numbers. Our contact is: [museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

We have three family fun days coming up at the Museum also. These will need to be booked via Eventbrite:

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<a href="#">Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sun 27 Jul 2025</a>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	<a href="#">Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Tue 19 Aug</a>
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	<a href="#">Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sun 31 Aug</a>

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines (and squirt water ☺).

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

Our address and contact details are:

Essex Fire Museum  
 Grays Fire Station,  
 Hogg Lane,  
 Grays RM17 5QS

**Phone:** [01376 576847](tel:01376 576847)

Email: [museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

Website: [Fire Museum \(essex-fire.gov.uk\)](http://Fire Museum (essex-fire.gov.uk))



# Values Children

RESILIENCE

EMPATHY

SERVICE

PATIENCE

ENJOYMENT

COURAGE

TRUSTWORTHINESS

R Hedgehogs	<b>Logan Johnson-Resilience</b> -for trying every day to do his best.
R Squirrels	<b>Vianna Esiekpe-Empathy</b> - for showing a kind and caring attitude to, and concern for, one of her friends when they were hurt this week.
1 Jellyfish	<b>Wayne Mukumba-Patience</b> -Wayne always shows great patience in class. He is patient with his friends. He always waits his turn in class and is a great role model to others.
1 Starfish	<b>Marinzie Fernandes-Empathy</b> -she has been noticed being kind to her classmates. She has been seen several times this week making sure her friends are happy and safe and not lonely during provision.
2 Seahorses	<b>Clementine Apuzzo-Trustworthiness</b> - she is always doing the right thing and working hard. Yesterday during provision time, she decided to make a wonderful story book about a Pirate, which was very impressive!
2 Oysters	<b>Maggie Ligutan-Trustworthiness</b> - Maggie is a good role model for her peers. She is reliable, always tries her best and makes good choices.
3 Robins	<b>Beauden Ruddock-Empathy</b> – Beau demonstrated what a caring soul he has during our trip to Adventure Island. He encouraged others to wear sun screen and stay safe in the sun. He also gave words of encouragement to the children who went on some big rides for the first time. Thanks for being so compassionate Beau.
3 Seagulls	<b>Tyler Musindo-Courage</b> -for riding the Rage on Wednesday and being so brave!
4 Fountains	<b>Sebastian Matthews-Courage</b> -Sebastian showed fantastic courage and determination during our trip to IndiRock, tackling some of the trickier climbs with bravery. Well done for giving your best effort throughout!
4 Gideon	<b>Alexis Akpikie-Courage</b> - despite being in hospital this week, Alexis has shown great courage to come back to class and deliver work to a high standard, as well as take part in the IndiRock trip. Well done Alexis!
5 Rosa Parks	<b>Nathaniel Zima-Patience</b> -he showed great patience in our DT lesson, helping his team build part of a bridge and even thought ahead to how he could make it stronger.
5 Walter Tull	<b>Tabby Watkins-Courage</b> -at the St Bernard's taster day with the year 5 girls, Tabby was amazing. In their classics lesson they had to act out about a Greek myth. Tabby stood up in front of 20 children, from various schools, and she narrated while the other girls acted out. The class teacher even said how amazing she read and how well she did. This is something out of her comfort zone so shows true courage.
6 St. Anthony	<b>Prince Duah-Empathy</b> -for helping a reception child who was upset, helping the teacher in reception tidy up and ensuring all reception children were playing well.  <b>Dorinda Vanderpuye-Grinsted-Empathy</b> -for helping the younger children settle at breakfast club and playing games with them.
6 St. Raphael	<b>Jessica Alipato-King -Courage</b> -during our residential at Skreens, Jessica - who is normally rather quiet and shy - really found her voice! In the many activities during the trip, Jessica showed she has a real talent for problem-solving and leadership: she bravely spoke up many times with fantastic solutions and politely organised her peers in the group. Keep it up, Jess! Proud of you!  <b>Brielle Amuzu-Patience</b> -for kindly and patiently helping her peers sing so beautifully in our play! Well done!
Inclusion	<b>Jaxon Taylor-Resilience-RH</b> -for taking everything that has changed in his stride, while remaining happy and settled.
MDA award	<b>Isobella Redding-Empathy-5RP</b> -for allowing others to join activities.