



ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

14th November 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Programme dates on page 4/5

Monday 17th November-6 St Boniface-British Museum trip

Tuesday 18th November-6 St Sebbi-British Museum trip

Wednesday 19th November-Non uniform day-bring in something for Santa's Hamper (see attached flyer)

Friday 21st November-Jubilee 'Pilgrims of Hope' Celebration Day

Wednesday 26th November-St Andrew's Day Assembly-Year 4 Parents/Carers welcome-9am

Thursday 27th November-3 St Swithun's Class Assembly-Year 3 Parents/Carers welcome-9am

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER-SCHOOL CLOSED-WELLBEING DAY

St. Andrew 2137

St. Patrick 1343

St. David 2106

St. George 1689

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



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Santa's grotto

Tickets are now on sale for £6 per pupil, the price includes a meet and greet with Santa and a special gift.

The grotto takes place on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 during school hours, as part of the Christmas Craft Extravaganza. Please note – visits are open to St. Helen's pupils only.

Purchase your ticket via School Gateway. Tickets will be available to buy until Friday 28th November.

This year we have partnered with [Image Arts Studios UK House](#), to offer an exciting photo opportunity as an additional part of the grotto experience. For an optional extra, you can order a photograph of your child with Santa for an added £4. Please also purchase this via School Gateway. You will need to provide a personal email address as your unique password to access the secure link for your online photograph. Photographs will be taken in sibling groups, if you have multiple children please only pay the £4 photo fee once.

Pricing has been set to cover the cost of running the event. If you need some extra support, please speak to the school office.



Santa's hamper haul



Non-uniform day = Wednesday 19th November

R Teas and coffees



1 Hot chocolate and marshmallows



2 Biscuit and cracker selection boxes



3 Chocolate and sweet boxes



4 Mince pies and other traditional Christmas baked goods



5 Jams, preserves and chutneys



6 Cordial, wine and fizz



Non-uniform day = Wednesday 19th November, in exchange for a Santa's Hamper Haul item please!

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 - alcoholic items should be dropped off at the office on the morning of 19th November by an adult!)

These items will be used to create festive hampers for the Fayre raffle - remember NO nuts please. We thank you in advance for your support!

Christmas Programme 2025 (Parents & Families Version)



Date	Activity	Further information
Friday 14 November 	Children in Need Day PE Kit Pudsey Styles for all pupils - Jeans/muffy for staff	All pupils are invited to come into school in PE Kit in a style that reflects Children in Need Eco Warriors will be organising a cup of hot chocolate at break time for a 20p donation
Wednesday 19 November	Non-uniform Day 	Pupils are invited to come in non-uniform. Pupils in each year group are asked to bring in specific donations for Christmas hampers to be raffled at the Christmas Fayre. Donations of alcohol from Year 6 to be brought to the office STRICTLY by parents please. For further details, please see emails and posters from FOSH.
Tuesday 25 November	FOSH Christmas Wrapping Day – studio out of action between 9 & 11	FOSH are inviting helpers to come to school to help wrap the hampers. There will be two sessions as follows: 9-11am & then 5.30-7pm Please attend whichever session is most convenient for you.
Wednesday 26 November 	Year 4 St Andrew's Day Assembly & St Andrew's Day Lunch	Year 4 will present their assembly to parents and pupils during the morning. There will be a special lunch to celebrate St Andrew's Day. ALL PUPILS are invited to wear their PE top in the colour of their own house.
Friday 28 November	***SCHOOL CLOSURE – WELLBEING DAY***	
Monday 1 December FOSH in to build grottos	KS2 Choir to visit St George's Care Home	Miss Paice will advise families of details nearer the time
	Reception Stay & Play 2.30pm	Parents of children in reception invited to make Christmas displays
	Travelling Cribbs begin 	Each class has a box containing a nativity scene and a prayer to share during Advent. Any child wanting to take the crib home with them overnight can. Photos with children and the crib scenes are encouraged.
Tuesday 2 December FOSH in to build grottos	KS2 Choir to visit St George's Care Home	Miss Paice will advise families of details nearer the time
	Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation	Years 4, 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation Years 1, 2 & 3 will have a penitential service in the afternoon Reception parents are invited in for the reconciliation service for reception at 2.45
Wednesday 3 December 	Great Christmas Craft Extravaganza feat. Father Christmas ***	The children will be working in their houses all day so that family groups can visit Father Christmas together. Each group of children will make things to sell at "Elfridaes" at the Christmas Fayre and at some point during the day will have the opportunity to visit Santa with their siblings. Due to logistics, parents will be unable to attend this event this year.
Friday 5 December	Christmas Fayre Church Choir to perform at 4pm KS2 Choir to perform at 5pm	The Fayre will begin at 3.30pm and finish at around 5.30pm. FOSH will be asking for helpers to come in in the afternoon and help get set up. Further details will be shared throughout November.
Sunday 7 December	Church choir at St Helen's	Church choir will be supporting the 9.30 liturgy at St Helen's

Monday 8 December	KS2 Choir singing at the Cliffs Pavilion	Miss Paice will advise families of details nearer the time
Tuesday 9 December 	Year 2 Christmas Presentation - <i>please note that times for this performance vary slightly from the original published time</i>	Year 2 families invited. Performances are at 10am and 5.30pm. Maximum 2 guests per family at each performance. Please arrive in good time. Toddlers are welcome at the morning performance.
Wednesday 10 December	***HALF DAY FOR PUPIL PROGRESS CONFERENCES*** GATES OPEN FOR COLLECTION AT 1.15pm	
Friday 12 December	Choir performing at Brentwood Cathedral	Miss Paice will advise families of details nearer the time
	Reception Stay & Play 2.30pm	Parents of children in reception invited to make Christmas cards
Monday 15 December 	KS2 Choir singing at Alston Court	Miss Paice will advise families of details nearer the time
	Year 1 Christmas Presentation – <i>please note that times for this performance vary slightly from the original published time</i>	Year 1 families invited. Performances are at 10am and 5.30pm. Maximum 2 guests per family at each performance. Please arrive in good time. Toddlers are welcome at the morning performance.
Tuesday 16 December	Reception Nativity	St John Fisher & St Margaret Clitherow will present their nativity at 10am. Families of children in reception are invited.
	Years 3 & 4 Carols outside	This begins at 2.30pm and families of children in Years 3 and 4 are invited.
Wednesday 17 December	Years 5 & 6 Nine Lessons and Carols Service	This is at St Helen's Church at 6pm and is open to the whole school community
Thursday 18 December 	Christmas Dinner – All staff to serve dinner to the children. Three sittings. Details TBC	Children will have a traditional Christmas Dinner. Staff and children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers and join in the festivities. Classes will have Christmas parties or films in class in the afternoon. 
Friday 19 December	Carols Round The Tree 	The whole school will gather round the tree in the hall to sing a variety of festive songs and carols before they go home for the Christmas holiday.



NEW

NEW!

Matchpoint Juniors
Table Tennis Coaching

Ages 8 to 16 years old

Clements Hall
Leisure Centre - Rochford

Starting from the
Tuesday 14th October
6 to 8pm

Email :-

matchpointjuniorse@yahoo.com

NEW!

Contact 07754 651 977

ST VINCENT'S CENTRE, SOUTHEND

Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025

Join Us To Lift Families Up
This Christmas

This Christmas we will be supporting many families with hampers. 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 of instant coffee**
- **Bottle of ketchup**
- **Cereal**
- **Mince pies**
- **Christmas crackers**
- **Tins of custard**
- **Jar/packet instant hot chocolate**
- **Jar of pasta sauce**
- **Gravy granules**
- **£10 voucher – Tesco, Sainsburys or Lidl**

Last donations 15th December 2025

Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short Street, SS2 5BY
Charity No: 1053992

Values Children

RESILIENCE

EMPATHY

SERVICE

PATIENCE

ENJOYMENT

COURAGE

TRUSTWORTHINESS

R St John Fisher	Edhen Paul – Enjoyment – Edhen is really enthusiastic about learning and excited to try new tasks. He always has a cheerful attitude and shares his fun with his friends.
R St Margaret Clitherow	Chizaram Enekayi-Service -for helping her friends.
1 St Augustine	Elijah Solotan– Empathy – Elijah has shown empathy and patience to other members of the class this week. He has been patient and tolerant with them, and also shown kindness.
1 St Ursula	Arthur Mukamolas-Empathy - Arthur has shown incredible kindness this week not only in his actions towards younger members of our school community, but also in his words with the adults in our classroom.
2 St Thomas Becket	Maeve Smyth-Enjoyment -we have been practicing our nativity play this week. Maeve has shown great enthusiasm and character for her part.
2 St Cedd	Damir Kadyrov- Trustworthiness – he always does the right thing and works extremely hard! He comes into school every morning with a smile on his face and happily greets everyone in the classroom. He is a great role model to everyone else in the class.
3 St Bede	Melissa Motpan-Empathy -for recognising that another child in the class was upset, and quietly and kindly supporting them so that they could complete the work together.
3 St Swithun	Mustafa Shah-Resilience - for resilience with everything he attempts. Such a joy in St Swithun's. Well done Mustafa!
4 St Columba	Erlis Sefoli– Enjoyment – Erlis has shown great enthusiasm for reading and a keen desire to explore new books. He has now moved up and is an independent reader. Well done Erlis!
4 St Alban	Amay Anoop-Patience -for helping a friend in need and demonstrating calmness and fairness.
5 St Anne Line	Sharon Johnson– Courage - for starting this week and having the courage to join in with our Remembrance Assembly, and even learning some of the words of the songs! Well done!
5 St Osyth	Sebastian Matthews – Resilience – Sebastian has shown a growing resilience in class this year. He is not phased by new ideas and learning, and has a great approach to school life and its ups and downs. He gets on with challenges quietly and tackles every set problem with a resilient and inquisitive approach. Well done Sebastian.
6 St Sebbs	James Hunter-Trustworthiness -for being relied upon to take on responsibilities that require trustworthiness-showing adults around the school on a tour and speaking articulately and with confidence.
6 St Boniface	Alyssia Abdul-Resilience -well done, Alyssia, for being so dynamic and tenacious in Wednesday's Assisi Trust netball tournament. In training sessions and during the matches, you were a force to be reckoned with, showcasing excellent skills, great team spirit and you kept persevering even when the going was tough.
MDA award	2 St Thomas Becket-Hunter Johnson-Patience -for not responding to a testing situation.
MDA award	6 St Boniface-Noah Adebayoquadri-Service -for showing concern for another child.
SLT award	2 St Cedd-Damir Kadyrov-Enjoyment -for showing deep understanding of this week's scripture in Gospel assembly.
Inclusion award	5 St Osyth-Francis Sowa-Empathy -during our two-minutes silence memorial on the field, out of all the children Francis stood out. He stood tall; he was clearly deep in thought remembering the fallen who fought for their countries. At the end of the silence, Francis then saluted and this was beautiful to see.