



ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BULLETIN

12th December 2025



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School closes for Christmas– Friday 19th December

School reopens– Tuesday 6th January

Final Christmas Programme dates on page 3

11 January 2026

We need your help in improving the school grounds and promoting more wild-life areas in conjunction with the Southend Forest Project. The school will be open in the morning to complete jobs involving a new wildlife area, painting fences if dry and tidying our willow dome. Please bring gardening equipment (spades, forks, secateurs) and as many helpers (young and old) as possible!

More details regarding times to follow.

Thank you, Mrs Miller

St. Andrew

St. Patrick

St. David

St. George

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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Don't forget to book your Christmas dinner on the School Gateway-Thursdays 18th December.
If you have any problems or would like to change your booking, then please contact the office.



NOURISH

CHRISTMAS MENU

Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing, Pigs in Blanket & Gravy 1,6,7,9

**Winter Vegetable Wellington 1 VG
With Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing & Gravy 1,7,9**

**Peas, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts
Rustic Roast Potatoes**

Santa's Cookie 1 VG

Iced Chocolate Sponge 1 VG





Jelly

Fruit Pots VG

Jugs of Squash

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan

Christmas Programme 2025 (Parents & Families Version)

Date	Activity	Further information
Monday 15 December 	KS2 Choir singing at Alston Court	<i>Miss Paice will advise families of details nearer the time</i>
	Year 1 Christmas Presentation – <i>please note that times for this performance vary slightly from the original published time</i>	<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.</i>
Tuesday 16 December	Reception Nativity	<i>St John Fisher & St Margaret Clitherow will present their nativity at 10am. Families of children in reception are invited.</i>
	Years 3 & 4 Carols outside	<i>This begins at 2.30pm and families of children in Years 3 and 4 are invited.</i>
Wednesday 17 December	Years 5 & 6 Nine Lessons and Carols Service	<i>This is at St Helen's Church at 6pm and is open to the whole school community</i>
Thursday 18 December 	Christmas Dinner – All staff to serve dinner to the children. Three sittings. Details TBC	<i>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.</i> 
Friday 19 December	Carols Round The Tree 	<i>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.</i>



Every child
a musician



Wednesday 10th December 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Music on Sea is the local authority music service for Southend, proudly part of **Southend City Council** and funded by the Department for Education through Arts Council England (ACE). We are committed to delivering high-quality, inclusive music education for children and young people across the city. Through our diverse programmes, we aim to inspire creativity, nurture talent, and ensure every child can experience the joy of making music.

We are delighted to announce the launch of **Southend Music Centre**, a brand-new after-school community music hub opening in January 2026, hosted at **Southend High School for Boys** every **Monday** evening during term time.

What's on offer?

Our new provision offers three fantastic pathways for students aged 7–18 to explore and develop their musical talents:

- **Rock School** – A vibrant rock band experience for guitarists, drummers, vocalists, and keyboard players to develop their skills and collaborate in small bands.
- **Brass Academy** – A dynamic new programme offering weekly 30-minute small-group lessons (maximum of 4 students) led by our expert tutors. Perfect for beginners on trumpet, tenor horn, and trombone, with free instrument hire for the first 12 months.
- **Strings Project** – An exciting new initiative providing weekly 30-minute small-group lessons (maximum of 4 students) with our specialist tutors. Ideal for beginners on violin, viola, and cello, including free instrument hire for the first 12 months.

Cost

- £30 per 10-week term, with financial assistance available (please visit www.musiconsea.co.uk for more information). This programme represents exceptional value and an opportunity for your child to experience high-quality music education outside the school day.
- To celebrate the launch of our new centre, we're delighted to offer this provision completely free of charge for the first half term – that's your child's first five sessions at no cost!

How to get involved

Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to register early to secure your child's place. The first session will take place on **Monday 12th January** at **Southend High School for Boys**, starting from 4:30 pm onwards.

To book sessions for your child, please use the following link: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/xfp/form/34>

Alternatively, if you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at: musiconsea@southend.gov.uk

With all best wishes,

Kitt Garner
Lead Officer for the Music Service

Values Children

RESILIENCE

EMPATHY

SERVICE

PATIENCE

ENJOYMENT

COURAGE

TRUSTWORTHINESS

R St John Fisher	Khalid Awadghanem- Enjoyment – he has been making the most of learning opportunities, especially during our Nativity practise where he has enjoyed learning a dance.
R St Margaret Clitherow	Sienna Davis-Haldeda– Service – she always helps others and tidies up areas even when she has not been playing there.
1 St Augustine	Katie Mukamolas– Enjoyment – Katie has enjoyed her learning this week, which has been so lovely to see. She has taken part in lessons and completed lots of tasks, showing focus and enjoyment.
1 St Ursula	Ore –Oreofe Akinpelu– Enjoyment- Ore has shown great enthusiasm for the nativity performance and has linked her learning with her RE lessons often having insightful ideas during lessons.
2 St Thomas Becket	Gabrielle Nacaite- Trustworthiness - this week, Year 2 performed an amazing Nativity. During the evening performance, Gabby played not one but two roles. She went out of her way to do the second role and did an incredible job!
2 St Cedd	Kobee Lano-Service- for always being reliable and helpful, and for taking an extra part in the Nativity and performing it really well!
3 St Bede	Light Okeke- Patience- Light did an excellent piece of independent descriptive work this week, and her presentation and effort showed her patience and care for her work. Well done Light!
3 St Swithun	Zuriel Onigbinde-Enjoyment- she spent a long time creating her model of Stonehenge. She was focused for about 50 minutes and was clearly enjoying herself!
4 St Columba	Jaiden Enninfel– Enjoyment- confidently demonstrated his knowledge of the 9 times tables and proudly shared it with the class. He has also been engaging enthusiastically in our times-tables games with a positive attitude.
4 St Alban	Ava Burrell- Resilience- she has deepened her level of concentration, listening carefully resulting in improved understanding of the concepts. When she gets something wrong, she asks for further explanations and has been working hard to understand all concepts. Well done.
5 St Anne Line	Maribell Jedrasik- Enjoyment- Maribell has been enjoying her learning by writing an amazing newspaper article and working really hard during all our lessons.
5 St Osyth	Leo Parthiepan– Resilience – Leo has shown true resilience these last few weeks - he has been stuck on a certain aspect of his Big Maths Tests and has worked really hard to improve his understanding and knowledge. I am very pleased therefore that this hard work has paid off and he scored a double 10 this week. Well done Leo.
6 St Sebbi	Emma Mica-Service- for working incredibly hard, showing a real eagerness to learn and consistently practising to improve. You always make the right choices and are becoming such an excellent role model for others. Keep it up!
6 St Boniface	Hugo Wiles-Resilience- for making enormous progress this half-term in your reading comprehension exam. You have focused superbly and followed all the techniques you have learned, showing excellent understanding. Keep up the phenomenal work, we are so proud of you!
MDA award	Toluwani Adeoye- 3 St Swithun-Enjoyment- for sharing activities with others.
MDA award	Joseph Adebayoquadri-5 St Anne Line-Empathy- for showing concern for others.
Inclusion Award	Emily Andre-2 St Cedd-Enjoyment- for her brilliant work this week in her Nativity, and for using Makaton in her singing.
SLT Respect award	Timur and Radmir Muliukin and Nathaniel Szkurlat-Special Respect Award- for finding a wallet and handing it in to be returned to the owner, and for being all round superstars!