



# ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## BULLETIN

19th December 2025



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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School closes today for Christmas

School reopens— Tuesday 6th January

8th January –07.45-08.45 Maths SATs Booster-Year 6

09.30-11-Year 5 Mass at St Helen's Church-children only

PE carousel starts again— Years 3,4 & 5

9th January—09.00-10.30 FOSH Meeting-all welcome

PE carousel starts again— Years 1,2 & 6

12th January-3.30-4pm Football licence workshop (Studio)

Parents must accompany their child/ren to gain a licence

15th January-4 St Columba Class Assembly 9am

16th January-2.30pm Reception classes Stay & Play-Maths games

St. Andrew 2232

St. Patrick 3196

St. David 2408

St. George 3448

### 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,



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# Whispers of the Aurora

:: A poem by a Year 6 pupil ::

Across the velvet hush of night, soft  
ribbons bloom in gentle flight, a brushstroke  
sweeping sky and soul, a painted story  
yet untold

The frosted air in which they gleam  
a place where heartbeats weave a dream  
The snowy ground lies still and white  
as humans watch the rising light

They spin the thoughts we never speak  
into a dance of emerald streaks  
Our whispered prayers, our silent fight—  
all carried in their trembling light

For when the sky grows grey and dim  
those little flames still rise and swing  
They guide my way through storm and fear—  
no matter far, they linger near

O northern lights whisper to me  
your ancient glowing melody—  
of fears released and dreams set free  
Shine bright above the silent trees,  
and reassure me every day.  
Your gentle light will always shine.

## Northern Lights Competition-KS1 Winner Galateia

Sparkling all over with green, red and purple.  
The white and yellow swirling waves; everything  
bright.

Sunning together in the middle of the night.  
It makes me feel happy and blessed the same time,  
As the colours are dancing, giving me a smile.

It might look a bit darker?  
Confused me a bit ..

But still looks amazing with magic in it.  
The lines that are making shapes are showing the  
way,

And letters are there, there like Z, N and K.

But what are they saying?

I try to understand.

Oh yes, I know now,  
I know what they're saying.

The magic is out there  
Just open your eyes.

Galateia Year 2

11 January 2026-10am-1pm

We need your help in improving the school grounds and promoting more wildlife 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!

All parents & children welcome, pop in for half an hour or all 3 hours!

Thank you, Mrs Miller



## School green clean

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 10am-1pm

- ❖ Help us improve the school grounds
- ❖ Bring gardening equipment and gloves
- ❖ Refreshments will be provided



## Values Children



R St John Fisher	<b>Elianah Cacho – Empathy</b> – Elianah has been a fabulous role model to her class mates. She encouraged them to sing during the Nativity. She includes everyone in her games and she supports and helps other children who find things tricky.
R St Margaret Clitherow	<b>Leo-Gee Cardina Dos Santos – Courage</b> – for embracing our Nativity and dancing brilliantly.
1 St Augustine	<b>Santiago Xavier Ventura – Trustworthiness</b> – Santiago can always be trusted to make the right choices in the classroom. He quietly gets on with a task without needing prompting. He can be trusted to help others in the class and to encourage them to make the right choices. Well done Santiago!
1 St Ursula	<b>Matilda Brodigan-Empathy</b> – Matilda has been spreading Christmas Joy to her class mates and adults in school. She has shown kindness and caring to all around her.
2 St Thomas Becket	<b>Luke Gjoni-Enjoyment</b> – Luke has shown a great sense of enjoyment this half-term. He has really come out of his shell, sharing his ideas confidently in class and during show and tell. We have loved listening to him enthusiastically talk about his gemstones and his amazing 3D-printed dragon.
2 St Cedd	<b>Eva Sijo Thaipparambil- Resilience</b> - Since half term Eva has shown a really great attitude to her learning. She has worked really hard in all subjects and has tried especially hard with her reading. Eva has not given up when things have got difficult and has shown a great level of determination. Well done Eva!
3 St Bede	<b>Adhiti Kamenan- Enjoyment</b> – for her love of learning new things, for being enthusiastic and always asking questions all with a cheerful smile on her face. Well done.
3 St Swithun	<b>Nathaniel Sharp-Enjoyment</b> -during Science this week he showed enjoyment at learning a new skill, and spent a happy afternoon making shadows all over the classroom.
4 St Columba	<b>Amelia Ondycz – Enjoyment</b> - Amelia always has a beaming smile on her face. She greets every adult around school with kindness and respect. Her exemplary manners and cheerful presence make her a pleasure to have in school.
4 St Alban	<b>Leon Gawlik-Courage</b> - for singing your heart out at the Carol service and in all the practises. Learning the words and singing beautifully even when others around you were not sure, you helped and guided them through. Well done.
5 St Anne Line	<b>Esther Adenodi- Patience</b> - She has worked with a fellow peer for a few weeks, encouraging them to try starting their work and remembering the steps. She prompts them and checks they're okay without being asked.
5 St Osyth	<b>Deona George – Resilience</b> – for showing true resilience when joining our school at Christmas time with so many different events and time table changes. She has shown adaptability and resourcefulness and made a real impression in the class.
6 St Sebbi	<b>Nathaniel Szkurlat-Patience</b> - for being calm, fair and considerate towards others and his work.
6 St Boniface	<b>Erin Asante-Resilience</b> -thanks to all her hard work and good listening, her arithmetic results have hugely improved. Proud of her!
MDA award	<b>Freddie Lara-R Margaret Clitherow-Courage</b> -for sticking up for people who were not being treated with kindness.
MDA award	<b>Kingsley Sibanda-5 Anne Line-Empathy</b> -for showing concern for others.
Inclusion Award	<b>Zaifa Hussain-1 St Augustine-Empathy</b>
SLT Award	<b>Dolce Peart &amp; Gianluca Rizzo-1 St Ursula-Service</b> -for collecting the Advent giving envelopes from each class every morning this week, and delivering them to the office safely.
SLT Award	<b>Annabelle Cooper-6 St Sebbi-Service</b> -for helping children in Year R.
SLT Award	<b>Elijah Bolukbasi-6 St Boniface-Empathy</b> -was nominated by a fellow student for looking after them.