



ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BULLETIN

15 May 2026



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 20th May-Classroom digital project (see further details on page 3)
Pupil Progress Conference-School closes at **1.15pm**-there will be no After School provision on this day

Friday 22nd May-Last day before Half Term

Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May-SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM

Monday 1st June-School reopens

Thursday 4th June-5 St Anne Line Class Assembly-Parents/Carers welcome-9am

Friday 5th June-FOSH Meeting in the Studio 9am-All welcome

Sunday 7th June-Choir at 9.30 Mass at St Helen's Church

Thursday 11th June-2 St Bede Class Assembly-Parents/Carers welcome-9am

Monday 15th June- Class photo day

See further dates on following pages

St. Andrew 3537

St. Patrick 2114

St. David 5005

St. George 4841

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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St Helen's Citizen of the Year 2026.

We are searching for nominations for our St Helens Citizen of the Year from parents, carers, staff and pupils for pupils who have encompassed our school values with a selfless act. Our nominees will have demonstrated resilience, empathy, service, patience, enjoyment, courage or trustworthiness through their thoughts or actions and for the benefit of others.

This is a yearly award given only to someone who has demonstrated good citizenship within our community. All nominees will be considered and a shortlist compiled by our senior management team. The school council and liturgy leaders will then interview the remaining candidates after which a winning citizen will be chosen. The deserving pupil will be invited to Brentwood Cathedral to receive the award from Bishop Alan at a special ceremony.

Brentwood Diocese is committed to the idea that to be a good Catholic involves being a good citizen, 'the Gospel of Jesus Christ requires us to *"love our neighbour as ourselves"* and that is at the heart of the Christian interpretation of *citizenship*'.

Nominations must be submitted by **Friday 5th June**. There will be a nomination box in the school office or alternatively an email could be sent to office@st-helens.southend.sch.uk.

We look forward to receiving your nomination.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Conyard

Head of RE

St Helen's Marion Month of May Celebrations



May the month of Our Lady

We would like to invite you to come and share a decade of the rosary with us to celebrate the month of May.

Enter via the big green gate with your child and our liturgy leaders will be there to greet you.

**Please join us in prayer on
Friday 22nd May
at 8.30am for an 8.35am start.**



Break the rules day
SCHOOL UNIFORM EDITION!
Friday 22nd May 2026

Donate £1 to wear non-uniform
£2 to wear non-uniform and odd socks
£3 to wear non-uniform, odd socks and crazy hair including styles & accessories

Friends of St. Helen's

*** Global Classroom Digital Project***

Dear Families,

Wednesday 20 May 2026.

We are delighted to invite you to our **Global Classroom Digital Project Expo**, which will take place on **Wednesday 20 May 2026**. This special event is an opportunity to celebrate the exciting work our children have been doing in their Geography topic, where they have explored the world using a range of digital technologies. The Expo will showcase their learning, creativity and growing global awareness, and we are very much looking forward to sharing this with you.

Event Details

- **Parents bringing food from their home nation:** Please arrive at **10:45am** and take your dish to one of your child's classrooms. We kindly ask that:
 - Food is suitable for tasting (small, simple portions)
 - All ingredients are clearly labelled
 - **NO NUTS are included under any circumstances**
 - **All other families:** Please arrive from **11:00am onwards**

From 11:00am, the school will be open for you to wander around classrooms, view the children's digital projects, and experience the wonderful learning that has taken place.

Lunch Arrangements

We encourage families to **bring a picnic lunch** to enjoy together. The school kitchen will be serving **rolls only** on this day so that everyone can take part in a relaxed picnic on the playground. Details of how to order lunch are attached.

During this time, we will also formally **"open" our fabulous new mural**, which we are very excited to share with you.

Families are warmly invited to **stay, play and spend time with their children** throughout this part of the event.

End of Day

- The school day will finish at **1:15pm**
- Children **must not be collected before 1:15pm**, as we will then be preparing for our **Pupil Progress Conferences** in the afternoon

Why This Project Matters

Projects such as our Global Classroom Digital Expo are a vital part of your child's learning experience. They allow children to:

- **Develop global awareness** by exploring the different countries, cultures and traditions of the children in their class
- **Build digital skills**, using technology creatively and responsibly to present their ideas
- **Deepen understanding** through project-based learning, which encourages curiosity, independence and critical thinking
- **Celebrate diversity**, recognising and valuing the unique backgrounds within our school community
- **Grow in confidence**, as they share their work with a real audience

Experiences like this bring learning to life, helping children see how their knowledge connects to the wider world while fostering pride in their achievements.

We are incredibly proud of the children's hard work and enthusiasm, and we are really looking forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a wonderful and memorable event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Liz Keeble

Head Teacher

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IMPORTANT LUNCH NEWS FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY

We are hoping lots of you will be joining us for the walk around school to enjoy our Global Classroom work.

We are planning a whole school picnic lunch so we are changing the lunch options.

You can still have home packed lunch however the colour choices will now be as follows:

BLUE **TUNA ROLL**

ORANGE **HAM ROLL**

RED **HAM ROLL– sorry no sausages!**

GREEN **CHEESE ROLL**

YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR CHOICES ON THE MCAS APP – PLEASE CHOOSE CAREFULLY SO WE CAN GET THE NUMBERS CORRECT AND PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHANGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU.

HARRY POTTER THEMED MENU

NOURISH GROW WITH US

21ST MAY

Slytherin's Chicken Meatball Sub 1,5 **RED**

Berty Bots Bean, Pepper and Cheese Pocket 1,7 v **GREEN**

Hagrid's Choice of Jacket Potatoes and a choice of fillings 7,8,9 **BLUE**

ORANGE BAGUETTE

Ron's Roast Wedges

Moaning Mertle's Mixed Veg

Gilly Weed Salad

Hagrid's Bake (Vanilla Cake) 1 VG

Leaky Cauldron's Jelly VG

Hedwigs Fruit Pots VG



Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
 1 Wheat 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

NATIONAL
TENNIS ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP

Priory Park

25 - 29 May 2026
 9:00 - 11:30am
 5-10 / 11-16 years

Action packed holiday camps with team challenges, tennis skills, games and prizes.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK OR CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK/CAMPS/LONDON/](https://nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/london/)

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION-
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YOUTH



COULD YOU BE THE PERSON WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

Our wonderful school is looking for equally wonderful individuals to join our team of dedicated staff. See our website for more details.

Level 3 EYFS practitioner (with room leader responsibility)

Learning support assistant

Apprentice LSA

Breakfast Club Supervisor

MORE INFORMATION: www.stjosephscanvey.net recruitment@assisicatholictrust.com

Values Children



R St John Fisher	Sebastian Juntilla-Patience -Sebi waits his turn and listens to the explanation of what is fair. He accepts that situations are different and will remain calm and encouraging to others until his turn comes.
R St Margaret Clitherow	Hirah Shah- Enjoyment - thank you for showing such wonderful curiosity and enthusiasm during our learning this week. I really enjoyed seeing your imagination and excitement during Drawing Club. Well done!
1 St Augustine	Zahra Sulola- Enjoyment – Zahra is showing much more enjoyment in her learning at school, which is lovely to see. In maths especially this week, she has enjoyed sharing her excellent understanding of numbers. In general, Zahra seems much happier and settled at school.
1 St Ursula	Joshua Jacob and Jana Maroto-Solis- Empathy - they have shown incredible kindness to all their classmates this week, they have been noticed welcoming our newest class member with friendship and smiles.
2 St Thomas Becket	Gianna Cijo- Patience - Gianna has shown amazing patience during our Rosary challenge. She has sat beautifully waiting for others in her class to settle. She has also shared some thoughtful answers to each reading and is a wonderful role model for RE.
2 St Cedd	Millie Dodge - Empathy - Millie is always kind and caring towards her friends. She always takes the time to support her classmates and include everyone. Her caring attitude makes our classroom a happier and more welcoming place.
3 St Bede	Ella Mncube-Patience -for working hard in her work, especially with maths and for working with children she wouldn't usually work with.
3 St Swithun	Krishna Concepcion- Empathy -she thought about how an incident might have upset a class member and acted on it positively. Very mature Krisha! Zuriel Onigbinde-Courage -for talking to adults when things don't seem right.
4 St Columba	Logan Carvalho - Empathy - Logan has been recognised for thoughtfully including younger children in his games, making sure everyone feels welcome and no one is left out. He plays nicely and sets a wonderful example to others.
4 St Alban	Frank Pinnington- Courage – for taking chances with your work, trying new things and using new strategies even if you are not sure. Always asking for help when needed and improving your learning.
5 St Anne Line	Alexis Alpikie- Service – for showing her faith with pride during her reading at mass on Thursday, you sang loudly and said the prayers with pride and confidence.
5 St Osyth	Ethan Malikula – Resilience – Ethan has begun to show a highly resilient attitude in class, making great steps in his learning, becoming aware of his mistakes and working hard to move forward and achieve. Well done Ethan.
6 St Sebba	Amayra Yumnaat-Trustworthiness -Amayra, you can always be trusted to do all that you do to the best of your ability - even when no one is looking. Others see you as someone that they can always go to for help or support. What an excellent role model!
6 St Boniface	Kamsi Eze-Trustworthiness -well done Kamsi, for being the steady, calm and respectful pupil that you are. Your focus has also greatly improved over the last few months and you are a very reliable, responsible young lady.
Inclusion Award	Helen Rijo-2 St Cedd-Empathy -for always being helpful and kind to other children, especially those who may need a little extra support.
MDA Award	Sarah Stamate-3 St Bede-Service -for always being helpful
SLT Award	Giovanni Jedrasik-1 St Ursula-Enjoyment Miss Paice-5 St Anne Line-Service