

# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

It seems we are only just back to school and we are having another day off but hopefully you will be able to make the most of this long weekend together. There are several things on in the area and one of the best is the Wolds Outdoor Festival from the 30th April to the 5th June.

<https://woldsoutdoorfestival.com/>

We have begun to think about our outdoor area and Mrs Sherwood and Forest Club are going to improve the orchard, creating bug hotels and bee-friendly areas. The green space next to the MUGA also needs improving now we have cleared the rotten raised beds. We would like to create a seating area with pots, plants, football per"goal"a and benches so that friends can gather there together. We hope our "Teddy" sunflowers will give the area colour and character. We have all these plans but need help to source slabs, bark, pots, wood paint, benches, and wood for the pergola. If you can lend a hand, share creative ideas, or supply bits and pieces, please let us know in the office, chat to Mrs Seymour or email me:

[sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk)

Thank you to everyone who supported Y6's Book Sale; they raised £40 - watch out for news of the next one. They are raising funds for a few end-of-year treats. The School Association committee met this week and are planning some exciting events for everyone too. Keep checking the school diary for dates so you do not miss out - like your invitation to our very own Coronation Service on Friday 27th May!

Enjoy the warm outdoors at the weekend

Mrs Belton x

## Year 2 remember your swimming kit on Fridays!

Class Photographs

Wednesday 4th May.

Please make sure you have  
a jumper or cardigan.



SAY CHEESE!



## After School Clubs Term 5

- Monday Choir with Miss Wickland (Spilsby Music Festival continuation)  
Football for Y4, 5 & 6 with JB Sports  
Art Club with Mrs Langdale for Year 4, 5 and 6 children.
- Tuesday No Clubs
- Wednesday SATs with Mrs Roberts (invitation only)  
Forest Club with Mrs Sherwood for Reception to Year 2 children  
STEM Club with Mr Goddard for Year 3 to Year 5 children
- Thursday Fun with Phonics with Miss Newson for Year 1 children.  
Girls football for Y5 and Y6 with Mrs Roberts (continuing)
- Friday Drama Club continuing with Mrs Belton — New finish time of 5pm.

All clubs finish at 4:30pm except Drama Club which will finish at 5pm.

*At Art and Design club the children are doing paper-maché and the club has now been opened up to Y4, Y5 and Y6. If your child would like a place please email: [admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk) or sign up at the office.*

## Transport for September 2022

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2022 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

**We would be grateful if applications can be made by 31 May 2022.**

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

## Y3 and Y4 Visit Alford Craft Market Pottery and The Manor House.

As part of their Egyptian studies, Year 3 and 4 children will be taking part in a workshop at the Alford Craft Market on Monday 23rd May 2022. They will be making their own Egyptian artefacts. Whilst in Alford they will also visit The Manor House to sketch the building.

The children will need to wear school uniform, have a waterproof coat and will also require a packed lunch and a drink.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £13.00 towards the cost of this visit, payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions for this visit it may not be able to go ahead.

Child's name .....

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I/We enclose a contribution of £13.00 towards the cost of the above school visit.

Signed .....

Date .....



# Reception Visit Woodside Wildlife, Lincoln

As part of their studies of the lifecycle of a butterfly, Reception children will be visiting Woodside Wildlife in Lincoln on Friday 6th May 2022 .

The children will be leaving school and returning during the normal school day and will be transported by Alford minibus and one staff car. They will need to wear school uniform, sensible shoes and a waterproof coat. They will also require a packed lunch and plenty to drink.

We kindly, ask for a contribution of £15.50 towards the cost of this visit, payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions for this visit it may not be able to go ahead.



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### Diary Dates 2022

#### **MAY**

2nd School Closed - Bank Holiday  
 4th Class Photographs  
 6th Reception visit Woodside Wildlife, Lincoln  
 9th Y6 SATs SPAG  
 10th Y6 SATs Reading  
 11th Y6 SATs Maths 1 and 2  
 12th Y6 SATs Maths 3  
 23rd Y3 & 4 go to Alford Pottery & Manor House  
 24th James Brunt (Artist) visiting school  
 26th 3:15pm SA Film Night—BFG  
 27th Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations  
 27th End of Term 5

#### **JUNE**

4th Willoughby Village Jubilee Celebrations  
 6th School Opens—Term 6  
 9th Year 1 and 2 visit Anderby Creek  
 9th Drama Club's Performance of 'Midsummer Night's Dream'

15th 4:15-5:30pm Y6 QEGS masterclass  
 18th School Association Breakfast with Footy  
 22nd 4:15-5:30pm Y6 QEGS masterclass  
 29th 4:15-5:30pm Y6 QEGS masterclass  
 24th Sports Day (Afternoon) at Alford CC, Well  
 27th Y5 Curriculum Day at JSTC  
 30th SA Film Night—Sing 2

#### **JULY**

7th Y6 Induction Day at QEGS, Alford  
 9th SA Summer Barbeque  
 11th Y6 Induction Day at Banovallum, Horncastle  
 12th Y3/4 River Field Study  
 13th Y6 JSTC Induction Day  
 14th Y6 JSTC Induction Day  
 19th 3:30-5:30pm Reports to Parents/Open Evening  
 21st Y1/2 visit Rand Farm Park  
 22nd End of Term 6

## Year 6 National Tests (SATs).

Monday 9th May SPAG  
 Tuesday 10th May Reading  
 Wednesday 11th May Maths 1 and 2  
 Thursday 12th May Maths 3

It is essential Year 6 children are in school every day and arrive on time—school starts at 8:50am.

# The Family Drop In

The Family Drop In is a non profit social group for families and carers, it runs every Saturday from 10am- 12pm at The Village Hall, Willoughby. It offers the following:

Toys for kids  
Toy/book library  
Space for parents to chill have a cuppa and chat  
Advice on parenting struggles  
Advice on ND struggles  
Budgeting  
Cooking on a shoestring workshops  
Access to services- housing, benefits, mental health etc ...  
Kids yoga  
Mindfulness  
Messy play.

Entrance per family £2.50 (covers the cost of hall hire)

MAY Workshops

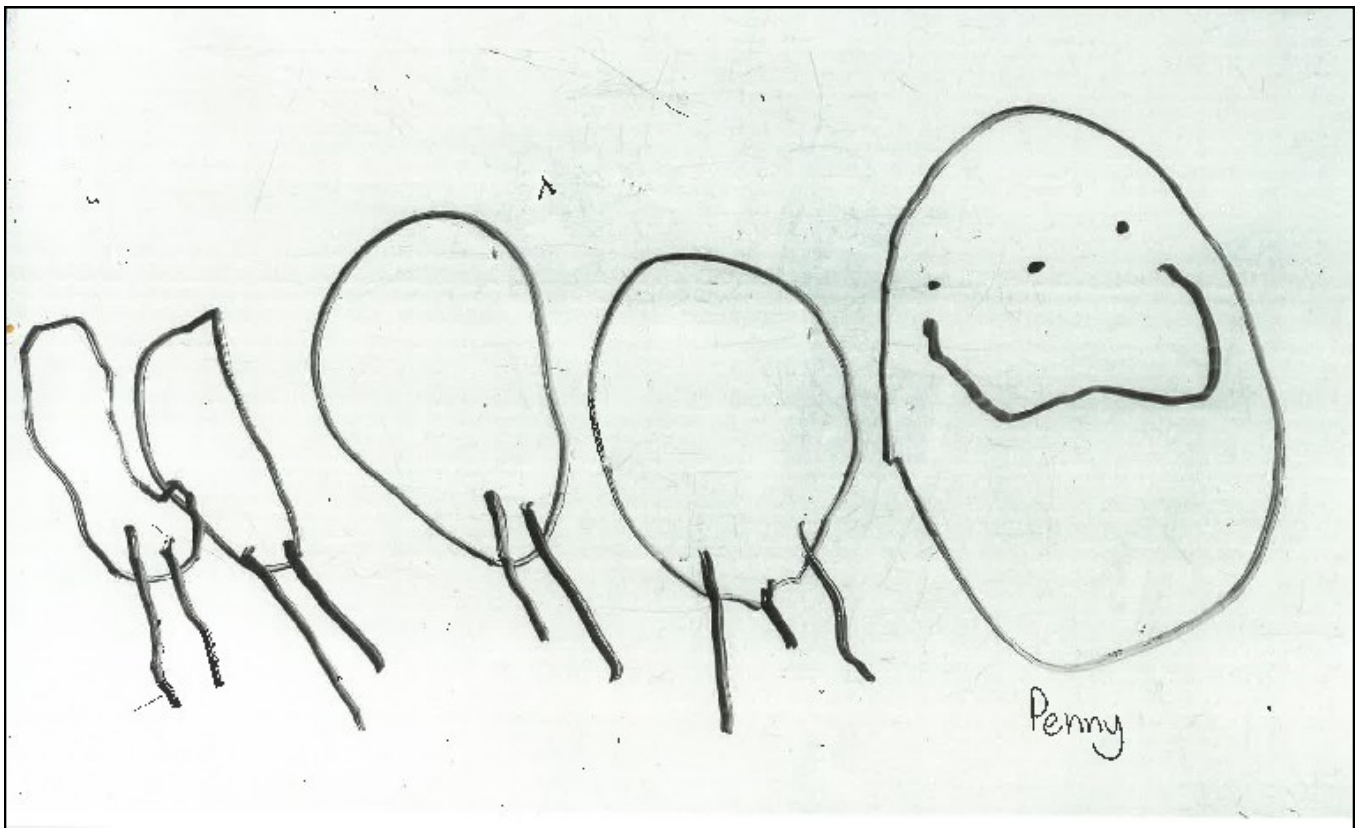
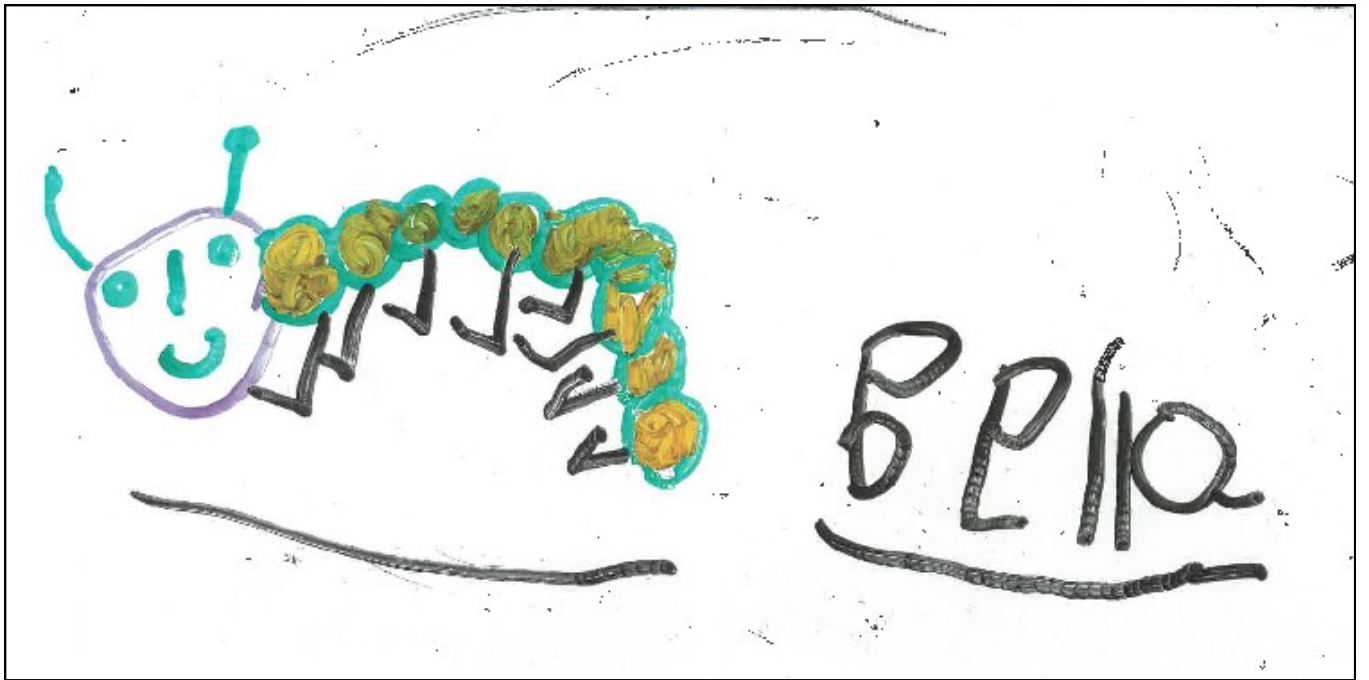
(price starts from £2.50 , is no more than £3 per child to cover cost of resources)

7th mini beast pebbles  
14th Life skills class -make a sandwich/cutting skills  
21st Kite making  
28th Make your own playdough

Please drop in and join Tammie Griffiths.

***Look at these amazing caterpillar pictures from Little Explorers.***







***Also take a look at the faces which the Forest After School Club made***





# Sunnyside Garden



Have you seen trees covered in pink and white blossom during the past couple of weeks. There are some lovely trees in gardens and street corners such as near the library in Alford. The blossom will blow off the trees and later in the year the trees will have lots of fruits. Some fruits are small and inedible, whilst other trees produce crops of cherries, pears or apples. If you look closely at the apple blossom, pink buds open to produce paler pink flowers.



The bluebells are now flowering in the orchard, giving pretty clumps of blue flowers. We leave these to die back gradually, like the daffodils and will mow them in about 6 weeks time. This way the number of flowers increases naturally.

The rhubarb is now growing very quickly and this is the best time of year to pick it and have rhubarb crumble for pudding. The stalks are young and easy to prepare. They are best picked straight from the garden, cooked and eaten within an hour.



Have a look in your garden or around the school grounds where you will see lots of young plants growing and the trees unfurling their leaves. You could be plant observers this week.

Love Mrs Fulwood.



## Lincolnshire County Council are providing a Free Online Safety Question and Answer Event for Parents.

A Date with Dan 18<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm-7:30pm FREE Online Safety Question and Answer event

Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children and young people safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. After our last Q and A event earlier this year, many parents and carers asked for another opportunity to ask us some questions.

Join our resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 18th May 2022 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – we will let you ask us those burning questions.

Sign up will be required to access this session. [A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 18 May 2022 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

# FUN, FOOD & FITNESS

*Cooking together can be a great way to spend time together and learn new skills, especially when it involves chocolate! Baking at home can be hugely satisfying and tasty too! Here is a great way to use and share your left over Easter Chocolate.*

## **Lumpy Bumpy Cookies**

Makes 16 cookies

### **Ingredients**

- 75g butter
- 75g soft brown sugar
- 1 egg
- A cap full of vanilla essence
- 150g of self-raising flour
- 100g of your favourite chocolate, (Chopped into small chips and chunks).

### **Method**

1. Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 4/180 degrees.
2. Line a baking tray with a baking sheet.
3. Cream the butter and sugar together until combined.
4. Beat the egg with the essence in a jug with a fork.
5. Slowly add the egg mixture to the butter and sugar, beating until slightly fluffy.
6. Stir in the flour and chocolate until just combined, don't over mix.
7. Use a teaspoon to spoon teaspoon sized dollops onto the prepared baking sheet. Allow some room for spreading. You may need 2 baking trays. (This mixture should make around 16 cookies).
8. Bake for 12 minutes and check, they may take up to 15 minutes.

*The cookies are cooked when they have just started to brown up. They may feel a little soft but will firm up when cooling on the rack. If in doubt take out one cookie and break in half if it looks fluffy and not wet it is cooked. Cook them too long and they will be dry, cook them not enough and they will be raw, it's a challenge to get just the right amount of chew to the texture!*





For more details visit [www.rhubarbtheatre.co.uk](http://www.rhubarbtheatre.co.uk)

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*Alford Corn Exchange Saturday April 30th 10.30am*

email: [manager@alfordcornexchange.co.uk](mailto:manager@alfordcornexchange.co.uk)

£10 per family (Up to 2 x Adult 3 x Children)



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## Dustbin Doris

It's bin collection day and our two heroic waste collectors Max and Ola are racing to make up lost time. But what's this? A dustbin that refuses to release its contents! What could be attached? It's Doris, the dotty old lady who lives in the park. A struggle ensues as she clings onto her possessions. But every bin has a silver liner. So, when the pair of refuse loaders realise that 'one man's trash is another woman's treasure', an amazing trove of wonderous tales recycle their way out of the rubbish.

Rhubarb Theatre, known for their imaginative styles of storytelling, perform their latest bin-full of fantasy for all the family. Prepare for joy and sadness, laughter and tears & surprises around every corner. **Dustbin Doris** is waste-deep in theatrical play, puppetry, mask, dance, song and lots of laughter.

**'Dustbin Doris'** is "fun for all the family" from age 5yrs+

Catch us at **Alford Corn Exchange**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022

At 10:30am

Tickets available at:

Alford Corn Exchange

9 Market Pl, Alford LN13 9EB

Monday – Friday 1pm – 2pm

Website: <https://www.alfordcornexchange.co.uk/>

Tel: 07598 964944

Email: [manager@alfordcornexchange.co.uk](mailto:manager@alfordcornexchange.co.uk)





**Are you in Year 2 at school?**

**And would you like to play  
football for a local team?**



# **Alford Town FC**

**is looking to recruit players for the U8 team  
entering the Mid Lincs League  
in September 2022**

**Why not come along to our training sessions  
on**

**Fridays 6.00 – 7.00 pm**

**at Alford Town grounds  
East Street, Alford LN13 9EQ  
(next to the windmill)**

**We hope to see you there ....**

For further information contact:

**Shane Tilston (Manager) on 07805 629204  
or Rob Wilson (Club Secretary)  
on 07860 175326**



**[www.alfordtownfc.co.uk](http://www.alfordtownfc.co.uk)**