



# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

*It is our responsibility to learn and achieve our dreams as a family.*

*Opening minds, widening horizons and developing a better world.*

*Valuing Community, Compassion, Endurance, Friendship, Hope, Respect, Thankfulness, Wisdom*

## Headteacher Position

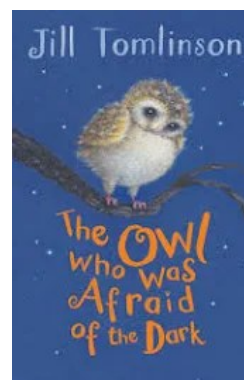
The Governors would like to keep everyone updated on the progress of appointing our new Headteacher. Unfortunately, at the moment, we have not recruited a new Headteacher and so are continuing with our search to ensure our wonderful school remains as successful as it is. The Governors have a meeting on Monday and hopefully we will be able to give you more information after this. Thank you all for your patience, as always, our priority is your children.

Dear Families,

We may still have some early morning frosts but Spring is on the horizon, temperatures are rising and the days are lengthening! February is a month of expectation and we have much to hope for as the ground warms up and the sun appears.

We are feeling a bit "Bookish" in school at the moment! Families keep enjoying a fabulous monthly Reading Café, young readers were celebrated in yesterday's Star Reader celebration and recently the YR and Year Ones enjoyed a wild Gruffalo experience.

Y5 and 6 met online the author, Sarah Ann Jukes, courtesy of Waterstones Book shops and listened to her share news of her book "The Night Animals" - a great read for Y4-6.



Year 3 have written their own books, inspired by Jill Tomlinson's "The owl who was afraid of the Dark" to share with the Reception children. They have loved reading this children's classic and if you are stuck for a present, the author has several more in the series.

Make February half term the time to snuggle down with a good book - find some time to share, read or make stories. It is the best gift you can give.

Have a lovely read,

Mrs B x

### Year 1 and 2

As part of their Science learning Year 1 and 2 will be taught the proper names for body parts. Do not be surprised when they come home and talk about the different male and female body parts!

## Attendance between 23.01.23 and 27.01.23

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 94.24% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

13 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 2 hours and 53 minutes learning time has been lost

1 children left school early this week and due to this 1 hours and 40 minutes learning time has been lost

Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 4 hours and 33 minutes.

### Dan's Big Fat Online Safety Quiz 7<sup>th</sup> February 6-7pm

#### Message from the Local Authorities Online Safety Officer - Dan Hawbrook

Safer Internet Day 2023 the theme is Want to talk about it? Making space for conversation about life online. We want children to know the struggles as adults that we had at their age? Did you own a nokia 3310? Master of snake? Was the first social media platform you used Friend's re-united or MSN Messenger? Equally let your children teach you about the latest apps, games and tiktok trends....

As part of Safer Internet Day 2023 we are having a Virtual quiz over TEAMS. We want Parents/ Carers and their children to join forces. Form the ultimate team and prove that you are the most knowledgeable family in LINCOLNSHIRE. You will be tested on the latest apps and games and perhaps some old school technology!

To book on click the link. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dans-big-fat-online-safety-quiz-tickets-523487935507>

## After School Clubs

Monday	Choir has now finished Year 3/4/5 & 6 Football with JB Sports.
Wednesday	SATs club—Invitation only
Thursday	Girls Football is CANCELLED
Friday	Drama Club has now finished.

All clubs finish at 4:30pm.

## Diary Dates 2023

### FEBRUARY

- 9th Young Voices in Sheffield  
10th End of Term 3  
20th School Open—Term 4  
22nd Reading Cafe  
23rd Year 1 & 2 visit Lincoln Castle  
28th YR, Y1, Y4, Y5 & Y6 visit the moon at The Embassy Theatre, Skegness.

### MARCH

- 1st School Association Meeting.  
2nd SA Dickie Bow and Diamonds Disco.  
10th Non Uniform Day  
14th YR to Y6 visit Mars at The Embassy Theatre, Skegness  
17th Red Nose Day  
24th SA Easter Fair  
29th Reading Cafe  
31st Easter Service  
End of Term 4

### APRIL

- 17th Staff Training Day  
18th School Open—Term 5  
26th Reading Café  
27th SA Film Night

### MAY

- 3rd Class Photographs  
8th BANK HOLIDAY-School Closed  
9th-12th Year 6 SATS  
13th 9am-11am SA Breakfast with Football  
26th End of Term 5

**Throughout the month of May Y2 assessments will be taking place.**

### JUNE

- 5th School Open—Term 6  
16th SA Pamper Night & Fashion Show  
**Throughout the month of June Y1 Phonics assessments will be taking place.**

### JULY

- 21st End of Term 6

### SEPT

- 6th School Opens-Term 1



**Year 1 & 2 will be swimming every Friday. Please remember your swimming kit!**

## School Uniform

New School Uniform is available from Nationwide Uniform at Spilsby and pre-loved uniform is available from Alford Hub, which is opposite the butchers in Alford.

Alford Hub are always grateful for any good pre-loved uniform your children may have outgrown.



# Years 1 and 2 swimming

Year 1 and 2 will continue swimming every Friday starting on Friday 24th February.

If all the children can come to school with their swimming kit underneath this will make it a lot easier at the pool—thank you.

We kindly, ask for a contribution of £55.50 towards the cost of Term 4's swimming from Year 2 parents, however, Year 1 Parents are 1 lesson in credit so we kindly ask for a contribution of £46.25. Payments can be made via Parentmail or at the school office.

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## Years 1 and 2 swimming—Term 4

I/We enclose a contribution of £55.50 (Year 2) towards the cost of swimming for Term 4.  
I/We enclose a contribution of £46.25 (Year 1) towards the cost of swimming for Term 4.

Child's name .....

Signed .....

Date .....

# After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be running next term, starting on Monday 20th February.

Monday	Basketball for Years 3/4/5 & 6 with JB Sports. Netball for Year 4, 5 and 6 with Mrs Storr.
Tuesday	Choir for Y3/4/5 & 6 With Miss Wickland. This is a new Choir group which will be taking part in the Music Festival.
Wednesday	SATs club—Invitation only
Thursday	Girls Football for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 with Mrs Roberts will continue.
Friday	Storytelling for Y1/2 with Mrs Askew. Finishing at 4pm

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I/We consent to ..... attending the after school club as indicated below.

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Thursday	Girls Football for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Friday	Storytelling for Y1/2 with Mrs Askew. Finishing at 4pm

## Year 1 and 2 visit Lincoln Castle

As part of their studies, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Lincoln Castle on Thursday 23rd February, 2023.

The children will be leaving school at 8:45am and will be back at school for the end of their usual day.

They will need to wear school uniform, a warm waterproof coat and sensible shoes as they will be walking a lot! They will also need a packed lunch and plenty to drink.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £20 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.

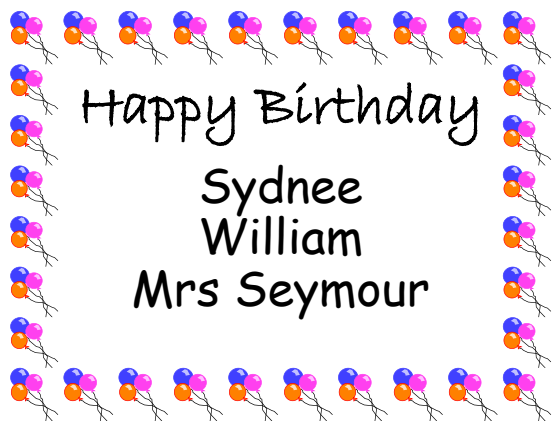
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Date .....



### School Association Dates for the Diary

Thursday 2nd March 3:30-5:30pm Dickie Bow and Diamonds Disco

Friday 24th March 3:30pm Easter Fair

Saturday 13th May 9am-11am Breakfast with a footballer

Thursday 27th April 3:15-5pm Film Night

Friday 16th June 7pm Pamper Night and Fashion Show

## Transport for September 2023

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2023 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 (1 March for secondary school or 17 April for primary). 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.

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).

## Alford Wildlife Watch Programme 2023

*Please note, this is our plan- but sometimes we have to change things!*

- 8 January Beach Clean and Bird Watching Anderby Creek
- 12 February Woodland Clearing and Bonfire Rigsby Wood
- 12 March Owl Pellets and Springtails Alford Manor House
- 16 April Countryside Lincs
- 21 May Chalk Stream dipping with Louth Watch.
- 10-11 June Wild Camping! Taking part in National Watch "30 Days Wild"  
Moths, Bats and other activities (but may be swapped with August activity)
- 9 July Beach Dipping/ Clay Footprints Beach tbc.
- (13 August Flowers and Seed Collecting at Red Hill ) tbc  
(19 August Dormouse Survey at the Lincolnshire Lime Woods, Wragby)tbc
- August Bank Holiday at the Alford Craft Fair, helping with activities on WW stall
- 10 September Bird Ringing
- 8 October Fungi and Guided Walk with James Forrester  
Snipe Dales
- 19 November 10.a.m.** Guided Walk , Seals at Donna Nook
- 10 December Christmas Party

*We hope that you like this year of fun activities and look forward to seeing you there... bring your friends!*

*Any enquiries, contact AWW at [alfordwatch@gmail.com](mailto:alfordwatch@gmail.com)*



The poster features a blue and green background with a white owl flying towards a red sun. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'wildlife TRUSTS Lincolnshire'. The main title 'Alford Wildlife Watch' is in bold black text, followed by 'Woodland Clearing' in a larger, bold black font. Below this, the date and time 'Sunday 12th February, 2pm-3.30pm' and the location 'Rigsby Wood Nature Reserve, Haugh Lane, Rigsby LN13 0AN' are listed. A paragraph of text describes the event: 'Join us to do a spring clean of the footpaths and clearings of Rigsby Wood, and see if you can spot your first spring flowers and birds. Followed by a bonfire to warm us up. Remember your Wellies and waterproofs.' Below this, it states 'Suitable for children aged 6 - 14. Adult supervision required.' At the bottom, there is a small illustration of a mole and a molehill, and the text 'For more information and to book, contact our Watch Leader, Margot, via email [alfordwatch@gmail.com](mailto:alfordwatch@gmail.com)'. At the very bottom, two website URLs are provided: [www.lincstrust.org.uk/wildlife-watch](http://www.lincstrust.org.uk/wildlife-watch) and [www.wildlifewatch.org.uk](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk).

**Alford Wildlife Watch**  
**Woodland Clearing**

**Sunday 12th February, 2pm-3.30pm**  
Rigsby Wood Nature Reserve, Haugh Lane, Rigsby LN13 0AN

Join us to do a spring clean of the footpaths and clearings of Rigsby Wood, and see if you can spot your first spring flowers and birds. Followed by a bonfire to warm us up. Remember your Wellies and waterproofs.

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For more information and to book, contact our Watch Leader, Margot, via email [alfordwatch@gmail.com](mailto:alfordwatch@gmail.com)

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Skegness Grammar School



**HALF-TERM**

# Multi-Sports Camp 2023



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**FUN SPORTS & ACTIVITIES!**  
Outdoor Sports, Multi-sports, Activities and games, Quiz, and much more! Book now on the eventbrite link above