



# 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 are delighted that Mrs Belton has offered to stay in post after Easter whilst we continue our search for our new headteacher. She will be working full time during term 5 and then be semi retired, in school 3 days a week, during the final summer term of the year. We are indebted to her for delaying her retirement and being there a little longer to support our children until the end of the school year.

Thank you Mrs Belton

Dear Families,

I have experienced probably one of my best highlights ever - a seat in the Sheffield Arena listening to a captivating musical performance by 5000 young singers. Our choir, ably taught by Ms Wickland, sang their hearts out and gave their all in an incredible show! Music is such an emotive medium; last night's concert lifted us up, motivated us and reduced us to tears all in a couple of hours and something we will always remember forever.

Eddie and Ted, in Year 4, have had a different highlight this week - going to Grimsby to watch the Mariners play against Luton in the FA Cup, another memory written in the stars!

Writing has been the order of the week for all the children as they master the art and craft of composition and writerly techniques. It is such a hard skill for all of us, with so much to think about yet Year 5 and 6 have been drafting their own beast quest stories inspired by Anglo Saxon and Viking folklore, Year 3 have been writing descriptive settings for a short film and Y2 have been writing in RE about Hindu festivals.

If you have time this holiday, encourage the children to do some writing, letters, diaries, recipes, postcards, shopping lists or simple notes; this real, purposeful writing with an authentic audience gives context and meaning to the chore!

Have a lovely week's break,

Mrs B x



**Thank you to all the children who sang at  
Young Voices, Miss Wickland for all her  
hard work to get you there and to  
Heather Small who sang with you.**

**Brilliant!**

## Attendance between 30.01.23 and 03.02.23

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 93.94% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

14 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 1 hours and 55 minutes learning time has been lost

1 children left school early this week and due to this 55 minutes learning time has been lost

Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 2 hours and 50 minutes.

## 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.



## 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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## Diary Dates 2023

27th SA Film Night

### FEBRUARY

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 World Book Day  
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

### 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

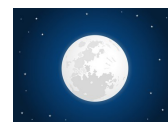
## **Reception, Y1, Y4, Y5 and Y6 visit The Moon!**

You may have seen that an exhibition of The Moon is coming to The Embassy Theatre at Skegness. The Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children will all be going to see this in the morning on Tuesday 28th February 2023. The Year 2 and Year 3 children have already see this at Lincoln Cathedral so will not be going.

This visit will take part during school hours and the children will be back in time for lunchtime.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £3.70 towards the cost of transport for this visit. Payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office.

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I/we consent to ..... visiting The Embassy Theatre, Skegness to see the moon and enclose a contribution of £3.70 towards the cost of this visit.

Signed .....

Date .....

# Years 1 and 2 swimming

Year 1 and 2 will continue swimming every Friday at Southview starting on Friday 3rd March.

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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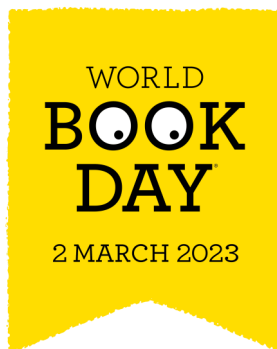
## Years 1 and 2 swimming—Term 4

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

Child's name .....

Signed .....

Date .....



## **World Book Day**

**Thursday 2nd March**

**Children may wear a hat that represents their favourite book or character.**

**Suggested donation of £1 towards aid for the Turkey Earthquake**

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Signed .....

Date .....



## 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.

### Year 1 and 2 visit Lincoln Castle on Thursday 23rd February 2023.

I/we consent to ..... Visiting Lincoln Castle.



Signed .....

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).

## Parents' Meetings

Parents' Meetings will be taking place as follows:

Little Explorers	Monday 6th March with Mrs Kirk
Reception	Friday 24th February with Mrs Sherwood
Year 1	Thursday 23rd February with Mrs Shaw
Year 2	Tuesday 21st February with Miss Boswell
Year 3	Wednesday 22nd February with Mrs Fountain
Year 4	Thursday 23rd February with Mr Goddard
Year 6	Friday 3rd March with Mrs Roberts

PLEASE NOTE: If you have had a Learning Plan Meeting you will NOT need a parents' meeting.

Please make bookings via Parentmail.

## A message from Mrs Seymour

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for making my birthday special. What a lovely family school we are.

The children's singing in assembly was so amazing—quite emotional.

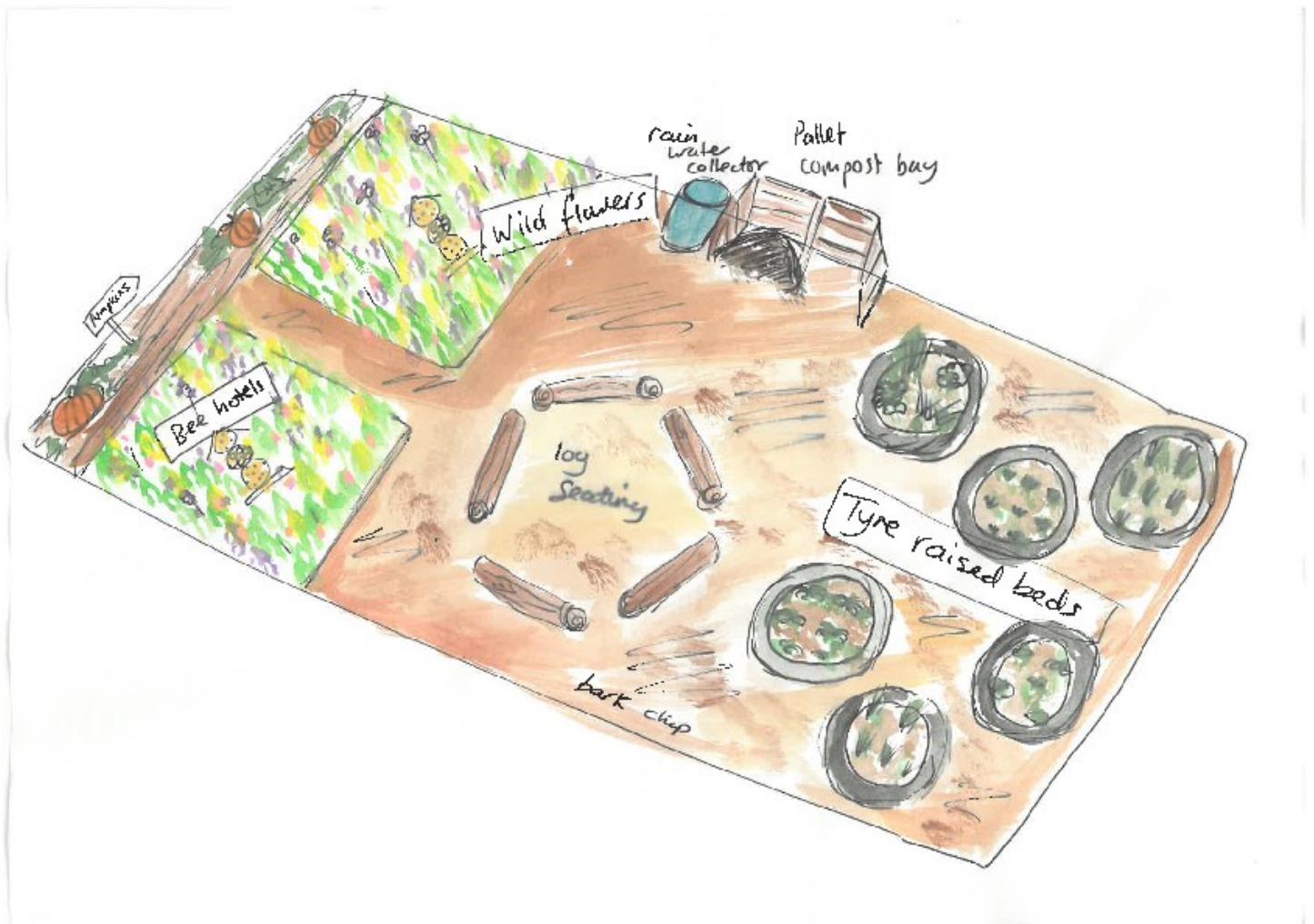
Thank you also for all the best wishes, cards and presents you gave me, so unexpected.

You are the best.

With love  
Linda Seymour



# Our 'new' allotment



These are the plans for our new allotment. If anyone can help with donations of wild flower seeds, pumpkin plants, a rainwater collector and pallets for a compost bay we would be extremely grateful.



## 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 teal background with a white owl flying towards a red sun. In the top left corner is the logo for 'wildlife TRUSTS Lincolnshire'. The main title 'Alford Wildlife Watch Woodland Clearing' is in large, bold, black font. Below it, the date and time 'Sunday 12th February, 2pm-3.30pm' and 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 hat, followed by contact information: 'For more information and to book, contact our Watch Leader, Margot, via email [alfordwatch@gmail.com](mailto:alfordwatch@gmail.com)' and two website URLs: [www.lincstrust.org.uk/wildlife-watch](http://www.lincstrust.org.uk/wildlife-watch) and [www.wildlifewatch.org.uk](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk)



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# SPRING CRAFTS

16TH FEB 1.30 - 3PM  
£10.00 PER CHILD  
SUITABLE FOR 6 YEARS +

DECORATE & VARNISH A FLOWER POT  
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# Valentine's Crafts

11TH FEB 2023 1.30-3PM

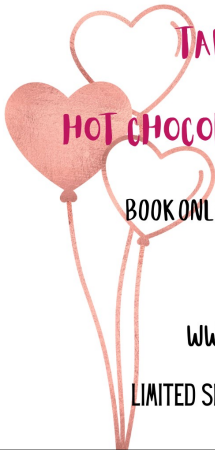
£10 PER CHILD

AGES 6+

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CARD MAKING

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VALENTINE'S CARD  
FRIENDSHIP NECKLACE KIT

11TH FEB 11-12PM  
£5.00 PER CHILD  
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