



# 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*

Dear Families,

Over the next week, as a Church School, you will know that we prepare for our silent pilgrimage to Church on Friday. We will have shared the Christian Easter story with the children as have our 5 wonderful friends from the Alford and Willoughby Churches - they are a storytelling group called "Open the Book" and they use the Lion's Children's Bible to retell stories during Collective Worship every fortnight. Have the children talked about them?

It is a very important time of year for Christians and it is for our school community too. The pilgrimage we make is one of the traditions we uphold with reverence and respect, deep in our own silent thoughts. It would be wonderful if you joined us too; we leave school at 2pm, following our oldest Y6 child who carries the cross to Church. There, we will have our annual Easter service, led by the children.

It is also a difficult time to explain to children; they have many insightful questions to ask of the Bible story. Year 4 are sharing their prayer at the Service and it will resonate with many of us:

Dear God,

For your love and helping hand.

*We remember.*

For your forgiveness and teaching us to forgive.

*We remember.*

For your greatest sacrifice.

*We remember.*

We also think about the theme of sacrifice in our world today.

The sacrifices of time and health made by those saving lives in the earthquake zones in Syria and Turkey.

The sacrifice of money used to support those in need during difficult times.

The sacrifices of lives in Ukraine while making a stand for a deserved future.

All around the world, people are inspired by Jesus' message of sacrifice for a better tomorrow.

A message of hope that making a stand and offering a hand when others need it can help create a more peaceful world.

We ask God to help us remember the sacrifice Jesus made.

To remember the love Jesus had for all mankind and all things that live in God's world.

To give us the strength and courage to forgive others, as Jesus did.

Amen.

Please join us in Church next Friday at 2:15pm.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Belton x

# After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be running next week

- Monday Basketball for Years 3/4/5 & 6 with JB Sports.  
Netball has now finished until after Easter holidays.
- Wednesday SATs club.
- Thursday Girls football has now finished until after Easter holidays.

All clubs finish at 4:30pm.

"Power of Parenting" - POP Café

With Mrs Lomas

Every Friday in the school hall

2:15pm until the end of the school day

Come along and share stories, worries, ideas and strategies on being the best parent you possibly can be for your children, whilst enjoying a cuppa and a biscuit together.

No judgement!

**Congratulations to the children singing at  
Spilsby Music Festival.  
What an evening!**



## School Association Dates for the Diary

- 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



## After School Clubs-Term 5

The following clubs will be running next term:

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| Monday    | Rounders for Years 3/4/5 and 6 with JB Sports<br>Netball for Years 4/5 and 6 with Mrs Storr           |
| Tuesday   | Forest Club for Years 1/2 and 3 with Mrs Sherwood<br>STEM Club for Years 3/4/5/ and 6 with Mr Goddard |
| Wednesday | SATs Club with Mrs Roberts (Invitation only)<br>Portrait Club for Years 2/3/4/5 and 6 with Mrs Belton |
| Thursday  | Girls' Football for Years 3/4/5 and 6 with Mrs Roberts  |

If your child would like to attend a club please indicate below and return the form to the school office by Friday 31st March 2023.

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### After School Clubs—Term 5

I/We consent to ..... joining the following club(s):

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Signed .....

Date .....

## Attendance between 13.03.23 and 17.03.23

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 92.31% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

19 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 3 hours and 28 minutes learning time has been lost

2 children left school early this week and due to this 5 hours and 15 minutes learning time has been lost

Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 8 hours and 43 minutes.

## Diary Dates 2023

### MARCH

29th 8:15am Reading Café  
7pm School Association Meeting  
31st 2:15am Easter Service  
End of Term 4

### APRIL

17th Staff Training Day  
18th School Open—Term 5  
21st POP Café with Mrs Lomas  
26th Reading Café  
27th School Association Film Night

### MAY

1st School Closed - Bank Holiday  
3rd Class Photographs  
8th BANK HOLIDAY-School Closed  
9th-12th Year 6 SATS  
13th 9am-11am SA Breakfast with Football  
24th Year 6 Church Schools' Festival  
26th End of Term 5

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

### JUNE

5th School Open—Term 6  
13th Climate Change Theatre  
14th Sports Afternoon  
16th SA Pamper Night & Fashion Show  
26th Y5 Curriculum Day at JSTC  
29th Whole School Arts Day

**Throughout the month of June Y1 Phonics assessments will be taking place.**

### JULY

1st Afs Festival in Alford  
6th Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC  
7th Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC  
21st End of Term 6

### SEPTEMBER

4th Staff Training Day  
5th Staff Training Day  
6th School Open-Term 1  
11th Individual Photographs  
15th Y6 11+ Verbal  
22nd Y6 11+ Non Verbal

### OCTOBER

20th End of Term 1  
30th Staff Training Day  
31st School Open—Term 2

### DECEMBER

20th End of Term 2

### JANUARY 2024

2nd Staff Training Day  
3rd School Open - Term 3

### FEBRUARY

9th End of Term 3  
19th School Open - Term 4

### MARCH

28th End of Term 4

### APRIL

15th Staff Training Day  
16th School Open—Term 5

### MAY

6th School Closed - Bank Holiday  
24th End of Term 5

### JUNE

3rd School Open—Term 6

### JULY

19th End of Term 6

## 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.



# Reception children having fun at the allotment.





PRESENTS

# EASTER IN ALFORD



**FRIDAY 7TH APRIL - 10AM TIL 1PM**

## **EASTER BUNNY HUNT**

register online at **EVENTBRITE** - easter in alford - easter bunny hunt  
& bring your completed hunt to the event to claim your prize

**MORE INFO: [WWW.ALFORD.INFO](http://WWW.ALFORD.INFO)**



**Ticket link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-in-alford-easter-bunny-hunt-tickets-545308802307>