



# 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, Staff and Governors,

I am only just coming back down to earth after my wonderful gift of a hospitality trip to Anfield, Liverpool, thanks to your huge generosity and kindness. It will be a treasured memory forever and something I will never do again.

As the fans sang out "You'll never walk alone", I fought back tears of happiness and sadness as I thought about the reason I was there - this meant I was nearly at the end of my career and nearly at the end of my wonderful time at St Helena's. I am very excited about the Governors' new appointment of Mr Ed Anderson to be Headteacher at our school. He and I will be able to spend a day a week together so he can gain a deeper understanding of our policies, principles and practices and be ready to lead school in September.

He has sent over his first newsletter message this week...

*I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of St Helena's C of E Primary School. It is a privilege to have been appointed by the School Governors and entrusted with taking over the job of leading such a fantastic school which has been well led by Mrs Belton for the last twenty-one years.*

*My visits to the school, and encounters with staff, some parents and children to date, it is clear that there is a real sense of community at St Helena's, a special identity and a culture of aspiration. As a teacher, leader and parent, I believe all children should have access to excellent education, so I am determined that the school builds on its legacy and continues to flourish and hold a position at the heart of our community. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school.*

*You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school family. After May half-term I will be spending some time at St Helena's - hopefully I'll be able to get to know more of you then.*

Yours faithfully,

Mr Anderson

# Attendance between 24.04.23 and 28.04.23

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 97.36% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

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

3 children left school early this week and due to this 2 hours and 25 minutes learning time has been lost

Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 3 hours and 39 minutes.

St Helena's Church of England Primary School, Willoughby

## Pamper Evening

Friday 16th June 2023  
7pm - 9pm

Please join us for an evening of fun and therapy  
Catch up with your friends over a glass of bubbles,  
give yourself a bit of retail therapy and book yourself  
in for a treatment to pamper yourself from head to  
toe, leaving you feeling revived and radiant!



Nibbles



Complimentary glass  
of Prosecco or  
Buck's Fizz



Gift bag

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cocktail candy floss.. and more!

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NOW**

**Tickets £5 per person**  
All money raised for School Association

Everyone is welcome  
Buy your tickets in school  
or contact Hayley on 07909791924

St Helena's C of E Primary School, Main Road, Willoughby, Alford LN13 9NH

# Can you help?



Do you have any spare topsoil that school could have for the raised beds on their allotment?

If so, please can you talk to Mrs Sherwood?

Once the soil arrives the planting can begin.

"Power of Parenting" - POP Café

With Mrs Lomas

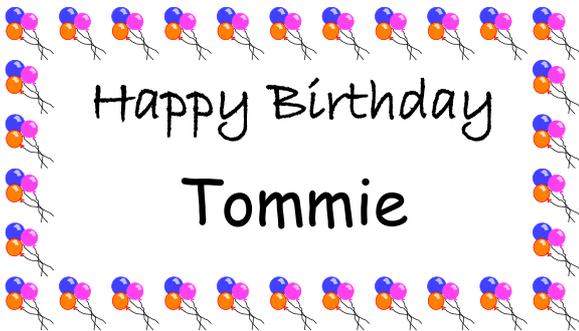
Every Friday in the school hall

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!

Friday 19th May : Focus on mental health and well-being of both adults and children. Enjoy a small pamper treat whilst having a cuppa and a biscuit.



School Association  
Dates for the Diary

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

Friday 16th June 7pm Pamper Night and Fashion Show

**After School Clubs - Term 5**

Monday	Rounders with JB Sports Netball with Mrs Storr—Last one!
Tuesday	No Forest Club. STEM Club for Years 3/4/5/ and 6 with Mr Goddard
Wednesday	Portrait Club for Years 2/3/4/5 and 6.
Thursday	Girls' Football for Years 3/4/5 and 6 with Mrs Roberts.

All clubs finish at 4:30pm.

## Diary Dates 2023

### MAY

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	Arts Festival in Alford
5th	5-6pm September Reception Parents' Meeting
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
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### 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
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### 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
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### JULY

19th	End of Term 6
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## 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 Library in Alford.

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



## Would you like to understand more about county lines in Lincolnshire?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton  
CEO, Pace



Sarah Pritchard  
Advanced Practitioner and  
Consultant



Lincolnshire  
Police

### Free webinar for parents & carers

11th May, 7.00 - 8.30pm

Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns. You will also hear about child exploitation from a lived experience perspective.



Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is



Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved



Learn how offenders groom and exploit children



Understand what is happening in your area

Register: [LincolnshireParentWebinar.eventbrite.com](https://www.lincolnshireparentwebinar.eventbrite.com)



# Little Gems Academy

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## Upcoming Parent Workshops from Lincolnshire Community Safety Team

**Navigating Teenage Relationships workshop by Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership 17th May 2023 6-7pm FREE TEAMS event sign up required:**

When your young person begins to date and become romantically involved with peers, their life can seem exciting, but can also be extremely difficult. Teenagers don't always like to talk about what is happening in their love life however 'Navigating teenage relationships' aims to provide parents and guardians with a toolkit, to support your young person through the complexities of having a healthy relationship. The Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership (LDAP) will run a one hour online TEAMS workshop on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 6-7pm. During the evening LDAP will discuss what young people talk about in Lincolnshire regarding relationships and red flags to look out for in relationships. They will also talk about where help and support can be found and how you can best support as a parent. The team is also happy to answer any questions you may have through the night.

[Navigating teenage relationships Tickets, Wed 17 May 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

**Ask Dan Anything for Parents 14th June 2023 6-7pm FREE TEAMS event sign up required:**

Over two thirds of students surveyed in the LSCP 2022 Keeping Safe Online Survey indicated that they access their devices once they have gone to bed, and that many parents and carers don't know anything about what they do online. The survey also showed when parents talked openly to their children about their activity online, those students were less likely to experience cyberbullying and more likely to access support.

We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook our resident Online Guru will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have!

[Ask Dan anything for parents and carers Tickets, Wed 14 Jun 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

# Alford Wildlife Watch

This month we are invited to join Louth Wildlife Watch group at Hubbards Hills, Louth, on **Sunday 21 May, 2:00-4:00pm.**

Park in the main car park off Crowtree Lane; we will meet at the little cafe in Hubbards Hills.

Will Bartle, Monitoring officer for the Lincolnshire Chalk Stream Project, will be meeting us there and he will explain why Chalk streams are so special. Then, everyone will have a go at using the nets to catch invertebrates and identify them.

The children...well, anyone who would like a "dip".. should wear wellies; and spare clothes/ a towel might be useful!

If you would like to come to this meeting, please will you contact Keith, at Louth leader who is co-ordinating this event, at : [louthwatchgroup@gmail.com](mailto:louthwatchgroup@gmail.com). He needs to know how many to expect so please give him plenty of notice.

Now Then....Can you do one Wild Thing every day for a whole month? Why not give it a try? It's very fun and actually quite easy for all you nature lovers. Have a look here to see what others have done and sign up for your free pack, ready to start on 1st June: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild>

Please find below our programme plan for the rest of the year; we think there are lots of exciting activities included and hope you agree! Put them in your diary now.

## Alford Wildlife Watch Programme 2023

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

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| 8 January   | Beach Clean and Bird Watching  | Anderby Creek      |
| 12 February | Woodland Clearing and Bonfire  | Rigsby Wood        |
| 12 March    | Investigating Owl Pellets  | Alford Manor House |
| 16 April    | Countryside Lincs - Come and find us here, on the Lincolnshire showground! |                    |

This is a fun-filled family day out with plenty of interactive indoor and outdoor activities and workshops to discover a flavour of food, farming and the countryside. Jam-packed with animals, activities, experiences and entertainment for all the family.

Read all about it and get your tickets here:

<https://lincolnshireshowground.co.uk/whats-on/event/countryside-lincs-2023-16-04-2023>

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| 21 May       | Chalk Stream dipping with Louth Watch.   |            |
| 11 June      | Pond Dipping and Dragonflies   | Swinn Wood |
| 9 July       | Seaside Activities   | Sandilands |
| 19/20 August | Wild Camping! We will have an overnight Camp- out at Goulceby with lots of different activities which may include Moths, Bats, Crafts, Flower Seed Collecting. |            |
| 26-28 August | Bank Holiday at the Alford Craft Fair, Come and visit us; even better, please come and help with activities on WW stall!                                       |            |
| 10 September | Bird Ringing   |            |
| 17 September | Dormouse Hunt in the Lincolnshire Limewoods?   | TBC        |
| 8 October    | Fungi and Guided Walk with James Forrester at Snipe Dales  |            |
| 19 November  | 10.a.m. Guided Walk , Seals at Donna Nook  |            |
| 10 December  | Christmas Party at Alford Manor House  |            |