



St. Helena's Church of England Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Y5 Taster Day at Skegness Grammar School

Thursday 25th April

Class Photographs

Thursday 2nd May

School Association Film Night

Friday 3rd May

School Association Willow and Wine Evening.

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May

Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd June

School Open - Term 6

Tuesday 11th June

Y6 Church School Festival

Wednesday 12th June

Sports Day.

Monday 24th June

Year 5 Curriculum Day at JSTC.

Thursday 4th July & Friday 5th July

Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC

Friday 19th July 2024

Last day of Term

Our School Vision

Opening minds, widening horizons, developing a better world.

We seek to reveal and develop the talents of everyone, so that we may flourish and become the valued and valuable person God intended us to be. We work towards every member of our school community being happy, confident, committed learners, reaching their full academic potential. We strive to open minds, widen horizons and develop a better world. We do this by providing a foundation of strong moral and social values, ensuring all can play an active, responsible role within the community.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

Headteacher's message

I trust you had a wonderful Easter holiday. It's a time for embracing new beginnings, fostering joy, and holding onto hope for what lies ahead.

At St. Helena's, we extend a warm welcome to our new starters, whether in our nursery or elsewhere in the school. It's truly gratifying to witness the opportunity we have to shape and nurture so many exceptional children. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents for their unwavering support, whether it's through reading with their children or ensuring they're ready for school each morning - a task I'm familiar with and recognise as no small feat!

We've had an excellent start to the new term, with all our students displaying a genuine passion for learning. This enthusiasm was evident during our recent assembly, where I had the pleasure of awarding 20 bronze badges and 1 silver to deserving children! Additionally, our Year 3 students had a fantastic experience this week when they visited John Spendluffe to sing alongside Hayley Sanderson, the lead singer from the Strictly Come Dancing Band.

Looking ahead to the summer term, we have an array of exciting extracurricular activities lined up, from our selection of after-school clubs to the events organised by our School Association. I urge you all to support these events, as they play a vital role in fostering a vibrant and thriving community.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher



Transport information for children starting school in September 2024.

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2024 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). Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. 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. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.



Sports Day - Wednesday 12th June 2024.

We are planning to hold Sports Day on Wednesday 12th June 2024 and are hoping to have this on the village green at Willoughby.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their sports in the morning and Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 in the afternoon.

Please bring your picnic chairs and join us for a traditional sports day, where you can cheer your children on.

More information will be available nearer the day.



School Association Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd May - Film, Wish

Friday 3rd May, 6:30-8:30pm - Willow & Wine Evening

Date to be confirmed in May - Football Breakfast

Date to be confirmed in June - Friends of St Helena's School Event

Saturday 29th June - Summer Fayre



Can you help?

You are invited to come into school on Friday 26th April to join the Reception children on their welly walk to the allotment where there is lots of weeding needed. If you can come to the office at 9:15am to sign in and then if you could help carry tools etc. to the allotment. Donations of compost/top soil for the raised beds would also be gratefully received.

This year as the Reception children are having a well-being entry at the Lincolnshire Show, they are planning to create a sensory area. Donations of perennial plants - small colourful & textured shrubs (like lambs ears and ornamental grasses), herbs & fruit plants would be gratefully received. Some seeds have kindly been donated but plug plants of edibles such as tomatoes/cabbage etc would be lovely to kick start the vegetable plot.



After School Clubs (3:30-4:30pm) for Term 5

Monday Cross Country with JB Sports for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

Tuesday Cricket Club Y3 & Y4

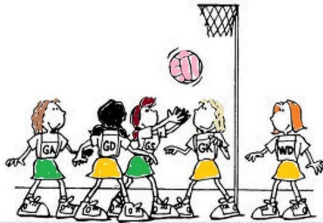
SATs on 23rd and 30th April and 7th May with Mr Goddard.

Wednesday Netball with Charlotte for Y3 and Y4

SATs on 24th April, 1st and 8th May with Mr Goddard.

Friday Multi Skills with JB Sport for Y1 and Y2.

If you would like to book your child onto an after school club please email attendance@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk



Year 5 Taster Day

Year 5 Taster Day at Skegness Grammar School

Accompanied by Mrs Shaw the Year 5 children will be going to a Taster Day at Skegness Grammar on Monday 22nd April.

They will leave and return by coach and have already made their lunch choices, if not they will need a packed lunch. The children will be doing PE so will need to come to school/change into their trainers and they will need a water bottle.



Class Photographs.

The photographer will be coming into school on Thursday 25th April to take class photographs. Please can you make sure the children come to school in their correct school uniform and bring a comb/brush.

Thank you.



Parents we need your help!

Please can you help with a little bit of varnishing?

The wooden items in the playground are desperately in need of varnishing and it would be great if you could help us.

The date for doing this on Friday 26th April at 3:30pm. If you can help please let Mr Anderson know.

Thank you

Willow & Wine Evening at St Helena's Primary School



St Helena's School Association would like to invite you for an evening with the very talented Jon Finnis showing you how to weave willow into beautiful pieces for your garden. You will then be able to admire your artwork with friends and a glass of wine

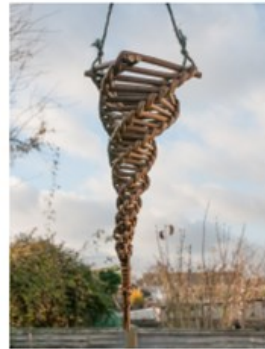
May, 3rd - 6.30pm-8.30pm



Book today for only £10 pp
at the School Office or call
01507462367



Limited Availability





The poster features a green background with a white owl illustration in the top left corner. The owl is perched on a branch, looking towards the right. Below the owl is the text 'wildlife watch' in a stylized font. To the right of the owl is a large red circle. The main title 'Alford Wildlife Watch' is written in a bold, black font. Below it, in a smaller font, is 'Wildlife Watch is the junior branch of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust'. The event title 'Natterjack Toads' is written in a large, bold, black font. Below this, the date 'Saturday 13th April' is written in a bold, black font, followed by 'Rimac' in a smaller font. A paragraph of text describes the event: 'A special trip to hear, and maybe even see, the rare Natterjack Toad, led by the nature reserve wardens. Rimac is also a fantastic reserve for wildflowers, birds and butterflies so this should be a real treat.' Below this paragraph, it says 'Suitable for children aged 6 - 14. Adult supervision'. At the bottom right, there is a small illustration of a car with a person inside. To the right of the car, the text reads: 'For more information and to book, contact our Watch Leader email alfordwatch@gmail.com'. At the very bottom right, there are three website addresses: www.lincstrust.org.uk/wildlife-watch, www.wildlifewatch.org.uk, and www.wildlifewatch.org.uk.

wildlife watch

Alford Wildlife Watch

Wildlife Watch is the junior branch of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Natterjack Toads

Saturday 13th April

Rimac

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Alford Wildlife Watch Programme for 2024

Sunday 14 January 2.00-3.30p.m. Litter Pick at Anderby Creek

Sunday 11 February 2.00-3.30p.m. Hedge Planting at South Ormsby

Sunday 10 March 2.00-3.30p.m. Natural Navigation

Saturday 13 April evening session with torches Natterjack toads at Rimac

Sunday 12 May 2.00-3.30p.m. Pond Dipping at Rigsby Wood

Sunday 9 June 2.00-3.30p.m. Wild flowers at Red Hill

Sunday 14 July 2.00-3.30p.m. Butterflies at Swinn Wood

August Beach party at Sandilands tbc

Saturday 7 September 6.30-8.00p.m. Bats in Swinn Wood

Sunday 20 October 7.30-9.30 a.m. High Tide at Gibraltar Point

Sunday 10 November 2.00-3.30p.m. Woodland Clearing and Bonfire at Rigsby Wood

Sunday 8 December 2.00-3.30p.m. Christmas Party