Date: 21st November 2025

St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy

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

Upcoming dates

DECEMBER 2025

Thursday 4th December

School Association Christmas Craft KS1

Friday 5th December

School Association Christmas Craft KS2

Monday 8th December 2:30pm
Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity.

Tuesday 9th December 2:30PM
Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity.

Wednesday 10th December 10am

Reception and Little Explorers' Nativity.

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Thursday 11th December

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 16th December 10am—10:30am

Rocksteady Concert. Parents are invited to watch.

Wednesday 17th December

Whole school (not LE) - Pantomime at The Embassy Theatre. A big thank you to School Association for paying for the transport.

Friday 19th December 2:30pm

Christingle at St Helena's Church. Reception, Y1, Y4/5 and Y6 will be taking part in the service.

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

It's great to be back after my paternity leave, and I want to say a heartfelt thank you for all your kind words and warm welcomes on my return. Your support means a great deal to me and my family.

As the colder weather settles in, please can I remind all parents and carers of the importance of children coming to school with appropriate winter clothing. Warm coats, hats, scarves, and gloves make a huge difference to their comfort and wellbeing, especially during break and lunchtime when they are outside.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our school uniform expectations. Wearing the correct uniform helps our children feel part of the St Helena's community and supports a positive attitude to learning. Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring children come to school dressed smartly and ready for the day.

Over the past fortnight, children across the school have been completing their assessments. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination, and resilience they have shown. As a school, we pride ourselves on the fantastic outcomes our children achieve, and it has been wonderful to celebrate their successes.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ed Anderson

Headteacher

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New Email Address

As we have become a part of the Infinity Academies Trust the email address has now changed to:

sthenquiries@infinityacademies.co.uk

In the first instance please send **ALL** emails to this address.

Thank you.

Tesco Tokens

Please keep supporting us at Tesco in Mablethorpe, with the token voting.

We are hoping to improve the EYFS outdoor space with sensory play, activity zones and natural areas, fostering exploration, creativity and key skills.

Please ask all your friends and family to support us too!

Tokens will be available from the first week in October until mid-January. You do need to ask for them at the checkout.

Reception Children starting in September 2026

If your child is born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parentportal. The portal is open from 17 November 2025 to 15 January 2026. If you do not have the facility to apply online you can request a paper copy by telephoning 01522 782030.

Diary Dates

Please see the dates for your diaries at the back of the newsletter. The dates in red have been added since last week.

Lost Fleece

Please can you check your child has the correct fleece. Tobi Whitbread-Dixon has lost his and it does have his name in.

Thank you

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Christmas Pantomime - Wednesday 17th December 2025

Now set up on Parentmail.

Tickets have been booked for the whole school to go and see the Wizzard of Oz Christmas Pantomime at The Embassy Theatre, Skegness.

School Association are kindly paying the transport cost - **thank you School Association**. However, we kindly, ask for a donation of £7.60 towards the cost of the ticket. Payments can be made via Parentmail.

Easyfundraising

Please sign up to support St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy. It is completely free and would make a big difference to our fundraising. Once you've signed up you can raise free donations for us when you shop online with over 8000 retailers.

The link to sign up is:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-helenas-ce-primary-school-willoughby/rsul2a/c2s/LSwtxz8T/NT251/facebook

Thank you

Christmas Dinner - Last day for ordering is Tuesday 2nd December

Christmas Dinner day is Thursday 11th December 2025. All meals MUST be ordered by parents/carers by Tuesday 2nd December. If your child does not usually have a hot meal but would like to have Christmas Dinner you will need to order online via the Willoughby Foods website. If you have not already registered contact Willoughby Foods on 01205 351133.

Y4/5 Swimming

Unfortunately, we have just been notified by Magna Vitae that the swimming pool will be closed during December for maintenance. Therefore, our last swimming session will be on Thursday 27th November 2025.

Refunds will be automatically raised on Parentmail.

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Little Explorers and Reception Nativity

This will be on Wednesday 10th December at 10am and another production will be at 2:30pm.

Tickets are available from the school office but due to limited space there will be 3 tickets per family available and it will be on a first come basis.

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

This will be on Monday 8th December at 2:30pm and Tuesday 9th December at 2:30pm.

Tickets are available from the school office but due to limited space there will be 3 tickets per family available and it will be on a first come basis.

ST HELENA'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON – PERMISSION SLIP

Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Please circle which session your child will be attending:

- **Reception – Year 2 Thursday 4th December** – 3:30pm to 4:30pm Yes, my child will attend
- **Year 3 – Year 6 Friday 5th December** – 3:30pm to 4:30pm Yes, my child will attend

Cost: £3 per child (includes snack and drink)

I give permission for my child to attend the Christmas Craft Afternoon. I understand that the session will finish at **4:30pm** and I will collect my child from school at this time.

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Any allergies or dietary needs: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2025

DECEMBER 2025

4th	School Association Christmas Craft KS1
5th	School Association Christmas Craft KS2
~~6th~~	~~School Association Breakfast with Santa~~ CANCELLED
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JANUARY 2026

6th	School Open Term 3

FEBRUARY 2026

6th	NSPCC Number Day
6th	3:30-4:30pm Reception & KS1 School Association Dicky Bow and Diamonds Disco
6th	5pm-6pm KS2 School Association Dicky Bow and Diamonds Disco
13th	Last Day of Term
23rd	School Open Term 4

MARCH 2026

w/c 2nd	Learning Plan Meetings
5th	World Book Day-Dress up as your favourite book character.
9th & 12th	Parents' Meetings
13th	Mother's Day Shop
27th	Non Uniform Day—A donation of Chocolate would be appreciated for the Easter Hampers.
30th & 31st	Raffle Tickets on Sale for the Easter Hampers

Diary Dates continued

APRIL 2026

1st	Raffle Tickets on Sale for the Easter Hampers
2nd	2:30pm Easter Service at St Helena's Church. All classes will be taking part in the service.
2nd	Lat Day of Term
21st	School Open Term 5
22nd	Earth Day for Science Week.

MAY 2026

4th	School Closed - Bank Holiday
15th	School Association Disco
22nd	Last Day of Term

JUNE 2026

1st	School Open Term 6
w/c 8th	Learning Plan Meetings

JULY 2026

2nd	Sports Day– the morning will be KS1 and the afternoon will be KS2. Reception class will be confirmed nearer the time.
4th	School Association Summer Fair
17th	Parents collect reports
22nd	2:30pm Leavers' Assembly at St Helena's Church
22nd	Last Day of the Academic Year

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