



St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy

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

Upcoming dates

25th March 2026

Music Festival at Spilsby

26th March 2026

Year 5 and 6 visit the Natural History Museum, London

Music Festival at Spilsby

27th March 2026

Non Uniform Day

30th & 31st March

Raffle Tickets on sale for Easter Hamper

1st April 2026

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2nd April 2026

2:30pm Easter Service at St Helena's Church

2nd April 2026

Last Day of Term

21st April 2026

School Open—Term 5

22nd April 2026

Earth Day for Science Week

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

As we reach the end of another busy week, I want to share how incredibly proud we are of all our children for their assessment achievements. Every child has given their absolute best, showing determination, resilience, and a real commitment to their learning. Their hard work truly shines through, and they should feel very proud of themselves.

This week we also welcomed many of you into school for our Parents' Evening. These meetings are such a valuable opportunity to strengthen the important relationship between home and school. I hope you left feeling well-informed about your child's enjoyment of school, their successes, and their next steps. At St Helena's, we are extremely fortunate to have such supportive parents, and I want to thank you sincerely for the encouragement and partnership you offer.

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 5 and 6 children are off on an exciting visit to the Natural History Museum in London on Thursday. Yes, it will be an early start, but I have no doubt it will be a memorable primary school experience — one they will talk about for years to come.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I wish everyone a restful weekend.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher



**Thank you for the
payments
received.
This will still go
ahead.**

Year 5 and 6 visit the Natural History Museum in London

Year 5 and Year 6 will be visiting the **Natural History Museum in London on Thursday 26th March 2026.**

The purpose of this visit is to provide cultural enrichment and to complement our Upper Key Stage 2 science curriculum. During the day, the children will enjoy a guided tour of the museum and explore some of its most iconic exhibits. In addition, they will take part in an engaging, hands-on workshop focused on evolution, one of their science topics this year, using real-life fossils.

Due to the distance of travel, this visit will involve an **early departure and a late return**. We will be leaving school at **5:15am**, so children must arrive at school by **5am at the latest**, having already eaten breakfast. All children will need to bring a **packed lunch**, a **full water bottle**, and an **additional packed tea and drink** for the journey home. We aim to depart the museum at **3pm** with an estimated return time to school of **8pm**. We will keep families informed on the day should there be any delays to our return.

Due to the timings of the visit, we fully appreciate children may be tired for school the following day. Therefore, it has been agreed that children can have the option of a staggered start on Friday 27th March, arriving no later than **10am**, to ensure they can attend the school day properly rested.

Thank you for all the payments received—the visit will be able to go ahead.

Please ensure your Consent/Medical form has been returned to school prior to the 26th March - Thank you.



Important information regarding school transport for children starting secondary school or primary school in September 2026

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2026 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport from 2nd March (secondary offer day) or 16 April (primary offer day) once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below.

Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place.

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.



Health and Safety

Jewellery in school

It has come to our attention that several children are still wearing jewellery to school.

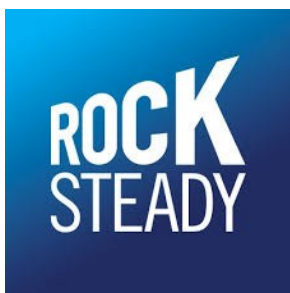
Please be reminded that, in accordance with school policy, jewellery is not permitted. The only exception is stud ear-rings.

This policy applies to all children, from Little Explorers through to Year 6.

Long Hair

Please ensure that **ALL** children with long hair have it tied back for school.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that children follow this Health and Safety rule.



Rock Steady Concert

Please come and see your children perform on Tuesday 31st March at 10am.

Booking is not necessary.

This concert is for the parents of those children who have been learning to play an instrument/perform this term.

Learning Plan Meetings

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The Learning Plan Meetings have been set up for Monday on Parentmail. Please book your appointment via the APP. Any problems please contact the school office.



Easter Hampers: Non-Uniform Day

A reminder that Friday 27th is Non-Uniform Day. Please bring a chocolate donation for the Easter Hampers.

St Helena's School Association

EASTER RAFFLE

**EASTER EGG HAMPERS TO BE
WON**

**RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN THE
PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL ON**

- MON 30TH/TUES 31ST/ WEDS 1ST APRIL -

**RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AFTER SCHOOL
ON THE FINAL DAY OF TERM**

- THURSDAY 2ND APRIL -

50p per raffle ticket



You're invited!

EYFS Mother's Day Afternoon Tea



Little Explorers' and Reception would like to invite you to join them in school for a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at the end of March!

(We know that Mother's Day is on the 15th of March this year, but due to a very busy diary this term, we have decided to run our Afternoon Tea sessions towards the end of term – we hope you don't mind!)

We will be running four sessions across two days:

- **Thursday 26th March, 10:30am-11:30am**
- **Thursday 26th March, 1:30pm-2:30pm**
- **Friday 27th March, 10:30am-11:30am**
- **Friday 27th March, 1:30pm-2:30pm**

Please contact the School Office to book your choice of session.

We kindly ask that only one adult attends per child, but this is welcome to be a Mum, Auntie, Grandma, or whoever your child would like to share this special time with!

If you have more than one child in EYFS, you are welcome to book one session to share with both of your children, or you can book two separate sessions.

If your child does not attend Little Explorers on a Thursday or Friday, you are still more than welcome to book your choice of session and join us!

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you into school at the end of March!

Thank you,

Miss Rinfret and the EYFS Team

Parent Hub

We are moving our Communication APP to Parent Hub.

You should all have received an email asking you to join our Parent Hub, if you haven't yet please subscribe as soon as possible as this will be our new way of communicating. Below is an email explaining how to join via the APP.



St Helena's C of E Primary Academy,

would like you to join their school on Parent Hub.

Just tap "Join a School" in the app and enter the handle below...

@St_Helenas

The Parent Hub app is FREE to download and use.



What is Parent Hub?



Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

Instructions for Parents



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Join a School" and enter the school handle (above).

Visit www.parenthub.co.uk to find out more

GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING

EASTER ACTIVITY DAYS

AT JOHN SPENDLUFFE TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE, ALFORD

THURSDAY 9TH AND TUESDAY 14TH APRIL 2026

Activities include Trampolining, Vaulting, Low Beams, Trampette and floor work.

5-15 YEARS, GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL ABILITIES

Session 1- 10:00-12:15 Session 2- 12:45-3:00pm

£24 for both Sessions. £13 for Session 1 or 2

QUALIFIED EXPERIENCED COACHES

Please bring plenty OF DRINKS AND SNACKS

And LUNCH if staying for both sessions.

Fun and enjoyable sessions for all age and abilities.

For more information or a booking form text

GARETH on 07861 424541

Spaces are limited. Spaces will be held on payment, please fill out form and e-mail form back to Gareth at: garethbutlerisc14@hotmail.com

Hope to hear from you soon. Gareth and Debby

Date: 20th March 2026

TRAMPOLINING AND GYMNASTICS EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY SESSIONS ALFORD GYMNASTICS CLUB

Dear Parents,

During the Easter Holiday's we will be holding two days of gymnastics and trampolining at John Spendluffe Technology College. On Thursday 9th April 2026 and Tuesday 14th 2026 Sessions are for 5-year-olds upwards. There are limited spaces, a space will only be secured on payment and if there is a space still available.

Sessions 1 and 2: Trampolining and Gymnastics: Vaulting, Floor work and trampolining, trampette in a friendly atmosphere. 5 to 15 years, girls and boys of all abilities. 10:00am to 12:15pm. or 12:45pm to 3pm. £13.00 for one session or £24.00 for both sessions.

2 QUALIFIED EXPERIENCED COACHES. GREAT FUN AND EXERCISE.

Please send your child with drinks, snacks and a packed lunch if taking part in sessions 1 and 2. T. Shirt, trousers, and long sleeve top, also shorts and SOCKS are needed. Long hair tied back and kept off their face and no jewellery. NO JEANS, NOTHING WITH ZIPS OR BUTTONS. NO EARRINGS

No refunds will be made, once booked. If you would like to reserve a space please return the slip below along with payment to the gym or post to Gareth Butler, 30 Main Road, Hundleby, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, PE23 5LS or email completed form to :

garethbutlerisc14@hotmail.com

If you could make cash payment during a weekday session, alternatively please bank transfer payment details: D.J.Butler account number: 81720319 Sort Code:53-81-15 please reference payment with ACTS followed by child's name If you require any further information please text or ring: 07861-424541

Please PRINT IN CAPITALS Child's Name _____

Age_____Address_____

Tel. No._____

Any allergies, Medical conditions or Special needs. _____

Please tick the Date and sessions to reserve a space

on **Thursday 9th April 2026** Session 1 _____ £13.00 Session 2 _____ £13.00 or both sessions _____ £24.00

Tuesday 14th April 2026 Session 1 _____ £13 Session 2 _____ £13 or both sessions _____ £24

I enclose cash for £_____ OR BANK TRANSFER: Details as above Parents Name

(please print)_____ Signature_____ Date_____

Diary Dates

MARCH 2026

- w/c 23rd Learning Plan Meetings.
- 25th Music Festival at Spilsby
- 26th Music Festival at Spilsby
- 26th Y5 and Y6 visit the Natural History Museum in London
- 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

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



ATTENDANCE

A national framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is in force at St Helena's CE Primary Academy.

If a pupil has 10 unauthorised sessions, which is equal to 5 school days within a 10 week period, a penalty notice may be issued.

This will come under 3 categories: First, Second and Third offence.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

SECOND OFFENCE

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FUTURE OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance

Did you know that in **one school year**...

Honeyguide

If your child is late
every day by...



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minutes



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minutes



15
minutes

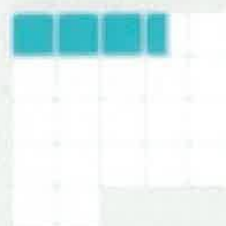


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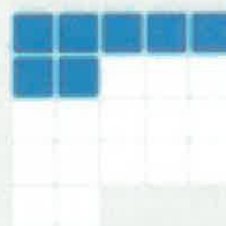


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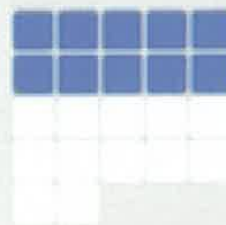
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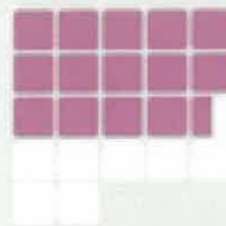
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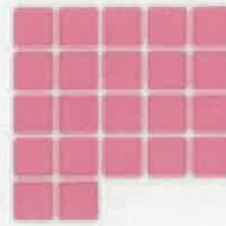
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school



14.5
days from
school



22
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