



St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy

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

11th September 2026

Year 6 Taking 11+ Verbal Paper

18th September 2026

Year 6 Taking 11+ Non Verbal Paper

2nd October 2026

2:30pm Harvest Festival at St Helena's Church. Reception, Y4, Y5 and Y6 children will take part in the service.

7th to 9th October 2026

Year 5 and Year 6 Caythorpe Residential

12th and 19th October 2026

Parents' Meetings.

23rd October 2026

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 hope that everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and has returned refreshed and ready for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. The start of a new school year is always a special time, bringing with it a sense of optimism, new beginnings and the chance for every child to grow, learn and flourish.

We are delighted to welcome new pupils and families to our school community and look forward to helping them settle quickly into life at St Helena's. We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Worthington & Mr Patten who have joined our staff team.

At St Helena's, we remain committed to providing the very best education and experiences for our children. Alongside high academic expectations, we will continue to nurture confidence, resilience, kindness and a love of learning. Our dedicated staff team has worked hard to prepare for the year ahead, and we are excited to share the many opportunities, events and achievements that will undoubtedly unfold over the coming months.

Partnership with parents and carers is at the heart of our success, and I would like to thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every child feels safe, valued and inspired to achieve their very best.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher

Information

Information for new families and reminders for 'old' families.

Make-up

Make-up is **not** permitted. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children attend school without makeup.

Jewellery

Children should not wear jewellery to school, with the exception of stud earrings. Please note though that stud earrings CANNOT be worn during PE lessons.

PE Kits

PE kits should be left in school at all times, as they may be needed for activities other than scheduled PE lessons.

Long Hair

Please ensure that ALL children, both boys and girls, have long hair tied back.

Homework expectation

Please listen to your child/ children read at least 3 times per week and record it in their reading record book for the teacher to see.

Thank you



Grapes

A request from Little Explorers' staff, although relevant to all families.

Please can you ensure that grapes are cut up before sending them in with your child. Whole grape are a significant choking hazard for young children.

Thank you.



Kiwi and Nut Allergies

A little reminder that we do have children in school with severe Kiwi and nut allergies. Please DO NOT include any items in your child's packed lunch or snack that may contain these. Pickup bars do contain nuts.



Thank you

Breakfast Club

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Breakfast Club is available Monday to Friday starting at 7:30am, last orders is at 8:20am. This facility is available to all children in school including Little Explorers.

Please enter via the large gates in the car park and on the left are the steps down to the hall. Please accompany your child to the door.

A healthy breakfast is provided so please do not send your child with their own breakfast. If you do need to do this due to dietary needs please speak to the Breakfast Club staff.

The cost per child is £2.50 and children need to be pre-booked using the Pembee system. The system can also process payments from a Government Tax-Free Childcare account.

To access Pembee and create an account please either use the following link <https://st-helenas-cofe-primary-academy.pembee.app> or the QR code below

If children are regularly attending but not pre-booking there will be an additional charge of £10 at the discretion of the Headteacher.



After School Fun Club

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After School Fun Club is available Monday to Friday and is charged at 3 different session rates:

3:30pm to 4:30pm £4 per session per child.

3:30pm to 5pm £5 per session per child.

3:30pm to 6pm £6 per session per child.

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Access for collection is through the gate near the steps to the school office. If children are outside playing collection will be at the double gates in the car park.



Healthy Snacks

If your child would like to bring a snack for break time, please could you ensure it is a healthy snack.

Please avoid sending chocolate bars, crisps or other unhealthy snacks.

Thank you



Parenthub, one of our communication methods.

If you have not already signed up please take a look at the back of this newsletter for the Parenthub information.

Parenthub is one of the ways we communicate with our school community. This is where you will find messages, notices, newsletter and payments can be made using this system too.

If your child starts in September you will not be able to fully sign up until 4th September. However, please do so as quickly as possible.

School Times

Year Reception to Year 6 School Opening Times

School starts at 8:50am prompt, children are able to enter from 8:40am.

Children in Years 1 to 6 enter by the small gate at the end of the path near the car park. Reception children enter via the Little Explorers gate.

Collection for all children at the end of the day is on the playground at 3:25pm.

Nursery Times

Little Explorers' Opening Times

The nursery is open from 9am, an adult from nursery will meet you at the gate to let your child in.

Please collect your child at 3pm at the same place, unless you have arranged to collect at 3:30pm or your child is going into the After School Fun Club.

Contacting a member of staff

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Sometimes you may wish to speak to your child's teacher or Mr Anderson, unfortunately due to classroom preparation etc they are not available before school starts. If you would like a phone call please ask Mrs Storr to ask the teacher/Mr Anderson to contact you.

ALL emails should be sent to sthenquiries@infinityacademies.co.uk in the first instance and they will be distributed to the relevant member of staff. Please do not email staff or Mr Anderson directly.



WHY START 11+ TUITION EARLY IN YEAR 5?

Starting early doesn't mean pressure or endless practice papers. It gives children time to build **skills** and **confidence** gradually.

11+ TUITION BEGINS BY...

consolidating vital **Maths** and **English** skills, including mental maths, comprehension and developing vocabulary.

We then introduce verbal and non-verbal reasoning, exam techniques and timed practice at a comfortable pace.

Every child is different, so sessions are relaxed, supportive and tailored to their needs.

EARLY PREPARATION HELPS CHILDREN TO:



Strengthen foundations and address gaps



Become familiar with different question types



Improve steadily without rushing



Develop effective exam strategies



Feel calm and confident as the exam approaches

IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING THE 11+ FOR YOUR CHILD AND WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MY SMALL-GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL TUITION,

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH! ♥

Jo Glew

Experienced Teacher & 11+ Tutor



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BUILDING SKILLS ★ GROWING CONFIDENCE ★ ACHIEVING POTENTIAL

RESPECT OUR LOCAL HEROES ON THE ROADS

Because we all want a better future



Road Workers work hard and long hours to keep our roads safe and smooth for everyone, including us as we go to school.



A kind smile and a 'thank you' goes a long way.
Let's show them we care!

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In support of the #EndAbuseAgainstRoadWorkers campaign.

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FOR BOYS AGED 5 - 18 | WE ARE...



ACTIVE



LEARNING



CREATIVE



ADVENTUROUS



GETTING INVOLVED



Tuesday Nights
6:00 - 7:30



St Wilfrid's
Church Hall

For more info: 1stalfordbb@gmail.com

ANCHORS
5 to 8 years

புலம்பெறும்
8 to 11 years

Company
11 to 14 years

Seniors
14 to 18 years

Parent Hub

We have moved our Communication APP to Parent Hub. Parentmail is no longer available.

Please subscribe download the APP as soon as possible as this is our new way of communicating. Please find details below explaining how to join



St Helena's C of E Primary Academy,

would like you to join their school on Parent Hub.

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@St_Helenas

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