



St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

28th September 3:30-4:30pm

Parents' Meeting for Y5 and Y6 children going to Caythorpe.

OCTOBER 2026

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

One of our key priorities this term is reading. We know that regular reading at home has a huge impact on children's confidence, fluency, vocabulary and overall academic success. Our expectation is that every child is listened to read at home at least three times each week and that this is recorded in their reading record.

When looking through reading records across the school, only around half of our pupils are currently meeting this expectation. As we do not set any other homework, we believe that reading three times a week is an achievable and highly beneficial routine for all families.

To encourage and celebrate this commitment, from Monday, any child who has been heard read three times during the week and has this recorded in their reading diary will receive a merit award. We hope this will help children establish positive reading habits and develop a lifelong love of books.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping your child become a confident and successful reader. Together, we can make a real difference.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher

Parents' Meetings

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Parents' Meetings for all classes except Little Explorers (Nursery) will be held on Monday 12th October and Monday 19th October 2026.

For the first time we will be using Pembee to book appointments. If you experience any problems, please let Mrs Storr know.

To access the appointment slots please use the QR code you normally use to book Breakfast Club and After School Fun Club.

Please note: You only need to book one appointment, on either 12th October or 19th October. Please do not book more than one appointment.



Caythorpe

Year 5 and 6 children will be going on their residential to Caythorpe on Wednesday 7th October 2026 until Friday 9th October 2026.

Children will come to school at the usual time and will leave during the morning. On arrival to school please put their luggage in the foyer and any medication and pocket money must be given to Mrs Shaw. Medication must be clearly marked and a form will need to be completed. Pocket money (maximum of £10) should be put in a named bag/purse.

Please ensure you have completed the consent form/medical form and all payments have been made. Without these your child will not be able to attend.

The children will need a packed lunch, please ensure it is in disposable packaging. They will also need a drinks bottle filled with water. Kit lists have been sent out.

There is an information evening for parents on Monday 28th September at 3:30pm to 4:30pm. If you have any concerns please come along and talk to Mrs Shaw and Mr Goddard.



Photographs

Children should have brought home their individual school photographs.

The deadline for orders being delivered free of charge to school is Friday 2nd October 2026.



Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 2nd October at 2:30pm, and we would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable food items to support our local community.

Please feel free to start bringing donations into school from Monday 28th September. A collection table will be available in the school foyer for all donated items.

We would also like to warmly invite all parents, carers, family members and friends to attend our Harvest Festival service on Friday 2nd October at 2:30pm.

During the service:

Reception, Year 4, and Years 5 & 6 will be performing.

Our Worship Leaders will be leading the service.

We look forward to celebrating together and sharing this special occasion with you.



Parking Permits

New parking permits are now available from the office, if you have been authorised to park in the car park, please collect your new permit from the office.

Please ensure that the permit is clearly displayed in your vehicle window at all times.

Thank you.



Healthy Snacks

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

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

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



School Office Opening Hours Update

From Monday 28th September 2026, the school office will be closed daily from 12:00pm to 12:30pm.

To better support our families and in response to parent feedback, the office will now remain open later each day:

Monday to Thursday: till 4:30pm

Friday: till 4:00pm

During the lunchtime closure, you are welcome to leave a message on the school answerphone; however, no staff will be available in the office during this period.

We hope these revised opening hours will provide greater flexibility and support for our school community.

October 2026

2 nd	2:30pm Harvest Festival at St Helena's Church. Reception, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will take part in the service.
7-9 th	Y5 & Y6 PGL at Caythorpe Court.
9 th	11+ Results are posted to Y6 children
12 th + 19 th	3:40pm to 6pm Parents' Meetings 3pm to 6pm for Y4 Parents' Meeting
23 rd	Last Day of Term.

November 2026

2 nd	School Opens
16 th	Open Day in the morning and evening
11 th	2:30pm Remembrance Service
12 th	NHS Flu Immunisations for YR-Y6
13 th	Children in Need Ramble

December 2026

7 th	Learning Plan meetings
7 th	In the morning Year 1 and 2 Nativity
7 th	In the afternoon Reception Nativity
8 th	Rocksteady concert to whole school
9 th	In the morning Reception Nativity
9 th	In the afternoon Year 1 and 2 Nativity
10 th	Christmas Jumper Day
10 th	Christmas Dinner whole school
15 th	In the morning singing around the Christmas Tree.
15 th	In the afternoon Rocksteady concert to parents
Unknown	Whole school (not LE) Robin Hood Pantomime at The Embassy Theatre. A big thank you to School Association for paying for the transport.
18 th	2:30pm Christingle at St Helena's Church. Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 will be taking part in the service.
18 th	Last Day of Term.

January 2027

4 th	Staff Training Day
5 th	School Open Term 3.

February 2027

5 th	NSPCC Number Day
10 th	2:30pm Ash Wednesday Service in Church – KS2 only.
12 th	Last Day of Term
22 nd	School Open Term 4

March 2027

4 th	World Book Day-Decorate a hat to show your favourite book
15 th	Learning Plan Meetings
16 th	Rocksteady Concert to the whole school
23 rd	In the afternoon – Rocksteady concert to parents
25 th	2:30pm Easter Service – Reception children will be taking part in the service.
25 th	End of Term

April 2027

13 th	Staff Training Day
14 th	School Open Term 5
19 th + 26 th	Parents' Meetings
19 th -23 rd	10 x Year 6 children will visit Piazza.

May 2027

3 rd	Bank Holiday
28 th	Last Day of Term

June 2027

7 th	School Open Term 6
w/c 14 th	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
24 th	Y4 Residential Rand Farm Park
w/c 28th	Learning Plan Meetings

July 2027

5 th	Sports Day – the morning will be Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and the afternoon will be Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.
6 th	In the afternoon Rocksteady concert to the whole school
8 th	Y6 Induction Day at QEGS, Alford
8 th	Y6 Induction Day at JSTC, Alford
9 th	Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC, Alford
9 th	Reports to Ed deadline
12 th	Little Explorers' Sports Day
13 th	In the afternoon Rocksteady concert to parents
19 th	Parents collect reports
21 st	2:15pm Leavers' Assembly at St Helena's Church
21 st	Last Day of the academic year.

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.

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

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

Date: 25th September 2026

QR Code for booking your child into Breakfast Club and After School
Fun Club and Parents' Meetings.

