



St. Helena's Church of England Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 30th September 2024 3:30-5:30pm & Monday 7th October 2024 4:30-6:30pm

Parents' evening

Friday 4th October 2024

Harvest Festival, 2pm at the church

Friday 15th November 2024

Children in Need Ramble

Tuesday 10th December 2024

Nursery & Reception Nativity (show 1) 2.30pm-3pm

Wednesday 11th December 2024

Nursery & Reception Nativity (show 2) 2.30pm-3pm

Wednesday 11th December 2024

Y1&2 Nativity (show 1) 5pm-5.45pm

Thursday 12th December 2024

Y1&2 Nativity (show 2) 2.30pm-3.15pm

Thursday 12th December 2024

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December 2024

Christingle service, 2pm at the church

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

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our Year 5&6 pupils who had an unforgettable time at PGL! The children embraced every challenge, from zip-lining to canoeing, and their enthusiasm was inspiring. They demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and courage, and it was a joy to see their confidence grow throughout the trip. We are incredibly proud of their positive attitudes and the memories they've created together. Well done, Year 5&6!

We are also delighted to report on our school's attendance so far this year; we are currently at 98% for the whole school. Our school community has shown fantastic commitment, with attendance rates on track for one of our best years yet! We cannot emphasise enough how crucial regular attendance is for learning. Being in school every day helps children make consistent progress, builds on their knowledge, and strengthens friendships. Keep up the excellent work!

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for dedicating time to listen to your children read at home. This makes a world of difference in their confidence and fluency. Your continued support is invaluable to their success, so thank you!

Have a lovely weekend,



Ed Anderson
Headteacher



We've done lots of work in school over the last couple of years on understanding our British Values. This week, we've seen the value of "Democracy" in action, with the democratic election of our new 2024/25 School Council. Please welcome our fresh Cabinet, who were sworn in with their new badges this morning. We look forward to having student voice represented in school and lots of exciting projects ahead. Congratulations to all!

I am proud to announce our School Council representatives for this academic year:

EYFS: Ada & William

Year 1: Honey & Enzo

Year 2: Maisey & Harley G

Year 3: Georgie & Ralphie

Year 4: Aisha & Ava

Year 5: Molly & Nahum







After School Clubs (3:30-4:30pm)

The following after-school clubs are available this term:

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| Monday | Football with JB Sport for Y3 and Y4 |
| Tuesday | Choir with Miss Wickland for KS2 |
| Wednesday | Tennis with Charlotte for Y5 and Y6 |
| Friday | Multi-skills with JB Sport for Y1 and Y2 |



Parking

Please be reminded that parking in the school car park is only permitted for those with a valid parking permit. We kindly ask all parents and visitors to respect this rule and be considerate of others when dropping off or picking up children.



PTA Events:

3rd October 2024 – 15:30-17:30 Film Night: Minions

1st November 2024, 15:30-17:30 – School Disco

5th December 2024 – 15:30-17:30 Film Night: Elf

Breakfast with Santa – Date TBC

Spring Outdoor Film Night – Date TBC

5th July 2025 – Summer Fair

MOVIE NIGHT



POPCORN INCLUDED
£3 PER CHILD
ENTERTAINMENT TIME



THURSDAY
03.10.2024
3.30PM-5.30PM



St Helena's Church of England Primary School
Main Road, Willoughby, Alford LN13 9NH

TEACHING ASSISTANT
Temporary, Term Time
25 Hours per Week, Grade G3 P6-9

We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant, preferably with KS2 experience, to join our warm and welcoming Church School community. This is a fantastic opportunity to work within a supportive school environment, helping to make a difference in the lives of young learners.

Responsibilities:

- Supporting the Class Teacher in delivering engaging and effective lessons
- Assisting with classroom management and creating a positive learning environment
- Providing 1:1 or small group support to pupils, particularly those with additional needs
- Helping to prepare learning materials and resources
- Supervising pupils during breaks, lunchtimes and other activities as needed

Requirements:

- Experience working with children in a school setting is essential, preferably in KS2
- Patience, adaptability and a passion for supporting children's development
- Strong communication and teamwork skills
- A commitment to the well-being and success of all pupils.
- Experience of Read Write Inc Phonics Programme is desirable but not essential as training will be given.

Please contact Mrs Karen Rinfret for an application pack.

Tel: 01507 462367

Email: karen.rinfret@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk

Closing Date: Friday 4th October 2024 at 9:00a.m.

Interviews: Thursday 10th October 2024

Start date: As Soon As Possible

Please note St Helena's C of E Primary school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. All posts will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical and reference checks. All pre-employment checks undertaken are in line with "Keeping Children Safe in Education". The ability to converse at ease with the school community and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post.

Attendance

Supporting you to understand the new rules



A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law.

These new government regulations will come into effect from **19th August 2024**.

What are these changes?

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 further 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



A Talk by Jean Howard

One Woman's Fight for Equality

The life of S. Jesse Stephenson –
Who has connections with Walmsgate
and South Thoresby

Friday 11th October
7 pm

Alford Manor House Marquee

West Street
Alford

Lincolnshire
LN13 9HT

01507 463 073
Reg Charity No 252330

Tickets £5

Available from the
Manor House desk

Tea or coffee &
homemade biscuits

Bar open from 6.30

