



St. Helena's Church of England Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 27th January 2025

Young Voices at Sheffield

Friday 14th February 2025

Last Day of Term

Monday 24th February 2025

School Open Term 4

Friday 4th April 2025

Easter Service

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

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable festive period with your loved ones. It's been wonderful to see the children back at St. Helena's Primary School, full of energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead.

Since our return, the school has been a buzz of activity, with the children settling back into their routines and thriving in their learning. It's always inspiring to see their determination and joy as they engage with their lessons and develop new skills.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of taking our girls' football team to the inter-schools tournament at Skegness Grammar School. The team represented St. Helena's brilliantly, showcasing both their skill and teamwork. We're incredibly proud of their fantastic achievement in finishing second in the league!

As many of you know, I'm passionate about sport and the opportunities it provides for teamwork, resilience, and personal growth. This term, we have an exciting lineup of sporting competitions across a range of disciplines, and I'm confident our children will approach them with the same dedication and spirit that they always do.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to sharing more of our achievements throughout the term!



Ed Anderson
Headteacher



Office Opening Times.

Please note the office hours are:

8:30am until 3:15pm

There is a little 'School Bag' hanging by the hatch for any paperwork.

Thank you

EMAILS



We kindly request that all correspondence with staff members at St. Helena's be directed to admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk in the first instance. Recently, there have been instances of parents emailing teachers and the headteacher directly. To ensure a smooth and efficient communication process, we ask that all emails go through our admin team.

Our admin inbox is monitored Monday to Friday, and any necessary information will be promptly forwarded to the relevant staff members. This approach helps us maintain proper work-life balance for our team, ensuring they can focus fully on their responsibilities during school hours.



School Dinners/Breakfast Club/After School Fun Club.

Polite reminder - As a school with very tight budgets we are unable to offer credit for any of the above facilities. Therefore please ensure your account is always up to date.

Thank you.



Our Reception children are in need of dressing up clothes!

If you have any unused dress-up outfits at home, especially ones representing different careers (like police, nurse, doctor, or builder outfits), we'd be so grateful for your donations. Please bring any contributions to Mrs Storr.

Thank you for your support!



Parking

Once again we kindly request that when bringing children to school and collecting at the end of the school day, you park with consideration to residents.

Following a recent complaint from a village resident, we ask you to observe the following guidelines:

Avoid Blocking Driveways: Please ensure that you do not block or partially obstruct driveways, allowing residents easy access to their homes.

Do not sit with the engine running: Please do not sit with the engine running.

Leave Space for Pedestrians: Ensure pavements remain clear for pedestrians.

Consideration to residents: Please ensure your parking does not cause any inconvenience to residents

Do not park in the staff carpark or use it as a turn around: Please do not park in the staff car park unless you have been issued with a parking permit.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in maintaining a respectful and pleasant community environment.



School Association Events:

Spring Outdoor Film Night – Date TBC

5th July 2025 – Summer Fair



We're looking for volunteers to listen to children read!

As you know, reading is essential for success across all areas of learning. To support this, we're working to increase opportunities for children to read with an adult at school. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Mr. Anderson. We'll arrange a DBS check for you, which will enable you to volunteer at St. Helena's. Thank you for your support!



After School Clubs still have spaces available.

The following clubs are running this term:

Monday Goal Ball Y5 & Y6 with JB Sports (maximum 12)

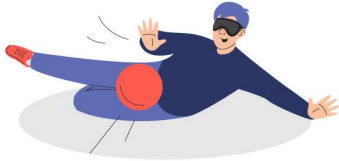
Tuesday Choir continues with Miss Wickland

Wednesday Boccia Y3 & Y4

Thursday Chess continues with Mr Anderson (starting Thursday 23rd January 2025)

Friday Cricket Skills Y1 & Y2

If your child would like to take part in any of the clubs above please complete the slip below and return to the school office.



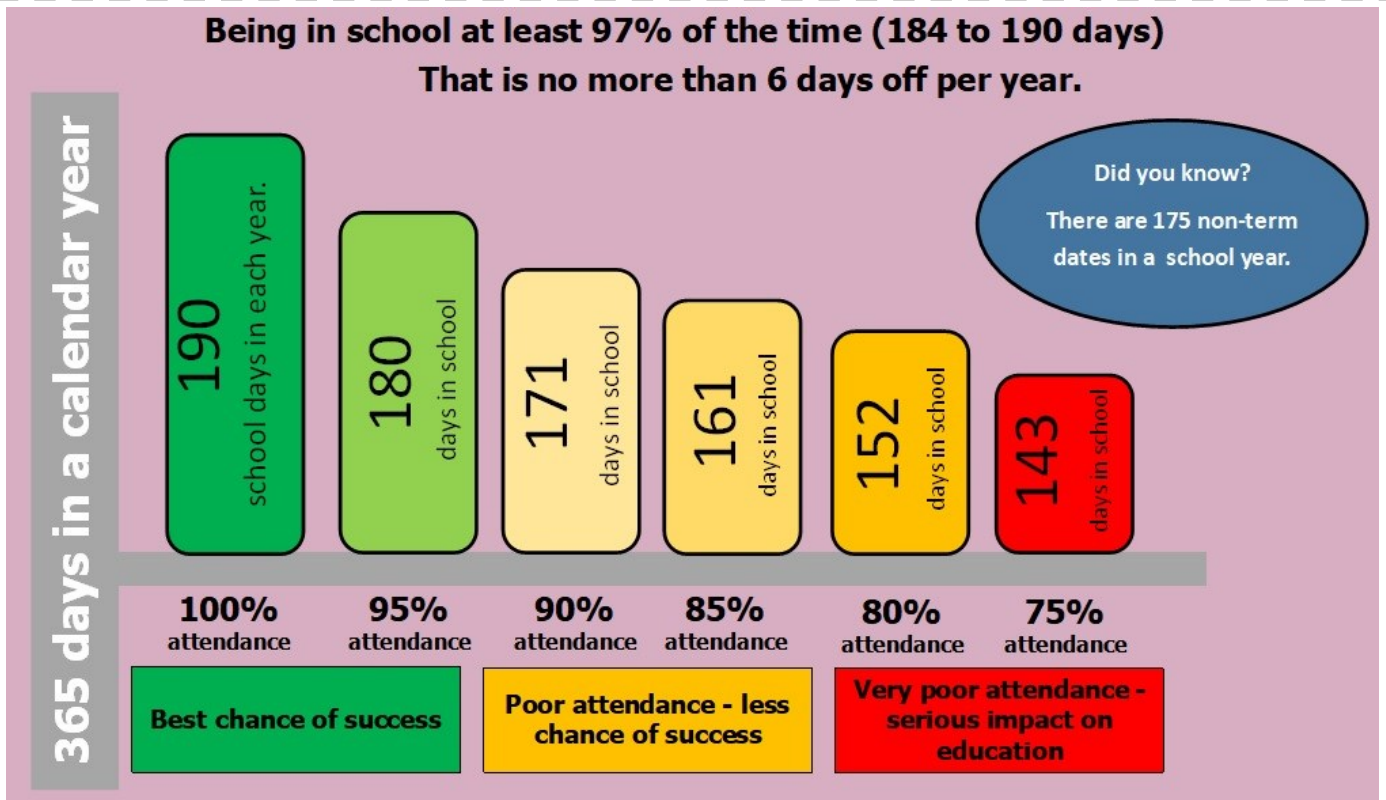
After School Clubs

I/We consent tojoining the following after school clubs (please circle your choices):

- Monday Goal Ball
- Wednesday Boccia
- Thursday Chess
- Friday Cricket Skills

Signed

Date.....



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