



# St. Helena's Church of England Primary School

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

## Upcoming dates

**Monday 5th May** – Bank Holiday– school closed!

**Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May** – Year 6 SATs

**Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May** – Year 5 Bikeability

**Friday 23rd May** – Year 6 Church School Festival– Lincoln Cathedral

**Friday 23rd May** – End of Term 5

**Monday 2nd June** – School Reopens (Start of Term 6)

**26th June**– New reception intake– Parents' meeting 5pm

**Friday 27th June** – Sports Day, KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon.

**3rd July**– Whole school transition afternoon, spending time with their new teacher for September.

**3rd July**– Year 6 Induction Day at QEGS

**3rd & 4th July**– Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC

**7th July**– Bishop of Lincoln (Stephen Conway) visiting the school and a church service at 2.30pm– all welcome to attend the service.

**12th July**– Summer Fayre

**18th July**– Reports

**21st July**– Year 6 speech evening 6pm start

**22nd July**– Year 6 leavers assembly (Year 6 parents invited) 2:45pm

**8th–10th October** – PGL Residential (Y5 & Y6)

## 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

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely, restful Easter break. It's been a fantastic start to what's shaping up to be a busy and exciting term at St Helena's.

A real highlight this week was having the school photographer in—not only for class photos, but also for a whole school photograph. It was so special to see everyone together, from our Nursery children right up to Year 6, along with all our wonderful staff. It's not often we get to capture the entire St Helena's family in one picture, and I'll definitely be giving it pride of place in my office!

We're also thrilled to have offered places to all of our first-choice Reception applicants for September. We're really pleased the local authority supported our request to welcome 26 new children into school. That said, this does leave us with lower numbers in Nursery for the new academic year. If you know any families looking for a caring, inclusive Nursery setting, please do spread the word—we still have spaces available. You'll also find a short promotional video on our Facebook page, which we'd love you to share.

Meanwhile, our fantastic Year 6 pupils are working hard on their final preparations for the upcoming SATs, taking place the week beginning 12th May. We're incredibly proud of how committed and focused they've been. While we know they'll do brilliantly, it's important to remember the pressure they sometimes put on themselves, let's all give them a bit of extra encouragement over the coming weeks.

Here's to a positive, productive term ahead!



Ed Anderson

Headteacher



### After-School Fun Club – New Timings and Pricing

We're excited to announce that, due to increased demand and the current government support, **After-School Fun Club** has extended its hours – staying open until **6:00pm!**

The new pricing from 23rd April will be:

- **3:30 – 4:30pm:** £4 per session
- **3:30 – 5:30pm:** £5 per session
- **3:30 – 6:00pm:** £6 per session

To pay for the sessions, there will be **three options** available on **ParentPay** to top up your account, based on the session length you require.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the school office.



### After-School Clubs for Term 5

Monday – Cricket (Y3&4)

Tuesday – Yoga with Miss Lawley (Y1&2)

Tuesday- SATs club with Mr Goddard (invite only)

Wednesday – Tennis (Y5 & Y6)

Friday – Cricket (Y1&2)



### Sports Day – Save the Date!

Friday 27th June

KS1 – Morning

KS2 – Afternoon

We look forward to a fantastic day of fun and teamwork!



## Little Explorers Nursery

*Places available for September!*

**Call today to book a visit and meet the team.**

Phone: 01507 462367

[www.st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk)



## Supporting Matilda & Parker – Pretty Muddy for Cancer Research

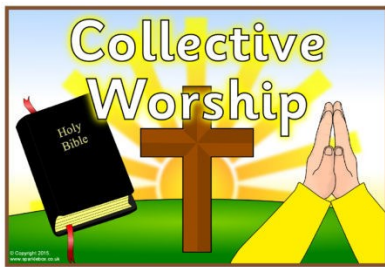
Good afternoon,

I wanted to share something truly inspiring with you all. Two of our pupils, Matilda Hotten and Parker Smith, are bravely taking on the Pretty Muddy Challenge in Lincoln to raise both awareness and vital funds for Cancer Research.

You'll find the link to their JustGiving pages below. It would be fantastic if we could come together as a school community to support them. I know Matilda and Parker would be over the moon to reach their fundraising goal and every contribution goes toward such an important cause.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/matildas-race-for-life-1309397505>

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/parkers-race-for-life-1>



## New Assembly Arrangements – Join Us for Collective Worship

From next week, our celebration assemblies will move to Monday mornings. This change will give children the full previous week to earn certificates and recognition for their efforts. It will also help us better manage the structure of our school day, as Friday mornings have become increasingly full, particularly with the much-valued time we spend with Father Chris.

Father Chris will continue to lead our Friday assemblies, and together we'd like to warmly invite parents and carers to join us for collective worship each Friday, from 9:00 to 9:15am. It's a wonderful chance to come together as a school community, and we'd be delighted to see you there if you're able to attend.

Monday celebration assemblies will now be shorter, around 15 minutes, as we understand how busy your mornings can be. We'll do our best to keep things timely and focused.



## PTA Meeting – All Welcome!

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 1st May, at 7:30pm here at school, and we'd love to see some new faces! If you're interested in joining the PTA team, you're more than welcome to come along.

At our meetings, we chat through ideas for events and explore ways we can raise funds for the school, all while creating fun opportunities for our school community to come together. It's a great way to get involved, make a difference, and meet other parents too.

We hope to see you there!



## 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](mailto:admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk) in the first instance or for attendance to be sent to [attendance@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk). 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.



## Important Reminder: No Nuts in School

We have a new child in school with a severe nut allergy, so we kindly ask that no nuts or nut-containing products are brought into school. This includes items like peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts, and certain snack foods.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school a safe environment for



## School Association Events:

Summer Fayre – 12th July 2025





# PUPIL PREMIUM

## PARENT INFORMATION

### WHAT IS IT?

'Pupil premium' is **additional funding** for our school to ensure we can support all pupils to **achieve their best**.

It's not a personal budget for individual pupils, but we will aim to **prioritise the academic support** of eligible pupils with it.

### WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Your child may be eligible if you receive: income support, jobseeker's allowance, employment and support allowance, asylum seeker support, universal credit, child tax credit, working tax credit, or state pension.

**Remember:** Our school can only receive pupil premium for your child if you claim it.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Get in touch with your **local council as soon as possible** to see if you're eligible.