

#### St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy

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

#### **Upcoming dates**

**Tuesday 16th September 2025** Rocksteady lessons start.

#### Friday 19th September 2025

Y6 sit their second 11+ paper.

#### Monday 22nd & Thursday 25th September 2025

Parents' Meetings-keeping looking out on Parentmail to book your slot. Learning Plan meetings will take place in November, if your child has a Learning Plan meeting they will not need a Parents' Meeting.

#### Friday 3rd October 2025

2:30pm Harvest Festival at St Helena's Church (more details in the newsletter)

### Wednesday 8th–Friday 10th October 2025

PGL Residential (Y5 & Y6)

#### Thursday 23rd October 2025

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

#### A Wonderful Start to the New Academic Year

We are now seven days into the new academic year, and what a fantastic start it has been! The school is already buzzing with energy, enthusiasm, and a love of learning. Walking through the classrooms, it is wonderful to see children so engaged, eager to share their ideas, and settling quickly into new routines.

Our new starters have made an excellent beginning to their school journey. They have shown great confidence, kindness, and curiosity as they get to know their teachers, classmates, and the wider school community. It has been heart-warming to see how well our pupils have supported one another, with older children helping younger ones and friendships forming across year groups.

One of the very best ways you can support your child at home is through reading. Listening to your child read regularly, and reading to them as well, makes a huge difference to their progress and confidence. Just a few minutes each day builds vocabulary, understanding, and a lifelong love of books. We ask all families to make this a daily habit, it really does make all the difference.

We have put together the key dates for the academic year for your reference. We hope this will help you plan your diaries and stay up to date with the exciting events and opportunities ahead.

Together, we are ready to make this year one to remember!



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#### **Diary Dates**

#### SEPTEMBER 2025

16th Rocksteady starts every Tuesday in the hall at 9am. No assembly.

22nd & 25thParents' Meetings—Bookings can be made via Parentmail, which will be set up soon.

#### OCTOBER 2025

3rd 2:30pm Harvest Festival at St Helena's Church. Reception, Y2, Y3 and Y6 will taking part in

the service.

8th-10th Y5 & Y6 PGL at Caythorpe Court

10th 11+ Results are posted to Y6 children

23rd Last Day of Term

#### **NOVEMBER 2025**

3rd School Open Term 2

w/c 3rd Learning Plan Meetings

14th Children in Need Ramble

#### **DECEMBER 2025**

11th Christmas Jumper Day

12th Staff Christmas Party

16th 9am—10am Rocksteady Concert. Parents are invited to watch.

17th Whole school (not LE) - Pantomime at The Embassy Theatre. A big thank you to School

Association for paying for the transport.

service.

19th 2:30pm Christingle at St Helena's Church. Reception, Y1, Y4/5 and Y6 will be taking part in

the

19th Last Day of Term

#### JANUARY 2026

6th School Open Term 3

#### FEBRUARY 2026

6th NSPCC Number Day

13th Last Day of Term

23rd School Open Term 4

#### **MARCH 2026**

w/c 2nd Learning Plan Meetings

5th World Book Day-Dress up as your favourite book character.

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#### Diary Dates continued

#### **APRIL 2026**

2nd 2:30pm Easter Service at St Helena's Church. All classes will be taking part in the service.

2nd Lat Day of Term

21st School Open Term 5

22nd Earth Day for Science Week.

#### **MAY 2026**

4th School Closed - Bank Holiday

22nd Last Day of Term

#### **JUNE 2026**

1st School Open Term 6

w/c 8th Learning Plan Meetings

#### **JULY 2026**

2nd Sports Day- the morning will be KS1 and the afternoon will be KS2. Reception class will be

confirmed nearer the time.

17th Parents collect reports

22nd 2:30pm Leavers' Assembly at St Helena's Church

22nd Last Day of the Academic Year



#### **Parking**

To keep your children safe please <u>do not</u> park in the staff car park or use it as a turnaround. If you do struggle with walking we do provide parking permits but these are at the discretion of the Headteacher.

We also ask that when parking in the village you always have consideration for the local community and do not park over their driveway. They will need access!

The Parish Council also ask that you do not park on the Village Green.



#### **Contacting members of staff**

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 or Mrs Brown to ask the teacher/Mr Anderson to contact you.



#### **New Email Address**

As we have become a part of the Infinity Academies Trust the email address has now changed to:

wshenquiries@infinityacademies.co.uk

In the first instance please send ALL emails to this address.

Thank you.



#### **Lost Property**

Poppy Jones has lost her cardigan. Poppy is a Little Explorer but she lost it either at Breakfast Club or in the classroom. Please can parents of small children check they have the correct cardigan, the cardigan is named.

Thank you.

#### **After School Fun Club**

This is available to all children including Little Explorers.

Prior booking **must** be made at the school office, either by telephone or email wshenquiries@infinityacademies.co.uk

Hub is available until 6pm and the charges are



3:30pm to 4:30pm £4.00
3:30pm to 5:30pm £5.00
3:30pm to 6pm £6.00

Collection can be made at the Hub classroom. Access is at the gate near the steps into school or if the children are outside on the playground please wait at the double gates in the car park.

Payment for Hub is made via Parentmail.

## Starting school in September 2026

#### Reception Children starting in September 2026

If your child is born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parentportal. The portal is open from 17 November 2025 to 15 January 2026. If you do not have the facility to apply online you can request a paper copy by telephoning 01522 782030.

#### **Payments**



Unfortunately, we can no longer accept cash or cheques. All payments can be made via Parentmail (if you have any problems using Parentmail, please let the office staff know).

Please ensure your payments are always up to date, unfortunately credit cannot be given.



# Tokens

#### **Tesco Tokens**

If you shop at Tesco in Mablethorpe, please support us with the token voting.

We are hoping to improve the EYFS outdoor space with sensory play, activity zones and natural areas, fostering exploration, creativity and key skills.

Please ask all your friends and family to support us too!

Tokens will be available from the first week in October until mid-January.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Alford Girls Brigade

## Family Bingo Night and Raffle



Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Alford

Doors Open 5.30pm – Eyes Down 6.00pm

Prizes valued in excess of £350 6 books for £5/Flyer £1

(no monetary prizes)



### Refreshments Available

Please come along and support us.

For more details, please contact 07763 026418.