



St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy

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

Upcoming dates

DECEMBER 2025

Monday 8th December 2:30pm

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity.

Tuesday 9th December 2:30PM

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Wednesday 10th December 10am

Reception and Little Explorers' Nativity.

Wednesday 10th December

1:15pm Y6 visiting Alford

2:30pm Reception and Little Explorers' Nativity.

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper Day

1:30pm Y3 Parents invited to the Y3 Ukulele performance

3pm Singing around the Christmas Tree-parents invited to join us.

Monday 15th December

Y3 visiting Skegness Natureland

Tuesday 16th December 10am—10:30am

Rocksteady Concert. Parents are invited to watch.

Wednesday 17th December

Whole school (not LE) - Pantomime at The Embassy Theatre. A big thank you to School Association for paying for the transport.

Friday 19th December 2:30pm

Christingle at St Helena's Church. Reception, Y1, Y4/5 and Y6 will be taking part in the service.

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

Christmas has definitely arrived at St Helena's. Father Chris introduced Advent in last week's collective worship, helping us reflect on the meaning and hope of this special season. As I walk around school today, the festive atmosphere is everywhere. Classrooms are alive with nativity rehearsals, children are practising their songs for Singing Around the Tree, and preparations for our Christingle service are well underway. It truly is a magical and heart-warming time of year in school.

In other exciting news, I am delighted to share that we have successfully appointed a Senior Teacher to support our leadership team and strengthen our capacity even further. Mrs Shaw has been appointed to the role and will begin in January. I know she will be instrumental in helping us continue to move the school forward. It is incredibly important to me to have a team who are driven, passionate and ambitious for our school, and at St Helena's we are fortunate to have this in abundance.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the various Christmas events taking place over the next couple of weeks, as we celebrate together as a school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher



The Bishop of Lincoln

Christmas 2025

Every year, the bishops send a Christmas card to lots of people across our Diocese of Lincoln. We choose a theme and invite people to share pictures, photos and paintings with us. Bishop Nicholas and I have spent hours signing these cards by hand because we want God's people to know we are praying for them at Christmas.

This year our theme was from a Bible verse. When God created the world, he says 'let there be light!' (Genesis 1.3) Light is part of the Creation story, and it's also at the heart of the Christmas story. Christmas is about the birth of God's own Son, Jesus Christ. Just like that verse from Genesis, St John's Gospel describes this wonderful Christmas story like this: 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.'

Our Christmas card this year shows the image of the Nativity, the manger in which the baby Jesus was laid, shining with bright light.

This Christmas, I ask you to think about 'the light shining in the darkness.' There is lots of darkness in our world – there is war, fighting, anger, hate and suffering. Christmas reminds us that in the darkness, there is light that shines. There is joy, hope, love, kindness, forgiveness and peace in our world, to name a few.

Ask yourselves: where can I see light shining in the darkness? Where can I see good things happening in the world? Where can I see people loving each other, just as Jesus asked us to?

Of course, it can be difficult to see these good things in our world. Sometimes the darkness feels like too much. If you're struggling to see signs of hope, love and peace, then you might consider *being* those signs instead. Ask yourselves: how can I be the light shining in the darkness? How can I make a difference in the lives of my family, my friends, my school, my home?

This Christmas, God says to us 'Let there be light.'

As we get closer to Christmas, I ask you to be lights for Jesus, shining in the darkness, bringing hope to a world which needs it.

Merry Christmas!

The Rt Revd Stephen Conway
Bishop of Lincoln

Y3 visit to Skegness Natureland



As part of their studies of Antarctica on Monday 15th December the Y3 children will be visiting Natureland at Skegness. The children will need to dress warmly but will need to wear their school uniform. They will also need a packed lunch and plenty to drink. If you order meals from Willoughby Foods please ensure it is cancelled for this day. Pupil premium families will be contacted by Mrs Brown.

We kindly ask for a donation of £13.40 towards the cost of this visit, which can be paid via Parentmail or by credit/debit card at the school office.

Year 3 visit to Skegness Natureland on Monday 15th December, 2025.

I/We consent to visiting Skegness Natureland on Monday 15th December, 2025

Signed:

Date:

Y6 Geography Field Trip to Alford



On Wednesday 10th December Year 6 children will be going on a field trip to Alford to survey the traffic. They will also be completing this survey in Willoughby.

The children will leave school at 1:15pm by coach and will need to have warm clothing including a coat. They will be back in school for the end of the normal day.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £5.50 towards the cost of this visit which can be paid via Parentmail or by debit/credit card at the school office.

Year 6 visit to Alford on Wednesday 10th December, 2025

I/We consent to visiting Alford on Wednesday 10th December, 2025

Signed:

Date:



Christmas Pantomime - Wednesday 17th December 2025

Tickets have been booked for the whole school to go and see the Wizzard of Oz Christmas Pantomime at The Embassy Theatre, Skegness.

School Association are kindly paying the transport cost - **thank you School Association**. However, we kindly, ask for a donation of £7.60 towards the cost of the ticket. Payments can be made via Parentmail or by debit/credit card at the school office.

Due to the expected return time, no hot dinners will be available on this day. PLEASE CANCEL YOUR HOT DINNERS AND ORDER A PACKED LUNCH OR PROVIDE YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCH. Thank you.

Christmas Pantomime - Wednesday 17th December 2025

I/We consent to Going to the Pantomime at The Embassy Theatre, Skegness on Wednesday 17th December, 2025

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Y4/5 Swimming



Due to the unexpected short delivery of swimming lessons for Year 4/5, we have managed to arrange more sessions after the Christmas holidays. The first session will be on Thursday 8th January, 2026. We kindly ask for a donation of £30 towards the cost of the transport. Payments can be made via Parentmail or debit/credit card at the school office.

Tesco Tokens

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Please keep supporting us at Tesco in Mablethorpe, 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. You do need to ask for them at the checkout.

Polite reminder

Correspondence with school

Despite previous reminders, some parents are still contacting staff directly by email. Please ensure that all communication is sent to:

sthenquiries@infinityacademies.co.uk

Where it will be acknowledged and forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

Thank you.



Little Explorers and Reception Nativity

The nativity will be on Wednesday 10th December at 10am and 2:30pm. Tickets are still available from the school office but from this morning if families require more than their 3 per family, these can now be booked. Tickets will be given on a first come basis.

There will also be a raffle at each performance, please support us with this. Tickets will be 50p each and cash only, all proceeds will go towards School Association.

POLITE REMINDER: Please do not take photographs or videos during the performances.



Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

The nativity will be on Monday 8th December at 2:30pm and Tuesday 9th December at 2:30pm. Tickets are still available from the school office but from this morning if families require more than their 3 per family, these can now be booked. Tickets will be given on a first come basis.

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Year 3 Ukulele Performance

Year 3 parents are invited to come and join us for the Ukulele performance on Thursday 11th December starting at 1:30pm. No booking necessary.



Rocksteady Performance

Children who have taken part in the Rocksteady band sessions will be performing on Tuesday 16th December, 10am to 10:30am. Parents of these children are warmly invited to come along and enjoy their performance.



Christingle Service

We shall be holding our annual Christingle Service at St. Helena's Church on Friday 19th December, 2025 at 2:30pm, the last day of term.

Please come along and join the children in their remembrance of those less fortunate at Christmas time. Nationally, nearly a million children take part in these candlelit services every year, which are organised by the Children's Society. Each child receives a Christingle (an orange bearing a candle, red ribbon, fruit and sweets).

The children will bring home a collection candle for donations to the Children's Society, these will be presented to Father Chris during the service.



Easyfundraising

Please sign up to support St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy. It is completely free and would make a big difference to our fundraising. Once you've signed up you can raise free donations for us when you shop online with over 8000 retailers.

The link to sign up is:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-helenas-ce-primary-school-willoughby/rsul2a/c2s/LSwtxz8T/NT251/facebook>

Thank you



Singing around the Christmas Tree

You are all invited to join us for the singing around the Christmas Tree on Thursday 11th December, 2025 starting at 3pm.

Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2025

- 6th ~~School Association Breakfast with Santa~~ CANCELLED
- 8th 2:30pm Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity.
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- 11th 3pm Singing around the Christmas Tree-please come and join us!
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- 19th Last Day of Term

JANUARY 2026

- 6th School Open Term 3

FEBRUARY 2026

- 6th NSPCC Number Day
- 6th 3:30-4:30pm Reception & KS1 School Association Dicky Bow and Diamonds Disco
- 6th 5pm-6pm KS2 School Association Dicky Bow and Diamonds Disco
- 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.
- 9th & 12th Parents' Meetings
- 13th Mother's Day Shop
- 27th Non Uniform Day—A donation of Chocolate would be appreciated for the Easter Hampers.
- 30th & 31st Raffle Tickets on Sale for the Easter Hampers

Diary Dates continued

APRIL 2026

- 1st Raffle Tickets on Sale for the Easter Hampers
- 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
- 15th School Association Disco
- 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.
- 4th School Association Summer Fair
- 17th Parents collect reports
- 22nd 2:30pm Leavers' Assembly at St Helena's Church
- 22nd Last Day of the Academic Year

Joy to the world-

- Scavenger hunt quiz
- Build Bethlehem
- Gingerbread playdough
- Spread the Joy competition
- Angel folding ornament
- Make a Joyful Christmas card
- Create a greatest gift bag
- Night sky star prayers
- Nature nativity scene
- Edible manger scene
- Baby & Toddler activities

- Christmas food at the end
- Short lively Christmas celebration

Great fun for everyone aged 0-99



**Sunday 7th December
3-5pm, Hope House,
97 Victoria Road,
Mablethorpe**

Book via 07951038115 or
sign-up sheet at Hope
House. Free event, but if you
would like make a donation,
we suggest £2 per person