



St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy

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

Upcoming dates

13th February 2026

Last Day of Term

23rd February 2026

School Open Term 4

5th March 2026

World Book Day

13th March 2026

Mother's Day Shop

16th and 19th March

Parents' Meetings YR-Y6

25th March 2026

Music Festival at Spilsby

26th March 2026

Year 5 and 6 visit the Natural History Museum, London

Music Festival at Spilsby

27th March 2026

Non Uniform Day

30th & 31st March

Raffle Tickets on sale for Easter Hamper

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

It is hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by. At St Helena's, the weeks seem to pass in a flash, and that is very much down to our fantastic school community. Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive parents and, of course, our wonderful children for the vital part each of you play in helping to develop our fantastic young people. Your encouragement, positivity and partnership make St Helena's such a special place to learn and grow.

As always, we aim to keep parents as informed as possible through this fortnightly newsletter. Occasionally, you may receive additional messages during the week if something time-sensitive arises; however, we try to keep these to a minimum so that you know the vast majority of important news and updates will be shared here. We hope this helps everyone to stay informed without feeling overwhelmed by communication.

With the days beginning to feel a little lighter and longer, there is a real sense of optimism as we look ahead to next term. The promise of spring always brings renewed energy and enthusiasm across the school, and we are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term together.

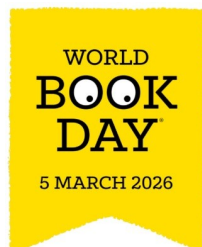
Today, your children have been given their World Book Day tokens. You will find further information in this newsletter about how we will be celebrating World Book Day at St Helena's this term, we are very much looking forward to a joyful celebration of reading across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



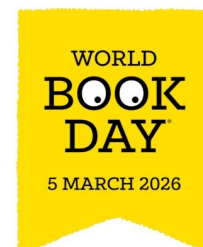
Ed Anderson

Headteacher



World Book Day!

5th March 2026



This year at **St Helena's**, we are excited to celebrate World Book Day with our usual fun dressing-up activities! Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters and take part in the **Potato Book Character Competition**. We can't wait to see the wonderful costumes and creative potato creations as we celebrate our love of reading together.

Design a Potato Book Character Competition!

Get creative and bring your favourite book character to life... using a potato! Decorate, dress and design your potato to look like a well-known character from a story you love. Will it be **Harry Potter**, **Matilda**, **The Gruffalo**, or someone else entirely?

All entries should be clearly labelled with your name and the character you have created. There will be prizes for creativity, effort and likeness to the character — so let your imagination run wild!

Bringing in your potatoes:

Please bring your finished potato creations to the entrance foyer of the school, where a table will be set up to display them. Potatoes can be brought in from **Monday 2nd March to Thursday 5th March**.

Judging:

Father Chris will choose **two winners from each year group**, so everyone has a chance to shine!

We can't wait to see your **spud-tacular** creations!



*St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy**"It is our responsibility to learn and achieve our dreams as a family"**Headteacher: Mr E. Anderson***AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – TERM 4****Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The following after-school clubs will be running next term, starting w/c Monday 23rdFebruary up to, and including, Thursday 2nd April. Very occasionally we may have to cancel a club due to adult absence or inclement weather, so please look out for ParentMail messages.

All clubs currently finish at 4:30pm. At our school, children will normally come home in PE kit on days when they have a sports club, so please ensure kit comes back into school the next school day for PE or clubs.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dodgeball Y3,4,5&6 (JB sports)	Netball Y5&6 Mrs Potts (a fully trained netball coach, providing a fantastic opportunity) 10 children max For the first four weeks of term only, with the final session taking place on 17th March	Tennis Y1&2 Charlotte Andrews Chess KS2 Mr Anderson (10 children max)	Choir Miss Wickland (Continues, ready for the Spilsby Music festival)	No Clubs

If possible, please return the attached permission slip to school as soon as possible. Please collect your child promptly at the end of a club from the front office. If your child is not able to attend a club in a given week, please just let us know! Please be aware that our clubs usually change termly.

Warm regards,

Ed Anderson
Headteacher

TERM 4 Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April 2026 (2025-2026)
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child _____ in Year _____
 to attend the following club(s): _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____ Print name: _____



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St Helena's Safeguarding Update: Lockdown Procedures and Drills

At St Helena's, the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff is always our highest priority. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we practise our fire drill at least three times each year so that everyone knows what to do in an emergency.

Over the past term, with the support of our staff team, governors and external safety advisers, we have also developed a clear lockdown procedure. This is a standard safeguarding measure used in schools to ensure we are fully prepared should we ever need to respond to an incident in or around the school site.

I am writing to inform you that next term we will be carrying out a lockdown drill. At the start of the term, staff will carefully and sensitively explain the process to the children so that they understand what to do and feel reassured.

We understand that this may sound daunting for parents; however, practising these procedures is a critical part of keeping everyone safe and ensuring that we are fully prepared should we ever need to implement a lockdown.

For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to share the full details of our lockdown procedure with the wider community. This is to ensure that our arrangements remain effective and secure, and that in the unlikely event of an incident, our procedures can be implemented swiftly and safely to protect everyone on site.

Please also be aware that, in the event of a lockdown at St Helena's, parents will not be notified until after the situation has concluded. This is to ensure that phone lines remain clear and that staff can focus fully on keeping the children safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for all members of our school community.

ATTENDANCE

A national framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is in force at St Helena's CE Primary Academy.

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

Did you know that in **one school year**...

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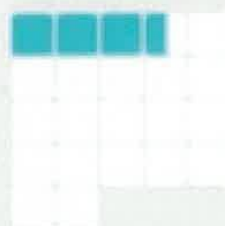


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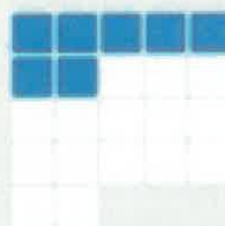


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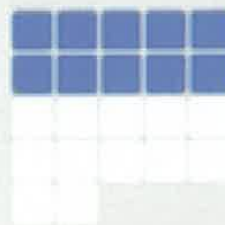
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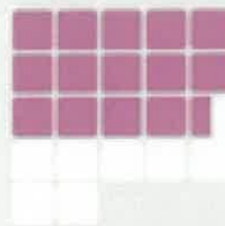
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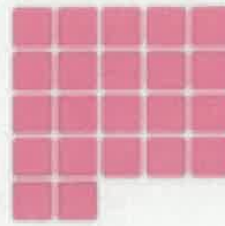
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Letter from Martha Prince

Urgent Call for Help

My name is Martha, and I am Mum to Finn in year 4, and Morgan in year 2 (also to Casper our dog, and Randall our cat) and I'm really hoping that someone in our school's community can help us. **We live in a bus, and I have until the end of February to find somewhere for us to be.**

We used to live on the field that everyone planted trees on a couple of years ago. We have, for the last year been parked on my mechanics yard, in Woodhall. We now need to move because they want to build on where we are.

Does anyone have, or know anyone who has, a quiet spot where we can be? Do you have a yard we could tuck into a corner of? Ideally I could find somewhere where we can be for the next four years whilst the kids finish out at St Helena's, but if there are several places we could move between that would also give us some stability.

I am not naturally nomadic, and we moved onto the bus simply because it was all I could afford when our marriage broke down. Having to keep finding new places to be is affecting all of us, because we are all of the neurospicy variety and change is very disregulating. Uncertain change even more so.

I am happy to offer my time, skills, and labour in exchange for the space. Also happy to divide up school runs, and help with childcare and/or elderly parent care (I'm an ex-nurse). I can provide a reference from where I am currently as to how we are onsite (namely: they forgot we were here). And I can share our exact set up.

If you think you can help please drop me a WhatsApp or text message on 07825 235 842.

Thank you for taking the time to read this far. I appreciate your time.

Many loves

Martha

Also if anyone has any experience and could help with doing a planning application to live on my own land that would also be greatly appreciated...



Year 5 and 6 visit the Natural History Museum in London

We are delighted to inform you that, in a St Helena's first, children in **Year 5 and Year 6** will be visiting the **Natural History Museum in London** on **Thursday 26th March 2026**.

The purpose of this visit is to provide cultural enrichment and to complement our Upper Key Stage 2 science curriculum. During the day, the children will enjoy a guided tour of the museum and explore some of its most iconic exhibits. In addition, they will take part in an engaging, hands-on workshop focused on evolution, one of their science topics this year, using real-life fossils.

Due to the distance of travel, this visit will involve an **early departure and a late return**. We will be leaving school at **5:15am**, so children must arrive at school by **5am at the latest**, having already eaten breakfast. All children will need to bring a **packed lunch**, a **full water bottle**, and an **additional packed tea and drink** for the journey home. We aim to depart the museum at **3pm** with an estimated return time to school of **8pm**. We will keep families informed on the day should there be any delays to our return.

Due to the timings of the visit, we fully appreciate children may be tired for school the following day. Therefore, it has been agreed that children can have the option of a staggered start on Friday 27th March, arriving no later than **10am**, to ensure they can attend the school day properly rested.

To support this exciting opportunity and experience, we kindly request a voluntary contribution of **£31.40** per child, which will go towards transport and workshop costs. Payments can be made via Parentmail or by Credit/Debit Card at the school office.

Please ensure your Consent/Medical form has been returned to school prior to the 26th March - Thank you.

Correspondence with school

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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.

Also, due to cost, text messages will now be used minimally and messages to parents will be via email or notifications to your Parentmail account.

Thank you.



School Transport for children starting secondary school or primary school in September 2026

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2026 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport from 2nd March (secondary offer day) or 16th April (primary offer day) once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below.

Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Health and Safety

Jewellery in school

It has come to our attention that several children are wearing jewellery to school.

Please be reminded that, in accordance with school policy, jewellery is not permitted. The only exception is stud ear-rings.

This policy applies to all children, from Little Explorers through to Year 6.



Long Hair

Please ensure that **ALL** children with long hair have it tied back for school.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that children follow this Health and Safety rule.



Current Year 3 - Rand Farm Park Residential.

We are delighted to inform you that a fantastic opportunity has arisen for our current Year 3 children to take part in a residential visit to Rand Farm Park from Thursday 24th June **2027** to Friday 25th June **2027**.

This exciting visit will provide the children with hands-on learning experiences linked to their curriculum studies. Activities will include:

- Learning why farmers keep poultry
- Wood shearing and spinning
- Understanding the importance of bees
- Discovering where eggs come from
- Exploring whether foods are fruits or vegetables
- Bottle-feeding lambs and calves
- Making their own pizza

The children will leave school during the normal school day on Thursday and will return by the end of the usual school day on Friday.

Further details, including a kit list and consent/medical forms, will be provided closer to the visit.

The total cost of the visit is £168.30, and we are offering the following payment plan:

- £45 deposit due by Wednesday 4th March 2026
- £45 due by 4th June 2026
- £45 due by 4th Mach 2027
- Final payment of £33.30 due by 4th May 2027

Payments can be made via Parentmail or by credit/debit card at the school office.

School Association have kindly agreed to paying for the transport.

We are confident this will be a memorable and enriching experience for the children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY 2026

- 13th Last Day of Term
23rd School Open Term 4

MARCH 2026

- 5th World Book Day-Dress up as your favourite book character.
13th Mother's Day Shop
16th & 19th Parents' Meetings—please note date change due to ensuring assessments are finished and up to date information is available for parents.
w/c 23rd Learning Plan Meetings.
25th Music Festival at Spilsby
26th Music Festival at Spilsby
26th Y5 and Y6 visit the Natural History Museum in London
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

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

Diary Dates continued

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

June 2027

- 24th—25th June Y4 (2026/2027) Residential at Rand Farm Park



SKEGNESS CRICKET CLUB
WINTER TRAINING CAMP

SAT 28TH FEB 2026 FOR 6 WEEKS

Age 6-11 Soft Ball Training 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Age 12-16 Hard Ball Training 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Skegness Grammar School. Limited Spaces. To register contact: 07894311531

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The poster features two cricket players in action, one in blue and one in orange, with a cricket ball and stumps in the foreground. The background is a dark, stylized cricket field.

HALF TERM NETBALL CAMPS

WHEN: Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 February

WHERE: Skegness Grammar sports hall

TIME: 9am – 3pm

WHO: Age 10 – 14 years old

£15 PER DAY/ £25 FOR BOTH DAYS



**SCAN
TO REGISTER**



Any queries contact: lpattick@skegnessgrammar.co.uk

This Valentine's Day, choose kind communication.

Love is the warmth of our words, especially for children. Speaking with care and patience helps them feel secure, valued, and emotionally supported.



Frequent, intense, or poorly resolved arguments between parents and co-parents can affect children's wellbeing, behaviour, and sense of safety. Small changes in how you talk to each other make a big difference.

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GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAY AT JOHN SPENDLUFFE SCHOOL, ALFORD THURSDAY 19TH 2026

Activities include Trampolining, Vaulting, Low Beams, Trampette and floor work.

5-15 YEARS, GIRLS, AND BOYS OF ALL ABILITIES

Session 1- 10:00-12:15 Session 2- 12:45-3:00pm

£24 for both Sessions. £13 for Session 1 or 2

QUALIFIED EXPERIENCED COACHES

Please bring plenty OF DRINKS AND SNACKS

And LUNCH if staying for both sessions.

Fun and enjoyable sessions for all age and abilities.

For more information or a booking form text

GARETH on 07861 424541

Spaces are limited. Spaces will be held on payment, please fill out form and e-mail form back to Gareth at: garethbutlerisc14@hotmail.com

Hope to hear from you soon. Gareth and Debby

LITTLE KICKS FOOTBALL

EVERY MONDAY 5:15-6PM
JSTC SPORTS HALL, ALFORD,
LN13 9BL



ALL CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE WELCOMED
BY COACHES EMILY AND SKYE



£3 PER CHILD PER WEEKLY SESSION
(CASH ONLY)

IF THERE IS ANY INQUIRIES CONTACT DETAILS ARE
BELOW

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