



St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy

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

Upcoming dates

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

1st April 2026

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2nd April 2026

2:30pm Easter Service at St Helena's Church

2nd April 2026

Last Day of Term

21st April 2026

School Open—Term 5

22nd April 2026

Earth Day for Science Week

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

What a fantastic World Book Day we had at St Helena's! It was wonderful to see the school filled with such creativity and enthusiasm for reading. The costumes this year were truly amazing, with children proudly arriving dressed as their favourite book characters. It was clear how much thought and effort had gone into them, and they certainly brought many of our favourite stories to life around the school.

We were also incredibly impressed by the number of children who took part in the "decorate a potato as a book character" challenge. The creativity on display was brilliant, and it was lovely to see such a wide range of characters represented. The effort and imagination shown by the children was outstanding.

At St Helena's we are so fortunate to have such strong parental support, and events like this really highlight the wonderful partnership between home and school. Thank you to all families who helped the children prepare their costumes and potato characters – it really made the day special.

This week and next week we are also carrying out our Spring assessments in the core subjects. The determination and positive attitude our children are showing during these assessments has been fantastic. The results will help us identify both strengths and any gaps in learning so that we can continue to support every child to make the best possible progress.

We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you at Parent Evenings on the 16th or 19th March.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher



Parents' Meetings for Reception to Year 6 children

Parents' Meetings are on Monday 16th March and Thursday 19th March 2026.

Please book your appointment via Parentmail. If you need any help with this please contact the school office.

You will only need to book one Parents' Meeting either on the Monday or the Thursday.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A LEARNING PLAN MEETING YOU WILL NOT NEED TO BOOK A PARENTS' MEETING AS THESE ARE HELD SEPERATELY.



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.

You're invited!

EYFS Mother's Day Afternoon Tea



Little Explorers' and Reception would like to invite you to join them in school for a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at the end of March!

(We know that Mother's Day is on the 15th of March this year, but due to a very busy diary this term, we have decided to run our Afternoon Tea sessions towards the end of term – we hope you don't mind!)

We will be running four sessions across two days:

- **Thursday 26th March, 10:30am-11:30am**
- **Thursday 26th March, 1:30pm-2:30pm**
- **Friday 27th March, 10:30am-11:30am**
- **Friday 27th March, 1:30pm-2:30pm**

Please contact the School Office to book your choice of session.

We kindly ask that only one adult attends per child, but this is welcome to be a Mum, Auntie, Grandma, or whoever your child would like to share this special time with!

If you have more than one child in EYFS, you are welcome to book one session to share with both of your children, or you can book two separate sessions.

If your child does not attend Little Explorers on a Thursday or Friday, you are still more than welcome to book your choice of session and join us!

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you into school at the end of March!

Thank you,

Miss Rinfret and the EYFS Team

11+ forms

Year 6 11+ Forms

A reminder to all Year 6 children—the forms for taking/not taking the 11+ must be completed and returned to the school office by Friday 20th March, 2026



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.

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.

Date: 6th March 2026

Parent Hub

We are moving our Communication APP to Parent Hub.

You should all have received an email asking you to join our Parent Hub, please subscribe as soon as possible as this will be our new way of communicating. Below is an email explaining how to join via the APP.



St Helena's C of E Primary Academy,

would like you to join their school on Parent Hub.

Just tap "Join a School" in the app and enter the handle below...

@St_Helenas

The Parent Hub app is FREE to download and use.



What is Parent Hub?



Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

Instructions for Parents



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Join a School" and enter the school handle (above).

Visit www.parenthub.co.uk to find out more

School Website : www.st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk

Telephone: 01507 462367

Email: sthenquiries@infinityacademies.co.uk



Fridge Available – First Come, First Served

We currently have a working fridge at school which we no longer require. Rather than disposing of it, we would be very happy for it to go to a new home within our school community.

Please see the attached photo for reference. If this is something you would find useful, it is available on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested in taking the fridge, please contact the school office and we will arrange a suitable time for collection.

Thank you.



Diary Dates

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

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

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 secondtime 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 FUTHER 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**...

If your child is late
every day by...



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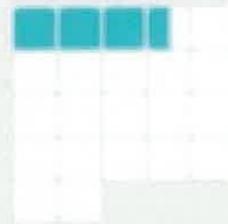


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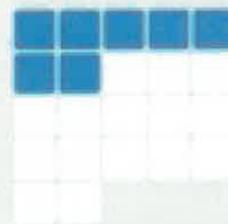


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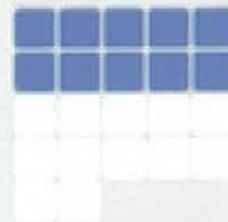
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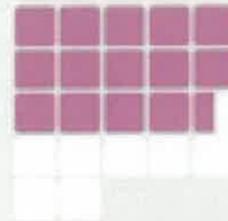
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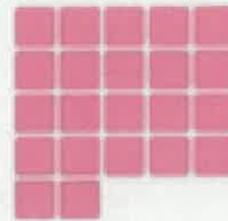
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