



St Helena's Church of England Primary Academy

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

Upcoming dates

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

23rd April 2026

Class Photographs

4th May 2026

School Closed - Bank Holiday

15th May 2026

School Association Disco

22nd May 2026

Last Day of Term

1st June 2026

School Open Term 6

w/c 8th June 2026

Learning Plan Meetings

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

A Wonderful Spring Term at St Helena's

As we come to the end of this spring term, it has been fantastic to see the school filled with such a positive and uplifting atmosphere. St Helena's is incredibly fortunate to have a warm, supportive community, and I hope you have felt that same positive energy throughout the term as well.

This morning's assembly showcased that sense of togetherness beautifully, though it was also tinged with sadness. We said goodbye to the Malkin-Jones family: Cody (Y1), Kian (Y3), and Eden (Y6), as they prepare for an exciting new chapter in Perth, Australia. During their leavers' assembly, we reflected on the many wonderful memories we have shared with the children and the tremendous support their family has given the school over the past eight years. They will be greatly missed, and we wish them every success in their new adventure.

Across the term, the school has enjoyed a wide range of highlights: the brilliant Mothers' Day Tea in EYFS, the Spilsby Music Festival, the Year 5 and 6 visit to the Natural History Museum, and a variety of sporting events. These experiences are invaluable, shaping our children and enriching their learning.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved Easter break and find time to relax with loved ones.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher



Health and Safety

Long Hair

Children with long hair are still coming to school with it down. Please ensure that **ALL** children with long hair have it tied back for school.

Childcare Survey 2026

Lincolnshire County Council wants to hear from you to help shape childcare in Lincolnshire.

They want to make sure every family in Lincolnshire can access childcare that truly works for them, from nurseries and childminders to breakfast clubs, after school sessions, and holiday clubs.

Your voice is vital in helping to understand what's working well and where there may be gaps. Your feedback will help shape childcare across Lincolnshire.

For a chance to win a £50 high street voucher, complete the survey here: [Childcare survey 2026 | Let's Talk Lincolnshire](#) (T&Cs apply)

The survey is open until **12th April** 2026 and responses are anonymous.

Transport September 2026

Important information regarding school transport for children starting primary school in September 2026

Lincolnshire children starting primary school in September 2026

If your child is starting primary school in September they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport when you get your offer of a school place on 16 April. Applications can be made online at the website below.

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.



Class Photographs

Class Photographs will be taken on Thursday 23rd April.

Please can you make sure your child wears a navy blue jumper or cardigan.

They will also need their hairbrush!

Thank you.



Heating Oil Payments

In March, the UK Government announced that it would provide targeted support for households reliant on heating oil who are facing financial hardship because of the increase in heating oil prices and, as a result, are at risk of losing immediate access to heating or hot water.

The funding is being provided to areas with high levels of households reliant on oil as a top-up to the previously announced [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#) (CRF) and on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council, will be administered locally by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation.

As a result, eligible households will receive a £300 prepaid off-grid energy voucher. If the household has no means of receiving an electronic voucher, alternative methods will be explored on a case-by-case basis.

To qualify, households must:

- Have a below average income (under £36,000 combined household income)
- Have savings of less than £6,000 after the cost of oil
- Not be on a mains gas supply and use heating oil as the primary fuel for heating and/or hot water
- Be at risk of losing immediate access to heating or hot water due to a lack of heating oil
- Be able to pay the difference between the voucher value (£300.00) and the full cost of the heating oil, including delivery

Applications are now being accepted via the [Crisis and Resilience Fund: Heating Oil Support Scheme – Lincolnshire Community Foundation](#) and are limited to one per household.

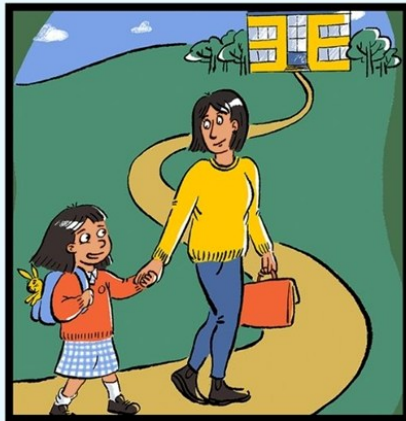
Applications will be processed as soon as possible, with an aim to determine eligibility for complete applications within 2 working days, subject to demand and the complexity of supporting evidence.

Further information can be found at [Crisis and Resilience Fund: Heating Oil Support Scheme - Lincolnshire Community Foundation](#).

The Lincolnshire Community Foundation can also be contacted via crf@lincolnshirecf.co.uk or on 01529 572575.

Please note that the Lincolnshire Community Foundation will be closed across the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, from Thursday 2nd April at 5pm and will reopen on Tuesday 7th April at 9am.

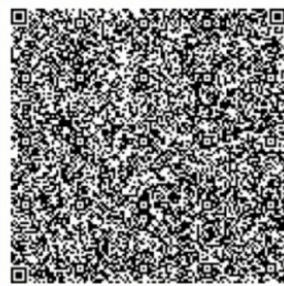
Ready Steady go to School



This is a short free online session aimed at Parents/Carers of children who will be starting school in September 2026. Come along and meet one of our Early Years Team to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school

Please scan a QR code to join your preferred session

Thursday 23rd April
6-7pm



Wednesday 29th April
1.30-2.30pm



Thursday 11th June
6.30-7.30pm



Wednesday 24th June
1.30-2.30pm



Ready Steady go to School



This is a short fun filled session aimed at children who will be starting school in September. Come along to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school

Swingbridge Family Hub 30th Apr and 7th May 1.00-2.30 pm

Birchwood Family Hub 29th Apr and 30th Apr 10.00-11.30 am

Louth Children's Centre 27th Apr and 11th May 10.30-11.30 am

Skegness Family Hub 9th Apr and 13th May 1.30-2.30 pm

Spalding Family Hub 14th May and 21st May 2.00-3.00 pm

Boston Family Hub 13th May and 20th May 1.00-2.00 pm

Holbeach Children's Centre 11th May and 18th May 1.00-2.00 pm

Lincoln North Family Hub 30th Apr and 7th May 10.00-11.00 am

**Gainsborough Market Arcade Family Hub 12th May and 19th May
1.00-2.00 pm**

Please contact your preferred Children's Centre/Family Hub to book your place



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – TERM 5

Tuesday 21st April to Friday 22nd May 2026

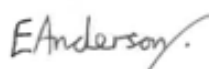
Dear Parents and Carers,

The following after-school clubs will be running next term, starting Tuesday 21st April up to, and including, Friday 22nd May 2026. Very occasionally we may have to cancel a club due to adult absence or inclement weather, so please look out for ParentHub 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
Capture the flag KS2 (Year 3,4,5 & 6) (JB sports)	SATs club Invite only (Mr Goddard)	Tennis Y1&2 Charlotte Andrews Peter Pan Musical KS2 (Year 3,4,5 & 6) Mrs Shaw (please look at the attached letter for more information)	No Clubs	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 5 Tuesday 21st April to Friday 22nd May 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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Headteacher: Mr E. Anderson



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce a brand-new after-school drama club for all our KS2 Children: **We will be presenting 'Pantastic', the Peter Pan Musical.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to get involved in a full production. There will be roles for everyone, including:

- Speaking parts (both large and small)
- Singing roles
- Non-speaking parts for those who prefer to perform without lines

In addition, we are also looking for children who may be interested in **set design and technical support**, helping to bring the magic of Neverland to life behind the scenes.

Important Information:

- Children must be able to **commit to the regular rehearsals** in order to take part.
- If your child is unable to attend any scheduled sessions, please **contact Mrs Shaw before signing up** to ensure that participation is still possible.

Wb 21.04.26	Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	3:25 – 4:30pm
Wb 27.04.26	Wednesday 29 th April 2026	3:25 – 4:30pm
Wb 05.05.26	Wednesday 6 th May 2026	3:25 – 4:30pm
Wb 11.05.26	Wednesday 13 th May 2026	3:25 – 4:30pm
Wb 18.05.26	Wednesday 20 th May 2026	3:25 – 4:30pm

Half Term Rehearsal – Wednesday 27th May 2026 – 9:00am – 3:00pm

Wb 01.06.26	Wednesday 3 rd June	3:25 – 5:00pm
Wb 08.06.26	Wednesday 10 th June	3:25 – 5:00pm
Wb 15.06.26	Monday 15th June	3:25 – 5:00pm
Wb 22.06.26	Wednesday 24 th June	3:25 – 5:00pm
Wb 29.06.26	Wednesday 1 st July	3:25 – 5:00pm
Wb 06.07.26	Wednesday 8 th July	3:25 – 5:00pm

Performance 1 - Thursday 9th July 2026 2:00pm

Performance 2 - Thursday 9th July 2026 4:00pm

Performance 3 - Friday 10th July 2026 3:30pm

We encourage all interested children to take part—whether they love performing on stage or supporting behind the scenes, there is a place for everyone.

If your child would like to join, please complete the sign-up form or contact the school office for further details.

We look forward to creating something truly magical together!

Kind regards,
Mrs Shaw



Infinity Academies Trust

Main Road, Willoughby, Alford LN13 9NH
Tel: 01507 462367
email: sthenquiries@infinityacademies.co.uk
www.st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk

Household Funding Support

Household Support Funding

The government has confirmed that the Household Support Fund (HSF) will end after the 31 March 2026. There will be no further allocations of this funding through schools or early years providers. The HSF has previously been used to fund support for families eligible for free school meals, Early Years Pupil Premium and families eligible for Early Learning for Twos (for families in receipt of additional support). This has usually been in the form of a supermarket voucher, distributed by schools and early years providers to the families of all eligible children, most recently in June and in December. We would like to thank you all for all your support in distributing previous grants to vulnerable families.

Recently, the government announced that there will be a new Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) from April 2026, which will include an element of emergency support to eligible residents. This will be different from HSF, with a focus on helping people build longer-term stability and resilience and reducing reliance on short-term financial support.

The primary objectives of the CRF are to provide a safety net for those on low incomes who encounter a financial shock (a sudden unexpected expense or drop in income) and to invest in building financial resilience to reduce the need for crisis support in the long-term. The local eligibility criteria for a crisis payment are under development, but, in line with the guidance, will be based on individual need and circumstances.

Local councils have received detailed guidance from the government and are currently considering the best way to support Lincolnshire residents moving forward. Further information will be shared once local plans have been approved. The latest information will be available at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-councillors/crisis-resilience-fund-crf

Please note that these changes do not affect the government-funded Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) that provides free holiday clubs for reception to year 11 pupils in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in Lincolnshire over the summer, Christmas and Easter holidays. You can find further information on the HAF programme at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/holiday-activities-food-programme

St Helena's School Association

EASTER RAFFLE

**EASTER EGG HAMPERS TO BE
WON**

**RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN THE
PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL ON**

- MON 30TH/TUES 31ST/ WEDS 1ST APRIL -

**RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AFTER SCHOOL
ON THE FINAL DAY OF TERM**

- THURSDAY 2ND APRIL -

50p per raffle ticket



Date: 2nd April 2026

Please find below the Acting Bishop of Lincoln's Easter Letter to KS1 children.



The Acting Bishop of Lincoln

Easter 2026

The Bible tells us the wonderful story of Easter. We hear about Jesus' death on the Cross and being buried in the tomb. After three days he is alive once again!

The Bible also tells us that after Easter, Jesus visits his friends. One of my favourite Easter stories in the Bible is when Jesus visits his friends who are huddled together in an upstairs room. They are worried and scared about the future, but Jesus comes into the room and he says 'Peace be with you.'

These are words that Christians all over the world say to each other. It's important for Christians to be talking about Peace, especially here and now.

In church, we will often say these words to each another during a service. Sometimes we turn to each other and wave. Sometimes we like to shake each other's hands. With our friends and family, we might hug each other too. We say to each other: 'Peace be with you' just like Jesus did.

These words and actions mean something special. They are a prayer for our fellow Christians and the people we love. They are a prayer for peace in the church and in the world. They are a hope that we are 'at peace' with each other. What does the word 'Peace' mean to you?

In the Easter Story, when Jesus says 'Peace be with you' he is saying it to his friends who are afraid. He wants to comfort and help them. We can do the same. Our words and actions can bring peace – comfort and help to those in need.

At the end of a church service, we will sometimes say 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' Peace isn't just something we say, it is something we do! How can you share Peace with someone else today? What words can you say, or what things can you do, that will bring some Peace into someone's life?

There are lots of worrying things happening today, in the world, in the church, and even in our own lives as well. This Easter, I want you to remember those words that Jesus spoke: 'Peace be with you.' Remember that God gives you his gift of peace, and he wants you to share it with others. My prayer is that we can share 'Peace' with our family and friends, and that the world will be a more peaceful place.

Peace be with you, and happy Easter!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas".

The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain
Bishop of Grantham
Acting Bishop of Lincoln

Date: 2nd April 2026

Please find below the Acting Bishop of Lincoln's Easter Letter to KS2 children.



The Acting Bishop of Lincoln

Easter 2026

There are so many different parts of the Easter Story. The Bible tells us about Jesus' death on the Cross, being buried in the tomb, and then his rising to new life.

The Bible also tells us many different ways in which Jesus appears to his friends and followers. One of my favourite Easter stories in the Bible is when Jesus appears to his followers who are huddled together in an upstairs room. They are uncertain and afraid, but Jesus comes into the room and he says 'Peace be with you.'

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The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain
Bishop of Grantham
Acting Bishop of Lincoln

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, if you haven't yet 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

GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING

EASTER ACTIVITY DAYS

AT JOHN SPENDLUFFE TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE, ALFORD

THURSDAY 9TH AND TUESDAY 14TH APRIL 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

Oral
Health
advice

Free
toothbrush
pack for all

FREE Dental Pop-up Clinic

For
under
10's

If your child is in
pain, please call
111 for advice
and do not
attend

Tuesday 7th April

10:00 - 16:00

Peter Paine Centre,
Boston, PE21 7QR



Fluoride
available

Lift the lip assessments*
available between:

10:00 - 12:30

13:30 - 16:00

*Offered on a first come, first served basis.

For further details contact:
ohimp.Lincolnshire@cds-cic.nhs.uk



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• SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026 •

• 10AM - 4PM •

Join in a fun-filled family day out focused on food, farming and the countryside.

CELEBRATE 10
AMAZING YEARS
WITH US!

£12.50 ADULT

£6.50 CHILD
2 - 16 years

UNDER 2'S
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£36 FAMILY

2 adults & up to 3 children

*Advanced tickets,
plus booking fee

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Date: 2nd April 2026

TRAMPOLINING AND GYMNASTICS EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY SESSIONS ALFORD GYMNASTICS CLUB

Dear Parents,

During the Easter Holiday's we will be holding two days of gymnastics and trampolining at John Spendluffe Technology College. On Thursday 9th April 2026 and Tuesday 14th 2026 Sessions are for 5-year-olds upwards. There are limited spaces, a space will only be secured on payment and if there is a space still available.

Sessions 1 and 2: Trampolining and Gymnastics: Vaulting, Floor work and trampolining, trampette in a friendly atmosphere. 5 to 15 years, girls and boys of all abilities. 10:00am to 12:15pm. or 12:45pm to 3pm. £13.00 for one session or £24.00 for both sessions.

2 QUALIFIED EXPERIENCED COACHES. GREAT FUN AND EXERCISE.

Please send your child with drinks, snacks and a packed lunch if taking part in sessions 1 and 2. T. Shirt, trousers, and long sleeve top, also shorts and SOCKS are needed. Long hair tied back and kept off their face and no jewellery. NO JEANS, NOTHING WITH ZIPS OR BUTTONS. NO EARRINGS

No refunds will be made, once booked. If you would like to reserve a space please return the slip below along with payment to the gym or post to Gareth Butler, 30 Main Road, Hundleby, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, PE23 5LS or email completed form to :

garethbutlerisc14@hotmail.com

If you could make cash payment during a weekday session, alternatively please bank transfer payment details: D.J.Butler account number: 81720319 Sort Code:53-81-15 please reference payment with ACTS followed by child's name If you require any further information please text or ring: 07861-424541

Please PRINT IN CAPITALS Child's Name _____

Age_____Address_____

Tel. No._____

Any allergies, Medical conditions or Special needs. _____

Please tick the Date and sessions to reserve a space

on **Thursday 9th April 2026** Session 1 _____ £13.00 Session 2 _____ £13.00 or both sessions _____
£24.00

Tuesday 14th April 2026 Session 1 _____ £13 Session 2 _____ £13 or both sessions _____ £24

I enclose cash for £_____ OR BANK TRANSFER: Details as above Parents Name

(please print)_____ Signature_____ Date_____

School Diary

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.
- 23rd Class Photographs

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

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FOOTBALL IS FOR EVERYONE**

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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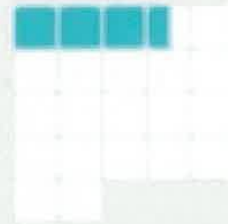


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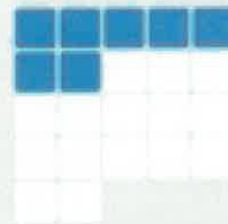


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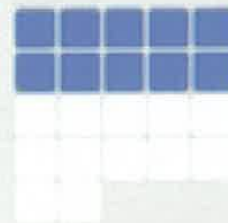
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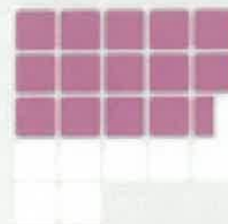
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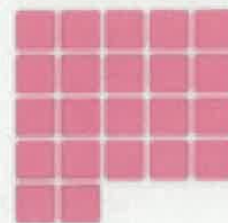
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