



WEEKLY NEWS



Spring Term Week 1

Date: 12.01.24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of our Weekly Newsletter. I hope that you will find the information useful. As well as this section that I will change every week, you will find the names of our Stars of the Week, attendance and punctuality information for each class as well as our whole school target, safeguarding information and key dates across the year.

I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone for welcoming me to St Helen's. I have had a fantastic week. Your children are amazing. They have been chatting to me in the playground and around school. They are a credit to you and you should be proud of them. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff. I have a brilliant staff team and I'm very excited of what we can achieve together.

As was on Class Dojo, please take some time to complete the parent/carer survey so that I can find out your views. Here is the link again <https://forms.office.com/e/ksnU9V37yC>

We are in the process of developing a new website. This will contain lots of useful information. I will let you know as soon as it is live – hopefully it won't take long now.

I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend!

Lee Swift

'HOPE' ROCK WINNERS

Class	Child
Seedlings (F1)	Oscar
Acorn (F2)	Demi-Leigh
Ash (Year 1)	Eddie
Maple (Year 2)	Lotti-Lou
Beech (Year 3)	Ambely
Chestnut (Year 4)	Damian
Sycamore (Year 5)	Isla
Oak (Year 6)	Hardy



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Update

CLASS	THIS WEEK	YEAR TO DATE	LATES THIS WEEK
Nursery	94.6%	84.0%	1
Reception	91.0%	91.8%	2
Year 1	93.0%	91.5%	2
Year 2	94.1%	94.4%	4
Year 3	97.3%	94.0%	4
Year 4	96.4%	93.0%	1
Year 5	92.1%	92.9%	3
Year 6	95.4%	94.5%	2

Attendance Indicators

97% + WELL ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET

96% - 96.9% IN LINE WITH THE SCHOOL TARGET

94% - 95.9% - CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL TARGET

90.1% - 93.9% - WELL BELOW THE SCHOOL AVERAGE

90% & BELOW - EXTREMELY WELL BELOW THE SCHOOL AVERAGE

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET - 96%

**This Week
94.1%
Year to Date
92.9%**

Great attendance means being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

190

School days each year

0 days absence

100%

184

School days each year

6 days absence

97%

171

School days each year

19 days absence

90%

161

School days each year

29 days absence

85%

152

School days each year

38 days absence

80%

143

School days each year

47 days absence

75%

Well done! Good attendance gives you the best chance of success.

We're concerned. Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.

Seriously worried! Very poor attendance has a serious impact on learning.

COMING TO SCHOOL ON TIME MATTERS!

Minutes Late Per Day		Days Lost Per Year
5 mins		3 days
10 mins		6 days
20 mins		12 days
30 mins		18 days

ATTENDANCE REWARDS

WEEKLY

- Children with 100% attendance to be awarded a sticker.
- Any class with 96% or above in their attendance get to 'Spin the Wheel' to win a reward for Friday afternoon that have been chosen by the children.
- Class with the highest attendance receive the attendance rock to take back to their class.
- Shopping voucher raffle for parents of children with 100% attendance.

HALF TERMLY

- Certificates for children who have achieved 97% attendance
- Special certificates for children who have achieved 100% attendance
- All children who have 97% or above receive an entry into draw to win a prize.

YEARLY

- All children who have attendance of 97% or over will get a certificate.
- Children with 100% attendance will be awarded a special certificate at the end of the year.
- Brand new school jumper to those children with 100% attendance.
- End of year raffle from each half term to win a special prize – e.g., bike/trampoline for children with 97% and above.

SPECIAL WEEKS

At different weeks across the year, we run special 100% attendance weeks. You will be notified of these on Class Dojo

- £50 Shopping voucher raffle for parents of children with 100% attendance (whole school) – (Targeted 4-week block)
- Bonus 100% week - £20 voucher

SAFEGUARDING PAGE

As a school, we take safeguarding very seriously. If you feel you have any concerns regarding a child then please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.



Mr L Swift

**Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Mrs D Day

**Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Mr A Preston

**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Mrs C Saxon

**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



TERM DATES

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 th January	School Opens to Pupils
Thursday 1 st February	Beech/Year 1 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am
Thursday 8 th February	Last Day before February Half Term
Friday 9 th February	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Half Term Holiday	
Monday 19 th February	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 20 th February	School Opens to Pupils
Thursday 29 th February	Maple/Year 2 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief (details to follow)
Thursday 21 st March	Ash/Year 1 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am
Thursday 21 st March	PTA Easter Bingo @ 4pm (details to follow)
Friday 22 nd March	Last Day before Easter Holidays
Easter Holiday	

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8 th April	School Opens to Pupils
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Week Commencing 13 th May	Year 6 SATs (Pupils MUST be in school)
Friday 24 th May	Last Day before Spring Bank Holidays
Spring Bank Holiday	
Monday 3 rd June	School Opens to Pupils
Monday 17 th June	KS1 – Ash/Year 1 & Maple/Year 2 Sports Day @ 1:30pm
Tuesday 18 th June	EYFS – Seedlings/F1 & Acorn/F2 Sports Day @ 10:30am
Wednesday 19 th June	LKS2 – Beech/Year 3 & Chestnut/Year 4 Sports Day @ 1:30pm
Thursday 20 th June	Acorn/F2 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am
Friday 21 st June	UKS2 – Sycamore/Year 5 & Oak/Year 6 Sports Day @ 1:30pm
Thursday 27 th June	Seedlings/F1 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am
Monday 8 th July	PTA Summer Fair
Friday 19 th July	Last Day before Summer Holidays
Monday 22 nd July	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Summer Holiday	