



WEEKLY NEWS



Spring Term Week 2

Date: 19.01.24

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another great week at St Helen's. The children are fully immersed in their new units of work and really seem to be enjoying their lessons. I've been in and out of classes this week and have had the pleasure of seeing Nursery and Reception enjoying their areas of provision. Year 1 were drawing maps of the local area and Year 2 were looking at an example of a good piece of writing so that they could use this to write their own story. Year 3 have been mastering multiplication and Year 4 were so engrossed in their music lesson, using body percussion to make the noises of the rainforest. Year 5 were being introduced to their new whole class reading text and Year 6 were unpicking a text about light.

Our new website went live yesterday. It can be found using the link [St Helen's CE Primary School - Home \(sthelensceprimary.org.uk\)](https://sthelensceprimary.org.uk) or by typing www.sthelensceprimary.org.uk. The website contains useful information. Watch this space as we develop the curriculum areas to showcase the fantastic curriculum here at St Helen's.

Thank you to those of you that gave some feedback via the Microsoft Form link. I will be looking at these this weekend and will feed back to you next week.

I can't believe how quickly I've felt at home in school. The staff, children and parents/carers have been so welcoming. I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend!

Lee Swift

'HOPE' ROCK WINNERS

Class	Child
Acorn (F2)	Skyla-Rose
Ash (Year 1)	Warren
Maple (Year 2)	Navin
Beech (Year 3)	Layton
Chestnut (Year 4)	Evelyn-Grace
Sycamore (Year 5)	Aida
Oak (Year 6)	Colby



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Update

CLASS	THIS WEEK	YEAR TO DATE	LATES THIS WEEK
Nursery	94.4%	84.8%	0
Reception	88.6%	91.6%	0
Year 1	96.3%	91.8%	0
Year 2	92.8%	94.3%	3
Year 3	89.6%	93.7%	1
Year 4	96.8%	93.2%	2
Year 5	95.7%	93.1%	0
Year 6	94.1%	94.5%	0

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
93.6%
Year to Date
93.0%**

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 3 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	