

From Mr Chappell: Another extremely busy term, so many great things have happened since I wrote the last newsletter! I hope that you have had the chance to read our OFSTED report which was sent out a few weeks ago. A great achievement and once again I want to say a huge thank you to all our staff, who work so hard to make school such a great place to be. The opening line summarises our school brilliantly: *St Helen's is a happy and friendly school. Pupils form positive relationships with each other and staff. This helps them to enjoy school.* We hope that our children will leave our school with great memories and the relationships that they have with staff and others underpins this.

I hope you managed to find some time to attend our Curriculum Showcase this week, which looked at our Brave Change-Makers topic of 'Rights and Responsibilities.' As I moved from class to class, the incredible buzz from the children was noticeable, sharing enthusiastically their achievements, great compositions of writing, lovely pieces of artwork, or the work on display from earlier in the term. The joy and intrigue from children and family members was the best bit, when they went to another classroom to see all the other great work on display. It was great to see some Year 1 children looking at the Year 5 and 6 writing and talking about how one day they will be writing like *'that.'*

Thank you for your continued support around this.

Have a great weekend and a lovely Easter break when it gets here!

School Football Team:



Commiserations to our school football team, who sadly lost in the South Glos Primary School Cup semi-final last week, 2-0 versus an excellent Beacon Rise Primary School. This is the furthest that we have got in the last ten years or so and the boys should be extremely proud of their efforts, once again they represented the school superbly. Now it is time to focus on cricket and hopefully from what I see on the playground, we may have a chance of reaching the Gloucestershire County Finals for the Year 5 and 6 team!

Well done the football team – a great effort!

Parking: We've had a couple of complaints about parking outside of school recently. Those who drive could consider parking further away from school and walking in with your children. This would reduce the crowded road outside of school and ensure that people are not having to 'stop and drop' or park on tight corners and yellow lines.

It's worth bearing in mind, and some of you might not know, that major roadworks are due to start on the A38, which may see our road busier than normal.

Please be considerate around your parking to keep our children safe. Thank you.

Attendance Update: Although our attendance continues to be on track to beat last year, there has been a large drop to 95.53%, over the last term. Whilst we know that there has been severe colds, sickness and general illness, we've also seen an increase in holiday and absence requests. Currently we have 8% of children classed as persistently absent (lower than last year, which is good, but we still want it to be lower) and an incredible 94 children (45%) of our children whose attendance is 97% or above.

Thank you for your continued support in making our attendance the best it can be and Flying High!



FOSH News Promise Auction and Break the Rules Day.

Thank you to everyone who bought or gave a promise as part of the recent Promise Auction. The final total raised was a fantastic £367. This is a great effort in our very first Promise Auction.

A reminder that next Friday is our annual 'Break the Rules' Day. Please remember to ensure that

your children are in suitable, appropriate clothing for lunchtime play and wearing suitable shoes. Likewise, the size of the cuddly toy that may come into the school building. Thank you for your continued support around this.

Key Dates: Term 4, 5 and 6	
Thursday 3 rd April	School Internal Easter Service in Church
Friday 4 th April	FOSH Break the Rules Day
Monday April 7 th – 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	Term 5 Starts
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs assessments week
Monday 2 nd June – Friday 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Test Check
Monday 9 th June- Friday 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics Assessment
Saturday 14 th June	FOSH Inflatables Fair
Monday 7 th July	Sports Day KS1: 9:15am to 10:30am KS2: 10:45am to 12:15pm Reserve Day: Tuesday 8 th July AM.
Tuesday 15 th July	School Reports out to Parent / Carers
Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd July	Inset Days

Academic Year 2025-26

Term	Starts	Ends	St. Helen's INSET Days:
Term 1	Monday 1 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 1st September
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025	Friday 24th October 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026	
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026	Monday 23rd March 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026	
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026	Monday 20th July 2026 Tuesday 21st July 2026

Well done to those children who were awarded a certificate last week and today:



Holly Class: Arthur & Charlie
 Beech Class: Olivia C & Ava
 Oak Class: Max & Georgie
 Ash Class: Ronnie & Ozzie
 Sycamore Class: Becky & Avah-Grace
 Elm Class: Cole & Peaches

Teddy & Navy
 Rocky & Arthur
 Eva & Lucas
 Elliott & George
 Everly & Logan
 Aryo & Willis

