

From Mr Chappell: As we approach the end of another term, it's important to reflect on the many achievements of our children. This week, I have been particularly impressed by the dedication of our Year 6 pupils as they continue to work hard in preparation for their SATs, showing a strong commitment to improving further. Across the school, the progress made by so many children this term has been superb. This was evident during our recent curriculum showcase and will be seen at parents' evening in a few weeks' time. These opportunities highlight the growth in learning that is supported by our staff members and strengthened by your continued encouragement at home. Together, we help every child develop from their individual starting points. At the heart of our school is a shared belief that every child's development matters. We strive to create a culture where all children take a pride in doing their best and aim to be 'Flying High' in all areas - whether in Maths, RE, art, music, sports or other activities. With two important terms still ahead, we know our children will aim to Fly High and make us proud! Wishing you a wonderful Easter break and we will see you again on **Monday 20th April**.

Musical Drama Enrichment Club: If you were one of the 127 parents, carers or families members who attended last Friday, I am sure you were just as impressed as I was by the children who performed in Miss Tayler's Drama club. The performance showcased a range of talents, including amazing solo singing, group performances, and confident acting. It was hard to believe that such a polished performance had been put together in ten weeks, with only one hour of rehearsal each Friday after school. It truly was an incredible experience. The club is already at full capacity for Term 5 and 6, as the children begin working towards another performance for families. Well done to all involved – it was absolutely brilliant! Please see message from Miss Tayler- *'WOW! Firstly, I just wanted to say how incredibly proud I am of every student who took part in my first production at St Helen's, Matilda. Each child shone in their own way, and they should all feel truly proud of what they achieved.'*



Attendance: A huge thank you for your continued support in trying to ensure that your child's attendance is the best it can be. The whole school attendance at the end of today stands at....

Session Attendance Summary (01 Sep 2025 - 01 Apr 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	90.70%	95.67%	95.49%	96.50%	96.48%	96.17%	97.38%	95.60%

A huge well done to the Year 6s, who have a very impressive 97.38%, which is one of the highest class attendances not just this year but for several years. With Term 5 only being a very short 5 weeks (24 days due to the May Bank Holiday) we are aiming for every children to increase their current attendance by ensuring that they are in for every day next term!

FOSH Events: Please keep an eye on the key dates listed below, particularly the upcoming FOSH events. There are many exciting events planned, and as always, FOSH is looking for volunteers to help support these events. Once again, a huge thank you to Emma and the entire FOSH team for their continued hard work, - it truly makes a difference for the children! Your support is greatly appreciated, so please do get involved whenever you can.

Prayer Spaces and Easter Gardens: Last week, all classes took part in their Easter Prayer Spaces at church, led by our wonderful Open the Book community team. These sessions invited the children to explore the meaning of Easter by journeying through a series of interactive prayer stations, each representing a moment from the Holy Week story. The children reflected on a deeply human journey: as they did this, from the excitement and hope of Jesus' arrival as King on a donkey, to the Last Supper where he asked his disciples to remember him through bread and wine (or, for the children, bread and blackcurrant juice). They experienced the garden where Jesus was alone, where he prayed as his friends slept, and the sadness of Golgotha at the Crucifixion. The story concluded with the joy of the empty tomb, as Mary discovered Jesus was alive. A huge thank you to Jo Baxter and the Team and to Jo for putting together this summary.



Photos of Year 1s in Church.

Easter Gardens

The transformation of the deep sadness of **Good Friday** into the joy of **Easter Sunday** is often symbolised by the creation of an **Easter garden** - Can you make an Easter Garden this weekend and post on Class Dojo?



Create your own Easter Garden Challenge:

Today, in church we held our whole school Easter service, where we explored the symbolism of Easter Gardens. These special gardens help tell the Easter story, representing themes of new life, hope, and the resurrection of Jesus. We have challenged children to make their own Easter Garden over the weekend and share their creations to Class Dojo. I am really looking forward to seeing the imaginative and thoughtful designs that the children come up with. Any creations that are posted will be printed and displayed after the Easter break to celebrate and the wonderful efforts made at home. Why not take some time this week as a

family and create your own Easter Garden!

Key Dates:	
Tuesday 28 th and Thursday 30 th April	Parents/Carers Meeting: Letter week 1 of Term 5.
Monday 18 th May afternoon	FOSH: Grand Opening of Sensory Garden & School on site 60th Anniversary. Look out for further details with timings to be confirmed.
Friday 22 nd May	End of Term 5
Monday 1 st June	Start of Term 6
Monday 15 th June Sports Day	KS1 9:15 am KS2 10:45 am (Reserve Day Tuesday 16 th June)
Friday 3 rd July afternoon	FOSH Colour Run
Tuesday 7th July & Thursday 9th July	Year 5 and 6 Production Time TBC
Friday 10 th July 3:30 pm	Music and Drama Club performance to Parents/Carers
Friday 10 th July 5 pm	FOSH End of Year Discos
Tuesday 14 th July	Reports to Parents/Carers and results.
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service in church 1:45 pm Flying High exit front door approximately 3:10 pm.
Inset Days:	
20th July 21st July	
Key Statutory Dates – all pupils to undertake.	
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs assessments week
Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Tests and Year 2 Phonics re-tests
Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Well done to those children who received an award this week in Celebration Assembly:

Holly Class: Jacob H (Values) and Milo (Brave Change Maker)

Beech Class: Lucy (Values) and Arthur (BCM)

Oak Class: Luna H (Values) and Arthur (BCM)

Ash Class: Eva (Values) and Noah (BCM)

Sycamore Class: Tessa (Values) and Helen (BCM)

Elm Class: Eleanor (Values)

