

From Mr Chappell: Wow - what an amazing week of weather we've had! Seeing the children playing so beautifully on the field together at break times, in the sunshine, is truly one of the best things about our school. There really is so much choice for our children at break times and I believe this variety is a big reason why they are such genuinely enjoyable and memorable moments. Whether it's den building, climbing (the appropriate!) trees, imaginative play with sticks, or more traditional games like football, all our children conduct themselves superbly. Their behaviour and creativity is something we can all be proud of. Reflecting on our Ofsted report, I still find the opening line '*St Helen's is a happy and friendly school*' - the most pleasing. It captures the spirit of everything we strive to be.

This term may be a short one, but we're almost on the final stretch of the year – where has the time gone? There's still so much to achieve and work towards, and we continue to aim high, aspiring to our 'Flying High' ethos every day. Have a great Bank Holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday!

Staffing update: As Year 1 parents have known for some time, yesterday we said our sad goodbyes to Miss Paul, who has now left Year 1 to embark on new opportunities outside of education. Miss Paul has spent an amazing three years at St.Helen's, making a lasting impact on the children, families and staff she has worked with. The large gathering of parents and children outside her classroom yesterday, there to say their goodbyes, was a touching reflection the high regard in which she is held by the school community. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best in the future. As you may know, we appointed Miss Hannah Jacklin to the permanent role of Year 1 class teacher before Easter. She officially begins her new role on Tuesday, we are confident that, with the support of our wonderful community, she will quickly feel at home here at St.Helen's.



School Value: As you know this term's value is *Compassion* – and we're really looking forward to seeing some of ideas that the children come up with during our collective worship. In last week's assembly we explored how Jesus always notices others and offers his support. This weekend, why not ask your

child what they *noticed* this week?

Curriculum Showcase and Displays:

Following our fantastic curriculum showcase at the end of last term, staff have been working hard to transform some of the incredible classroom work into displays around the school. The children's work on 'Rights and Responsibilities' has been beautifully presented, and it's wonderful to see students walk past the displays with well-deserved pride every day!

Reflection:

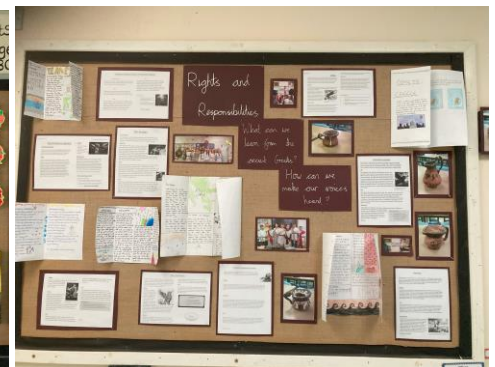
Constantly caring
Offering help
Making a difference
Putting others first
Always listening
Sensitive to suffering
Service in action
Interested in others
Offering care and concern
Noticing a need.



Year 1 How can we protect others?



Year 3 What makes a good leader?



Year 6 How we make our voices heard?

Year 6 SATs Test: Good luck to our amazing Year 6 children! By the time our next newsletter is published, they will have completed their Year 6 SATS tests. The children have been working incredibly hard, and, as always, we are so proud of the effort they've put in. At St Helen's we encourage every child to simply try their best – that's all we ever ask, and it's a value we nurture from the very beginning. It perfectly aligns with our ethos of '*Flying High*' and once again our Year 6 have truly embodied that spirit. There is something special that happens when Year 6's put on their different colour jumpers (this year an amazing red!): they step up in every area of school life. This year has been no exception. Our Year 6 have been

amazing. From leading prospective parent tours to wowing us in fantastic dance performances, they have represented our school with pride, maturity and enthusiasm. We're still looking forward to their exciting end of year production – in which we know they will shine, just as they have all year long – Flying High! As with many of our previous Year 6's, the run up to the SATs test has not phased them. They are determined to beat their recent test scores which were already great! Go for it Year 6, you've had a great year! Keep going!



FOSH Update: The summer fair is coming! SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 14 June (afternoon)

We need helpers for the following: Source donations of prizes, refreshments, Games stalls, Selling stalls Transfer tattoos, Face painting If you have any ideas do get in touch!

Please let Claire Gregory know if you can help in any way or email foshalveston@gmail.com

Key Dates: Term 4, 5 and 6	
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
	Year 5 and 6 Production 6 pm start
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 1 st September
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026	
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026	Monday 23 rd March 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026	
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026	Monday 20 th July 2026 Tuesday 21 st July 2026

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



Holly Class: Nihal & Ivy	Arthur
Beech Class: Harry & Jax	Fraser & Amelie
Oak Class: Arlo & Noah	Doohyun
Ash Class: Albie & Harrison	Zara & Rosa
Sycamore Class: Taamiraan & Dougie	Isabelle & Sienna
Elm Class: Ocean & April	Lily & Abigail

