

From Mr Chappell: I hope you all had a great half term break and enjoyed the sunshine when it was here! Although it may be the final term, there is still so much to do and to achieve. In my experience, this is often the time when children make good progress across all subjects, thanks to our staff's consistently high expectations. Every year, when I was in the classroom, my children would *moan* at me and ask when they could have time away from work in the final week, and my standard response was that they could relax on the final day! The truth is, switching off too early means missing out on valuable progress! It may well be the final seven weeks, but we still need to be reading daily, practicing our number facts, improving our handwriting and giving our best effort right to the end! I have discussed this in previous assemblies: every second of every minute, of every hour in school counts. OFSTED recognised and praised our children's excellent learning habits, a testament to their hard work and your support. Indeed, wasting five minutes a day x 5 days equals 25 minutes a week over 7 weeks of Term 6, equals 175 minutes – that's nearly 3 hours of lost learning time! That's why I am known by children for hating 'faffing' in the classroom, don't waste time when you can be learning!

This can go the other way as well, just ten minutes a day reading at home with your children equals 50 minutes a week x 7 weeks of Term 6, equals 350 minutes, nearly six extra hours of learning! That's almost a full school day of reading gained from just from 10 minutes a day! It really does make a difference. So the challenge this term is don't waste any time at school or at home - keep Flying High and learning. Have a great weekend!



SUMMER FAIR!

Saturday 14th June

Can you help?

We need on-the-day help with refreshments, games and stalls. We need help to run games and stalls to make a great event and raise money for school.

Please contact foshalveston@gmail.com



FOSH update:

A reminder of the upcoming summer fair-FOSH really need people to step forward and support. Despite repeated pleas across the year for different events we are struggling for people to support. If you can help even for a short time, please contact FOSH. See message from FOSH below:

The School Fair on Saturday, 14th June (12.30-4.30) is fast approaching, and we urgently need your help to make it a success.

The fair is a highlight for our children and a vital fundraiser for school. BUT it simply cannot happen without enough parent volunteers to run the stalls and activities.

An hour or two to help run a stall is all it takes.

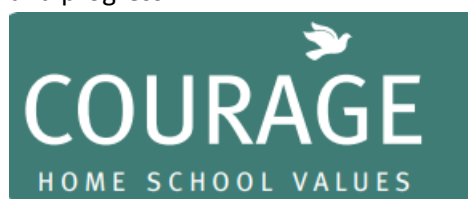
Please contact foshalveston@gmail.com by Wed 11th June to sign up for a slot.

Uniform and Shoes: We appreciate that we are coming to the end of the year but please ensure that uniform is still meeting the school's expectations. It has been remarked on by several staff that despite a good first part of the year, more and more children are not wearing the correct uniform for PE and more children are wearing trainers with their normal uniform. Please help support school by ensuring that your children are wearing the right uniform. It would not be tolerated in secondary school so why should it start here. One idea that we may explore further, (perhaps it is too late this year so will look at for next year), was for people to donate to school good quality shoes that are still fine to use, but that children may have grown out of. I appreciate that children need properly sized and fitted shoes at local shops, but this may be something

that we explore for children who are regularly coming to school not wearing shoes and build a bank of loan shoes that we can give to parents. As always uniform is not something that children control but it the responsibility of you parents/carers so please continue to support this.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for Term 5 was 95.4 %, which is also our whole school attendance for the whole year! It should be noted that an incredible 103 children, nearly 50% of our school, have a whole school attendance of well over 97% which is fantastic! It is worth noting that, we have always as a school, alongside other local schools, stayed very consistent in not authorising absence requests for holidays. We really appreciate that there are reasons that you may feel a holiday is needed out of term time, for lots of different reasons: weddings, spending time with family, seeing family abroad, recovering from a difficult time, and we know the prices during the holidays can be extortionate, but we have always tried to stay consistent in this. Please be reminded of the information we shared at the start of the year which can be found on our website. The government have changed the regulations on unauthorised attendance; 10 sessions of unauthorised attendance can be defined over a longer period of time (10 weeks period). Please help us by ensuring your children are in school as much as they can. Yesterday the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) visited our school and although very complimentary about our school attendance, she did note there are a few families who need to improve so that their children are not classed as persistently absent. When we cannot authorise holidays during term time, it's not due to lack of compassion, we want to ensure we maintain equity and consistency for everyone whilst prioritising the children's learning and progress.



Value for this term is Courage: Please find attached our home school values sheet to work through with your child.

Please note that we have had to move back the reserve day for Sports Day. We are hopeful that we will have a glorious, sunny day on Monday 7th July for our Sports Day, this year being organised by Mrs Derrick, PE lead and Year 5 teacher. Please note if it rains, we will be having our reserve sports day on **Wednesday 9th July.**

Monday 2 nd -13 th June	Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 children.
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: Wednesday 9th July.
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 5 and 6 Production 5 pm start
Thursday 10 th July	Year 5 and 6 Production 5 pm start
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: Norah & Nihal
Beech Class: Oliva D & Amber
Oak Class: Tilley & Charlie
Ash Class: Freya & Freddie
Sycamore Class: Isla & Becky
Elm Class: Kaia & Ollie

Rocky & Aurora
Amelia
Quinn & Liliana
Freya
Oliver & Bavian
Lola & James



Flying High Weekly Shields: Prithvicka, Tessa, Chloe S, Georgie