

From Mr Chappell: There is only one place to start this week, and that is with a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have worked incredibly hard throughout their SATs this week. Those who have attended our Celebration Assembly this year will know that we have regularly recognised our Year 6 children for being exceptional role models to the rest of the school. They have consistently demonstrated work, resilience, and determination throughout the year. This week, they faced the challenge of SATs with maturity, positivity, and perseverance. While some of the papers were certainly challenging, the children approached every test with confidence and determination, showing many of our school values along the way. Our Year 6 children have been a real credit to the school, to the Year 6 staff - thank you to Mr Leeming and Mrs Woolford - and to themselves and their families. Across our school, all we ever ask is that children try their very best and give maximum effort, and Year 6 certainly did exactly that. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Well done, Year 6 — you have truly been *Flying High*!

A key point highlighted once again through this years SATs papers is the importance of reading fluency, and the quick recall of number facts, particularly with the Maths papers. We would encourage parents and carers to continue supporting children at home, by regularly practicing and reinforcing these key skills. From their individual starting points, we know that every child across our school can make progress. For some children, this may mean confidently recalling a few key number facts, while for others it may mean mastering them all — but every bit of support at home makes a difference. As mentioned earlier, all we ever ask is that children try their very best and continue striving to keep *Flying High*. Have a great weekend – well done Year 6 - you were brilliant!

Grand Opening of Sensory Garden & 60th Anniversary Party!



We are really looking forward to our special celebrations on Monday, which will include the official opening of our new quiet sensory garden, alongside a wonderful historical showcase celebrating the rich history of St Helen's School. We would love as many families as possible to join us for what promises to be a very memorable afternoon. Please do feel free to invite former members of the school community too - grandparents, family members, neighbours and friends are all very welcome. They may even spot themselves in some of the photographs and historical displays!



This special occasion marks more than 60 years since the school opened on this site and, together with FOSH, we have planned an exciting celebration for our whole school community. For the first time in many years, we will be hosting a historical showcase in the school hall, featuring range of fascinating displays and memorabilia. These include log books dating back over one hundred years, alongside letters, photographs, and treasured items from across the decades, all helping to celebrate the rich history of St Helen's school.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for children, staff, parents, and family members to explore and celebrate the history of St Helen's. We are also delighted to have invited former members of staff, creating a special opportunity for past teachers and members of the school community to reconnect and share memories of their time at the school.

Alongside the historical exhibition, the celebration will also mark the official opening of our amazing new sensory and quiet garden, created by FOSH. This wonderful space will provide children with a calm and reflective area to enjoy throughout the school day. (Please remember to bring cakes into school on Monday morning. FOSH members will be selling cakes on the KS1 playground after school.)

Following the end of the school day, the hall will remain open for approximately an hour, giving families plenty of opportunity to enjoy the historical displays, which the children will have already explored during the afternoon. This promises to be a truly memorable occasion, celebrating both the proud history of our school and the exciting future ahead. We hope you are able to join us for this special event.

Timetable (Please note this may change depending on the weather!)

- Picnic style lunch on the field for all children (weather permitting). Please order lunch from the school menu as normal.
- Throughout the afternoon, each class will visit the hall to explore the history of the school and spend time in the new quiet sensory garden. This will also provide an opportunity to recognise and appreciate the fantastic work of FOSH, while reinforcing expectations around respect and care for these special spaces.
- 2:30 invited guests and former members of staff welcomed into school, to look around and explore the historical artefacts and displays.
- 3:25 Official opening of the sensory garden on the KS1 playground. (cakes will also be on sale).
- 3:30 Choir performance outside on the KS1 playground. Please do join us if you can for this special celebration.
- 3:50 Parents, carers and community members invited into the hall to view history display.



A reminder that our value this term is Justice. Please continue to talk to your children about the value with the Home school sheet we have circulated.

Attendance check: Thank you to all families for ensuring your children attend school regularly. Our whole-school attendance currently stands at 95.73%

Next Thursday we will be visited by our EWO (Educational Welfare Officer), who will review every child's attendance and the reasons for any absences. Once again a huge well done to Year 6 – who have achieved a fantastic attendance figure of over 97% - that is amazing!

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.26%	95.73%	95.95%	96.7%	96.7%	96.2 %	97.55%

Key Dates:	
Monday 18 th May 3:25 pm.	FOSH: Grand Opening of Sensory Garden & School on site 60th Anniversary. 3:25 pm
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
Wednesday 8 th July & Thursday 9 th July	Year 5 and 6 Production Time 5:30 pm start
Friday 10 th July 3:30pm	Music and Drama Club performance to Parents/Carers
Friday 10 th July 5pm	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 Year 6 Flying High exit from front door approximately 3:10 pm.
Inset Days:	20th July, 21st July
Key Statutory Dates – all pupils to undertake.	
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

Celebration Assembly - well done to those children who were awarded a certificate today.:

Holly Class: Eloise & Matilda

Beech Class: Imogen & Kishanth

Oak Class: James & Ava

Ash Class: Dom & Elana

Sycamore Class: Hugo & Neve

Elm Class: All of Year 6!

