

From Mr Chappell: I can't believe that this is the penultimate newsletter of the year. So much has been going on this week and there is still so much to do over the next couple of weeks: for example, next week the Year 5 and 6's will perform their amazing production 'Wind in the Willows.' We have our very exciting new style sports day (see below) and the children will get time to meet their new teachers, all this and still a lot more academic work to do! Once again, I want to say thank you for all your support and help this year, which considering we also had OFSTED, has been another remarkably busy year! Have a great weekend!

Staffing Structure for 2025-26: Please see below information about the staffing structure for the next academic year:

	Teacher:	Teaching Assistants working in the classroom
Year R	Miss Emily Fletcher	Mrs Dawn Higgs Mon – Tues Mrs Fiona Kitson Wed- Fri Mrs Sindjuha Balasundaram Mon Tues Wed Fri mornings. Mrs Fiona Wilding Thursday morning
Year 1	Miss Hannah Jacklin	Mrs Coral Mclean Mon- Fri mornings Mrs Fiona Wilding Mon- Fri afternoons
Year 2	Mrs Liz Bennett Mon- Tues Mr Bartlett Wed- Fri	Mrs Vicky Southcott Mon- Fri
Year 3	Miss Emily Jakes	Miss Carolyn Gale Mon- Fri mornings
Year 4	Miss Kate Mason	Mrs Fleur Tweehuysen Tues morning Mrs Jo Morgans Wed- Fri mornings
Year 5	Mr Alex Daniels	Mrs Victoria Oakey Mon- Thurs Morning
Year 6	Mr Jon Leeming	Mrs Nicola Woolford Mon- Thurs mornings

As you can see there are a very few movements, and you will also see that, sadly we say goodbye at the end of the year to Mrs Prichard and Mrs Derrick, who currently job share in Year 5. We are extremely sad to see both of them leave.

Mrs Derrick has worked here for six years arriving as an ECT (Early Careers Teacher,) and worked in Year 1 and since her return from maternity leave in Year 5, she leaves to move on to a new role in nursery management, returning to her undergraduate degree are Early Years education. Thank you Mrs Derrick for all your hard work, you have done a great job with so many children in your classes!

Mrs Prichard has worked at St.Helen's for nine years and has had a incredible impact on the school in so many different ways: from playing an important role in designing our fantastic 'Connected Curriculum' to leading Maths across the school, which saw the introduction of mastery Maths, and a number of different leadership roles, which helped to move the school to an OFSTED rating of outstanding. Thank you Mrs Prichard for all that you have done!

We wish them both all the very best wishes for the future and both will be sorely missed.

With the joy of new classes, next Tuesday we will be holding our 'moving up hour' where the children will get to experience time with their new teachers. It's great that we will be joined by Miss Jakes (new Year 3 teacher) for the day as well. The transition process has already started for a number of teachers, with individual conversations happening between staff about the children they are receiving. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your current class teacher or a member of SLT.

Sports Day: We're really looking forward to our Sports Day on Monday morning. KS1 will start at approximately 9:15 am and finish at 10:30 am, then we will have KS2 sports days at 10:45 am to approx 12 pm. As usual the gate will be open at the beginning of school and then opened again for any family members. It will be locked at 9:10 am before reopening at the end of KS1 sports day. **Please note that we cannot accommodate individual wishes for the gate to be open to let people out during the morning.** Likewise, there will not be opportunities to use any toilet facilities within school due to safeguarding reasons. This year, alongside our traditional sprint, long distance (KS2) and relays (selected fastest children) all children will also take part in a carousel of sporting events. Each activity will last 5 minutes and the children will be working in their house teams to score as many points as they can to contribute to their overall final score. This is a great new idea from our PE co-ordinator Mrs Derrick, and the activities will take place on different parts of the track and the children will rotate around. Chairs will be scattered around, for you to sit on to watch the different events, but please do

not encroach on the track. **Inside the oval track is a rectangular box that we expect all parents/ carers/ family members to stay within.** If you are bringing pre-school children please ensure that they are supervised.

We are delighted to announce that next year our sports coaching and some of the after school clubs will be delivered by Ignite Sports. After four years of working with Bristol Sport, we have decided to partner with Ignite Sport, who will also be working in our partner school St.Mary's and also several other local schools, who like us have a strong passion for Sport. Ignite is a brand new sports coaching company founded by Tom Monks, someone we have worked with for a number of years, as he originally set up the Bristol Sport Model of coaching. Please see below some information from Tom. ' *Ignite Sport are very excited to be coming to St. Helen's CE Primary School from September. Through positive experiences of PE, after school sports clubs and holiday sports camps, our coaches will strive to engage and inspire as many children as possible at St. Helen's to be active, healthy and fulfilled for life. I founded Ignite Sport in November 2024 following a 22-year career in the education, sports coaching and charity sectors. From 2014 to 2024, I designed and directed Bristol Sport Foundation's Forever Sport programme from the ground up and a team of two to a team of over 50 coaches.*

I was fortunate to have a very active childhood with lots of opportunities to play sport and I firmly believe that one key ingredient for children to build a positive long-term attitude towards sport and physical activity, is early access to a broad array of sports. Ignite Sport's clubs and camps will provide safe, inclusive, fun and active opportunities for the children at St. Helen's to take part in sports activities at the end of the school day and during the school holidays.

Sport and exercise develop skills for life – from collaboration and courage to teamwork and determination. Ignite Sport believe that most importantly it should be fun and challenging for everyone, regardless of the level of competition and participation. We look forward to teaching and coaching your children next year.'

Tom Monks Ignite Sport's Managing Director and Founder

School Day Changes: A reminder of the information sent a while ago about the changes to the school day. The gates will be opening at **8:40 am** ready for children to be in class by **8:45 am**. Breaktimes and lunchtimes are unchanged. The school day ends at 3:15 pm. This will be a change for all our school community but please be aware that there is no more 'phased time in' in the morning to arrive. We know that there are a very small number of parents who make it in just before the gate is closed at 9 am, please ensure over the next few weeks you get in earlier to start getting used to this earlier time.

Whole School attendance: 95.26% - with full attendance over the next few weeks we may beat last year's attendance.

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
Friday 11 th July	FOSH Disco KS1 5 pm -6pm KS2 6:15pm -7:15pm
Tuesday 15 th July	School Reports out to Parent / Carers
Friday 18 th July	Leavers Service to Parents 2 pm start in Church Traditional Flyig High Walk out the front door: 3:20 pm approx
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



Holly Class: Laine & Willow
Beech Class: Ruby & Jenson
Oak Class: Hallie & Noah
Ash Class: Bavisha & Archie
Sycamore Class: Poppy & Chloe
Elm Class: Ocean & Harrison

Imogen B & Wilfred
Arthur & Elliot
Molly & Elle
Ronnie & Flora
Ruben & Parker
Feryln & Luke

Flying High Weekly Shields: Ella (Y1), Lola (Y6), Every (Y5) and Belle (Y5)

