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Newsletter 2

Friday 19th September 2025

From Mr Chappell It has been another very busy couple of weeks, and I'm delighted to see how well the children are settling into their new classes - especially our EYFS children. Already, I have seen some great examples of work across the school. Many of our children continue to follow our Flying High ethos every single day, and all staff continue to support every child in making the right choices to help them learn and grow. We have high standards for all our children – both in their behaviour and their academic work – and those expectations will never drop. Of course, we recognise that some children can sometimes find it difficult to regulate their emotions and behaviour. What I love most about our school though, is how relentlessly positive our staff are in supporting every child to succeed. Having been here for several years now, I can say with pride that our expectation for children to follow our simple Flying High rules has never wavered. With your support and encouragement at home, we are confident that all our children will aspire to be Flying High- working together to achieve our school vision.:

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Why not spend ten minutes this weekend talking to your children about our Flying High expectations and asking what they mean to them! Thank you, as always, for your continued support - and I hope you have a great weekend.





The St.Helen's Community: This week I posted photos and videos of children in Year 6 playing with children in EYFS. Moments like these are what I love most about our school community, seeing children of all ages come together so naturally at break times. With that in mind, I asked a few of our Year 6 children what they love about being part of our St. Helen's community. Their responses were wonderful and a real reminder of just how much our children value coming to St. Helen's.

Dougie: It is fun, and I get to play with my friends. We get to learn lots of new information.

Sara: I get to know everybody across school and get to spend time with them.

Becky: We have a lot of responsibilities in Year 6, which makes the year more enjoyable. The learning challenges us and enables us to reach new heights.

Taamiran: School is amazing, we make new friends, and we should always Fly High. I learn new things; the teachers make the lessons fun.

Ask your children what they love about school and what great things they have been up to this week!

Healthy snacks at break times: Please be reminded that break time snacks should be healthy fruit and vegetable snacks such as oranges, apples, mini-tomatoes, carrot sticks etc. Crisps and cheese dippers, cheese strings, pepperoni sticks, are not appropriate for break times. Thank you for your support with this.



Prospective Parents 2026: If you have any younger siblings due to start school in September 2026, or if you know any parents/carers who may be considering our lovely school, please do share our website link and encourage them take a look at all that St Helen's has to offer. The tour dates for prospective parent/carers are: Tours are available from 11:15 pm to 12:15 pm on the following dates: Monday 6th October 2025, Monday 13th October 2025, Tuesday 4th November 2025, Monday 10th November 2025, Tuesday 18th November 2025, Monday 24th November 2025, Monday 8th December 2025

Please email the school office below to book a place on the tour.

Parent's Evening: Class teachers really enjoyed meeting many of you at the Meet the Teacher sessions during the first week of term - thank you for attending and supporting these important introductions. This year we have decided to hold our 1:1 Parents/Carers' Evenings

at the start of Term 3 and Term 5. Teachers spend time at the end of Terms 2 and 4 carefully assessing pupils' progress. This provides them with in-depth information about each child's understanding of key concepts, whether they are on track to meet expected standards and any skills they would benefit from practising at home. By moving Parent's Evenings to the beginning of Term 3 and Term 5, teachers will be able to share more accurate and meaningful information with you. Our hope is that this change will help you to better support your child's learning at home. As always, if you have any questions or concerns before Parents' Evening, please do speak with your child's class teacher at the end of the school day, or contact the school office to arrange a meeting. Finally, a reminder that our teachers are not able to respond directly to Dojo messages. However, both Mrs Hardy and I remain contactable through this method if needed.

Key Dates: Term 1 and 2:	
Friday 3 rd October	FOSH Disco Timings TBC:
Friday 17 th October	FOSH / TTRS Dress Up as a Rockstar Day* More info to follow next week.
Friday 24 th October	Inset day
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying week.
December TBC	Nativity / KS1 Nativity / Year 3 / 4 Christingle
Monday 12 th December	FOSH Christmas Fair 3:30 pm onwards
Parents / Carers Meetings:	Term 3 : 13 th and 15 th January Term 5 : 28 th and 30 th April
Key Statutory Dates	
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs assessments week
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Tests and Year 2 Phonics Re-tests
Monday 1 st June – Friday 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

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



Holly Class: Joseph & Arthur Ayla & Matilda
Beech Class: Vinnie & Olive Borys & Ivy
Oak Class: Eli & Belle Jax & Eva
Ash Class: Jude & Jack Niylah & Elana
Sycamore Class: Harrison & Tessa Zara & Obi
Elm Class: Elizabeth & Taamiran

Flying High Headteacher Certificate: Archie & Ronnie

