

From Mr Chappell: It has been an incredibly busy Term 1 and so much has happened over the last term. One thing that all staff members have been really impressed by, is the effort and enthusiasm of our children and their enjoyment in school. All staff members have remarked about the 'buzz' around school and the positivity that your children are showing! Thank you to all children and you as parents/carers for all your support and help. I would also like to say a huge thank you, to every single staff member, who have made the first term such a great term. I am truly thankful for all their hard work and see at first hand the hard work that they put in, day in day out, to ensure your children have a Flying High start to their education. Thank you! Have a great half term and we will see you on Monday 31st October!

The St Helen's community, children, families and staff - 'Flying High - Soar on wings like eagles'

Parents Evening: Tuesday 15th November and Thursday 17th November 4 pm to 7 pm. Please note the dates for Term 2's parents evening. After the events of the last couple of years, we are delighted to be back in person in school, this will also enable you to see all the great work that is going on in your child's books. More information about how to sign up for a time and day will be sent out in the first week of term.

New arrival to the St. Helen's Primary Family! We are delighted to let you know that Miss Hurd and her partner have recently had their baby boy named Vinnie. We are really looking forward to seeing them all very soon!



Photographs: Monday 14th November Individual and Sibling photos will be taken in school by Tulip Photography on Monday 14th November. Unfortunately as in previous years we will not be able to cater for any pre-school or younger siblings, it is just for school based children.



Book Fair: The travelling book fair will be in school for the week from Monday 14th November to Thursday 17th November. Please note; payment is being encouraged by the Book Fair, by the of scanning of a QR code at the fair and paying online and not cash- more information will follow about this in the new term.

Reading Daily: Thank you to all those children who have been reading our RWI books regularly at home. Building the fundamental basics of reading, cannot be overlooked and as we keep reiterating is a priority for all our children!



Harvest Festival: Our Harvest festival yesterday was a fantastic occasion and to have everyone in church together was really a special time. All the children from EYFS' amazing singing of Big Red Combine Harvester to Year 6 Readers were a credit to the school. A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously to contribute to donations for the Sister Church in Bristol and the North Bristol Foodbank.

Staff Update: Today we said a very sad goodbye to two members of staff: Mrs Caherty, one of our lunch break supervisors, who has been at St. Helen's for over 8 years and Mrs Carpenter, who has been with us working in a one to one capacity with a child in Year 2. We wish them all the very best for the future.



Clubs in Term 2: Gardening Club has proved to be a huge hit this term- a huge thank you to Mrs Kitson and Mrs Tweehyusen for running this club alongside some local community members. This week we have had pumpkins from the club and yesterday had some beetroot!

A reminder that we still have a number of spaces available for other Term 2 clubs.

To register for Bristol Sport Clubs –please click on the link below.

[Buy Tickets: Bristol Sport Ticketing \(bristol-sport.co.uk\)](http://bristol-sport.co.uk)

Attendance: Thank you to everyone who has made a huge effort with their attendance. The school attendance at the end of Term 1 stands at 95.55%. A reminder that our school attendance policy is on our school website and a reminder that we cannot authorise any holiday requests.

Please also remember to phone the school office if your child is unwell.

<https://www.sthelensprimary.org.uk/our-school/attendance/>

Applications for Primary and Secondary Places:

Is your child due to start primary or secondary school in September 2023?

The application process for places is now open. Read South Gloucestershire Council's web pages and admission guides at www.southglos.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The deadline for secondary schools is 31 October 2022. The deadline for primary applications is 15 January 2023.

Prospective Parents 2023: If you have any younger siblings due to start school in September 2023, please visit our school website for school tour dates. Likewise if you know any parents who are considering our lovely school, please pass on the link and encourage them to look at our school website.

<https://www.sthelensprimary.org.uk/admissions/prospective-parents/>

Update from FOSH - Friends of St Helen's News

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the recent movie night! It was fantastic to see so many children attend, we hope you all had fun! In the coming weeks, the children will be working on producing some artwork which will be able to be turned into Christmas Cards and other products, which are perfect for presents! Please watch this space for further details. **Note for your dairies: School Christmas Fair - Saturday 3rd December 2022**

Well done to those children who were awarded a certificate last week.

Holly class – Luna, Louie

Beech class – Flora

Oak class – Joshua, Isla

Ash class – Ferlyn, Emily B

Sycamore class – Zack, Holly

Elm class – Katlyn, Laura



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