

From Mr Chappell: Welcome back to a new term and a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined our lovely St.Helen's community. We hope you already feel part of our school family and are settling in well. Hopefully by now, you will have had the opportunity to read our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report, which was sent out on Wednesday. Once again, I want to reiterate what a fabulous achievement this is for our whole school community - staff, children, parents and governors alike. To have received such positive and affirming comments from the inspector truly reflects the importance of our distinct Christian ethos, which we strive to instil in our children every single day. One of the most pleasing aspects for me, whenever external people come to our school, is that they see what we as leaders see every single day - that all staff want the very best for every single child, helping them to be *Flying High*. I am often asked what I love most about our school, and my answer is always the same - the relationships between children and staff. The opening line of the report perfectly encapsulates everything we aim to achieve as a community. *'Shaped by its Christian vision, St Helen's is a welcoming, supportive and inclusive school community. This well-established vision links flourishing to the language of 'flying high'. As a result, it creates a culture that recognises the unique worth and value of each individual.'* What a lovely summary of our school! Have a great weekend.

'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community'
'They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31'

SFAT (Severn Federation Academy Trust) Meeting: A reminder that on Monday at 6:30pm in the school hall, we will be holding the first parents/carers consultation meeting as we begin the process of our school joining SFAT. Leaders from the SFAT will be presenting from 6:30pm. This will be an important opportunity for you to hear directly from the leaders of the trust, CEO Rachel Dare and Deputy CEO Guy Phillips – as they share their vision, values and work of the SFAT.



Our value for this term is **Respect**: Please find attached with this newsletter our Home Schools Values sheets. This value is one of our core Flying High rules so is really important to remind children of the importance of respect inside and outside of the school gates.



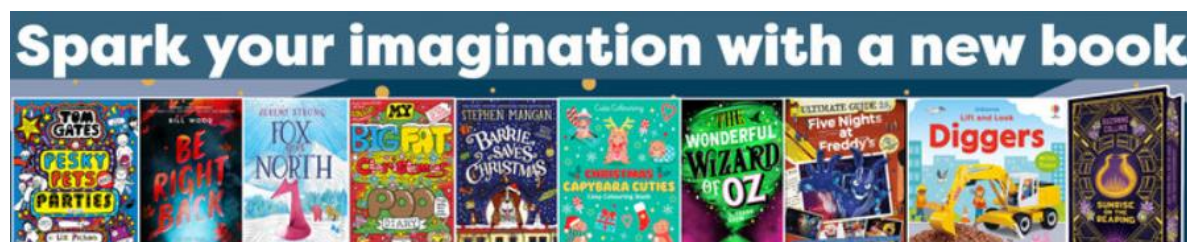
FOSH Times Tables Rock Stars: A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our dress up day for FOSH and TTRS. As a school we raised just over £200 a great effort with so many fabulous costumes! Don't forget to keep learning those multiplication facts every day!



FOSH events: A reminder that our Christmas Fair is on **Friday 12th December** after school, from 3:30pm onwards. If there is anyone who can help support and help at the Christmas Fair, please contact FOSH at the email address: foshalveston@gmail.com



This week the children will have brought home their Christmas designs that you can now order. Please fill out the forms that have come home with your details and send back into school for **Monday 10th November**.



Travelling Book Fair: Monday 10th November to Thursday 13th November: We love reading at St. Helen's – please ensure you are reading with your children every single day! Why not visit the school



ICT suite after school next week Monday to Thursday next week to buy a book for your child and spark their imagination. For all the books sold, school will receive a small proportion of money to invest in new books for school!



Anti-Bullying Week: November 10th – 14th Our aim is that our children feel safe, supported and happy at school. If you have any concerns, please contact the school office, we are always here to listen. We do our best to resolve friendship issues and other worries before they escalate into bigger problems. This is an important part of school life and something we take seriously. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make our school a safe and caring place for everyone.

Key Dates: Please see on the dates table below.

Parents Evening: At the start of the year, after several discussions held as a school staff, we decided to move the parent/carer evening to Term 3 and 5. The rationale behind this was rather than the traditional Term 1 meeting about how children have *settled into their new year group*, a Term 3 meeting allows us to provide more precise information and data. This includes assessments such as maths and reading tests, giving you better guidance on how to support your child's learning moving forward. Please remember that if you have any concerns at any time, teachers are still available for meetings outside of these scheduled meetings. Simply email the office to arrange a convenient time. In terms of progress, with your support, if children continue to do the basics every day - reading, rehearsing times tables and number facts, and learning spellings - we know that they will continue to do well. We understand this is a change, so at the end of the academic year, we will review the new timings of parents' evening to see whether they have been more successful and informative for everyone.

Please note EYFS parents/carers: this process is slightly different for you. You will have received a letter today with details of your parents/carers evenings, which will be held in a few weeks' time. These meetings are designed so that you can see how your children have settled into EYFS from their pre-schools. (See dates below)

Children in Need Day: Next Friday, for a small donation, children can dress up in non-school uniform to help support the charity. The theme this year is: *'The theme for BBC Children in Need 2025 is "Challenge Yourself to 25"'*.

Key Dates: 2:	
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying week,
Friday 7 th November	Year 3 and 4 Trip Waterways
Monday 10 th November	EWO School Attendance Review
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 1 and 2 Trip St.Fangan's
Monday December 1 st	NSPCC workshops in school Year 6 Year 5 Year 2
Tuesday 2 nd December	Whole school individual photographs
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity 9:30am to Parents/ Carers
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity to Parents / Carers 9:30am
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity to Parents / Carers 2 pm
Friday 12 th December	FOSH Christmas Fair 3:30pm onwards
Parents / Carers Meeting Year EYFS	Term 2: 24th and 27th November 3:30pm to 6pm.
Parents / Carers Meetings: Year 1 – Year 6	Term 3: 13th and 15th January Term 5: 28th and 30th April
Key Statutory Dates – all pupils to undertake.	
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs assessments week
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



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

Holly Class: Jedidiah & Nilavan

Beech Class: Harley & Willow

Sycamore Class: Bavisha & George

Elm Class: Chloe & Diego



Ignite Sport awards for this week:

Year 6- Willow (excellent effort) and James Hunt (really resilient)

Year 5- Rosa (calm and confident) and Albie (playing fair)

Year 4- Alice and Quin (playing fair)

Year 3- Berry and Barnaby (fantastic focus)

Year 2- Wilf and Laine (calm and confident)

Year 1- Mack (really resilient) and Frankie (caring and kind)