St Helen's CE Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 1

Message from Mrs Evans

Welcome back to a new term at St Helen's! I hope everyone had a lovely break over half term. The children have settled in this week so well – it's as if they were never gone. It will be a busy term as we prepare for nativities and carol concerts. We are also looking forward to our first parent's evenings in a few weeks' time.

Our value for this term is **forgiveness**, which we will introduce in assembly this week. I'm looking forward to seeing our children put this value into action across the term and celebrating their achievements in our celebration assembly.

School rules – Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Ready

Last week, we introduced our three school rules: **Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Ready**. These three simple rules bring together all of our previous expectations and provide a clear message about how we can work together to make our school a happy, safe and positive place to learn. Please continue to talk to your children about these rules at home and reinforce the importance of following them both in and out of school.

Children in Need

This Friday, we will be supporting Children in Need with a non-school uniform day. The children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes, and we will be collecting donations to support this fantastic charity. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Parking

A gentle reminder to please be considerate of others when parking at drop-off and collection times. The road outside school can become extremely busy, and we have received reports from several parents who have been blocked in. Where possible, please consider parking further up the road and walking the remaining distance to school. Thank you for helping us to keep the area safe and accessible for everyone.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week (16th–20th November) is Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme is *Break the Silence*, encouraging children and adults to speak up, listen to one another and take action against bullying, both face-to-face and online.

We will launch the week on Monday 16th November with Odd Socks Day! Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities to help them understand the importance of kindness, respect and standing up to bullying.

Term dates and INSET dates

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027

INSET dates: Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October 2026, Monday 22nd February 2027, Friday 25th June 2027.

Upcoming dates for the diary

Term 2

9th – 13th November	Year 6 Camp
Friday 13th November	Non-school uniform for a donation to Children in Need
Monday 16th November	Odd socks day for anti-bullying week
Thursday 19th November	Reception tours for prospective parents at 9.45am
Monday 23rd November and Wednesday 25th November	Parent's Evenings 3.30 – 6pm
Monday 30th November	School Photos – individuals and siblings
Friday 4th December	FOSH Wreath making event
Monday 7th December	Reception tours for prospective parents at 11am
Wednesday 9th December	FOSH Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5pm
Tuesday 15th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance at 9:30am
Wednesday 16th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance at 2:15pm
Wednesday 16th December	Year 3 and 4 Carol Service at St Helen's Church at 5:00pm