

St Helen's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 Week 5



Message from Mrs Evans

I can't believe another week is over! It has been an incredible week with lots of wonderful learning happening all over the school. Some of my personal highlights involve lending some of the Y5s my favourite WW2 novels, hearing the Y4s discuss the power struggle that led to the Battle of Hastings and seeing lots of colourful ties designed and modelled by the Reception children. I have also loved being able to visit classes and write postcards for some incredible work, effort and focus that I have seen this week. Please join us in celebrating your child if they bring one home!

We're really settling into the year here at St Helen's. Children have gotten to know the adults working with them and lovely relationships are continuing to grow. As a quick reminder, we don't use ClassDojo for parent communications, so please feel free to email the office or catch your child's class teacher on the door in the morning or afternoons for a chat. We are really excited to be working with you to make out St Helen's community something special.

Harvest Foodbank Collection

We are still collecting donations for the North West Bristol and St Paul's Foodbanks. If you are able, please send in donations of tins or dried foods by the end of this term. Thank you for your support!

Traffic and parking outside school

As a polite reminder, please remember to be mindful and respectful when parking to drop off or collect your children. There have been a couple of instances of cars blocking the carpark area or parking dangerously on the road. Where possible, please consider walking or parking further away from school and walking down the road.

Our Most Needed Items* ...

Tinned Fruit
Tinned Meat
Rice
Long Life Milk
Biscuits
Instant Coffee
Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Fish
Peanut Butter/Jam
Crisps/Nibbles
Custard

When donating food please ensure that it has a 'sell by date' of at least 6 months in advance which is clearly marked.

Cygnets Fine Art Club

The booking link for Cygnets art club has now been sent out. If they receive more interest than there are spaces, a waiting list will be set up.

Celebrations!

Well done to the children who have been awarded the Flying High certificates in assembly. It is lovely to hear teachers speak so highly of the children and to hear how difficult it is to choose. Keep up the good work everyone!

Holly Class: Ayla & Caleb

Beech Class: Massimo & August

Oak Class: Rocky-Roy & Borys

Ash Class: Amelia & Theo

Sycamore Class: Lucas & Alice

Elm Class: Freya & Rosa

Ignite Sport – Mrs Fowkes superstars of the week during their PE sessions are:

Year 2: Jacob H, Milo and Massimo (Playing Fair)

Year 3: Harley & Immy C (Excellent Effort)

Year 4: Luna, Prithvika, Olivia D and Lakshan (Playing Fair)

Year 5: Whole Class (Terrific Teamwork)

Year 6: Whole Class (Terrific Teamwork)

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.

Please note that the last two days of **this term** are staff INSET days, and so school will our last day in school before October half term is **Wednesday 21st October**.

Upcoming dates for the diary

Term 1

Monday 5 th October	Reception Tours for prospective parents at 9.45am
Thursday 15 th October	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Friday 16 th October	FOSH non-uniform day
Tuesday 20 th October	Reception Tours for prospective parents at 1.30pm
Thursday 22 nd and Friday 23 rd October	INSET - School closed to children

Term 2

Wednesday 4 th November	Reception tours for prospective parents at 11am
9 th – 13 th November	Y6 Camp
Thursday 19 th November	Reception tours for prospective parents at 9.45am
Monday 23 rd November and Wednesday 25 th November	Parent's Evening at 3.30 – 6pm
Monday 30 th November	School Pictures – individuals and siblings
Friday 4 th December	FOSH Wreath making event
Monday 7 th December	Reception tours for prospective parents at 11am