



# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families

Yet again, our children stood still in reverent silence this morning as a mark of their respect and remembrance for the fallen in wars and conflicts around the world. All week we have talked together in Collective Worship and tried to understand the lessons we can learn.

Our playground is generally a happy place where conflict is quickly resolved, and children are safe and happy. If you know your child is having any friendship issues, however small, please let us know as quickly as you can so that something can be done to alleviate the problem.

Did you know that during the First World War, the soldiers planted vegetables and flowers in the trenches to feed themselves and to brighten their dangerous world? The YR class have the chance of a little allotment, but we will need your help! Do you think that at crucial gardening times, you might be able to lend us a hand so that it becomes our community garden?

Please remember to email me at [sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk) if I can be of any help.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs B x

**Year 1 & 2 will be swimming every Friday.  
Please remember your swimming kit.**

## Reception Children September 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 they are due to start school in September 2023.

From Monday 14th November applications can be made at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

This year LCC have provided a powerpoint to show parents how to apply. If you would like a copy of this and a School Application letter with the full details please contact the school office.

Thank you

## Attendance between 31.10.22 and 04.11.22

There has been an increased number of requests to take children early from school - please note this is not something we can authorise. We will need to see proof of hospital and doctor's appointments before granting permission. We do realise some appointments are not within your control.

We have also noticed an increased number of children arriving late to school; this cannot be authorised and makes it very embarrassing for the children when they must enter Collective Worship after everyone else. Please talk to us so a solution can be found to help your family.

The Department for Education states that children should be in school for six and a half hours every day. Our school times are: 8:50am - 3:25pm and those times should be adhered to.

Thank you for your understanding and compliance.

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 96.27% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

12 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 2 hours and 50 minutes learning time has been lost

8 children left school early (not relating to illness) which equates to 8 hours and 10 minutes learning time lost.

Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 11 hours.

## Miss Newson - Year 2 and Y1/Y2 (afternoons) teacher

Miss Newson, our teacher in Y2 and Y1/2 (pm) is leaving at Christmas to return to other things! We will find the best replacement teacher we can for the rest of the academic year starting in January, leaving the new Headteacher to appoint in September 2023. We will really miss her but all good things come to an end.

## Diary Dates 2022/2023

### NOVEMBER

10th 3:30-5pm SA Film Night  
 16th YR to Y6 Flu Nasal Spray  
 18th Children in Need  
 20th Forest Church  
 21st Year 3/4 visit Lincoln Culture

### DECEMBER

7th 8:20-8:45am Reading Cafe  
 8th Christmas Jumper Day  
 9:30am KS1 Christmas Performance  
 Rehearsal  
 5pm KS1 Christmas Performance  
 9th 9:30am Y3 Christmas Performance  
 Rehearsal.  
 3:30pm SA Raffle on the playground  
 5pm Year 3 Christmas Performance.  
 9am-11am SA Breakfast with Santa  
 10th 2pm Reception Nativity Rehearsal  
 12th Year 1 & 2 visit Lincolnshire Wildlife.  
 13th 2pm Reception Nativity Performance  
 14th Bubble Theatre Company—Cinderella to  
 whole school  
 3pm Y6 Perform Steel Drums to parents  
 15th Rudy's Run  
 Christmas Dinner for whole school  
 16th 2pm Christingle  
 End of Term 2

### JANUARY 2023

3rd Staff Training Day  
 4th School Open—Term 3

### FEBRUARY

10th End of Term 3  
 20th School Open—Term 4

### MARCH

31st End of Term 4

### APRIL

17th Staff Training Day  
 18th School Open—Term 5

### MAY

8th BANK HOLIDAY-School Closed  
 26th End of Term 5

### JUNE

5th School Open—Term 6

### JULY

21st End of Term 6

### SEPT

6th School Opens-Term 1

### After School Clubs week commencing 14th November 2022

Monday	Multi Skills Y4, Y5, and Y6 Choir
Thursday	Girls' Football
Friday	Drama Club

All clubs finish at 4:30pm

**The School Nursing Team will be administering the Flu Nasal Spray to the registered YR-Y6 children on Wednesday 16th November.**

## School Uniform

New School Uniform is available from Nationwide Uniform at Spilsby and pre-loved uniform is available from Alford Hub, which is opposite the butchers in Alford.

Alford Hub are always grateful for any good pre-loved uniform your children may have outgrown.



Children in Need



Friday 18th November

Dress up or dress down day.

A donation of £1 towards CIN  
will be gratefully received.

## School visits

Year 3 and 4 will be visiting Lincoln on Monday 21st November. As part of their studies, they will be visiting the Mosque, The Collection, The Usher Gallery and looking at Roman sites around Lincoln. More details will be available once the bookings are complete.

Also, Year 1 and 2 look out for more details on their visit to Lincolnshire Wildlife on Tuesday 13th December.

## Reading workshops

Mrs Roberts will be holding 3 reading workshops in the hall on:

Wednesday 23rd November for Year 1 and 2

Thursday 24th November for Year 3 and 4

Wednesday 30th November for Year 5 and 6

Starting at 3:30pm for 30 minutes.

The purpose of the workshops is to talk about the importance of reading at home and how parents can help their children. As this is for parents only the children may go into Hub free of charge.

**Alford's Spectacular Extravaganza**  
**Saturday 26th November**  
12.00 - 19.00  
Free Bus Travel  
Santa's Parade . 5.30pm  
Light Switch On . 6pm  
Santa's Grotto in Manor House  
(Til 5.30pm)  
Christmas Market  
Food Stalls      Live Music  
Christmas Attractions

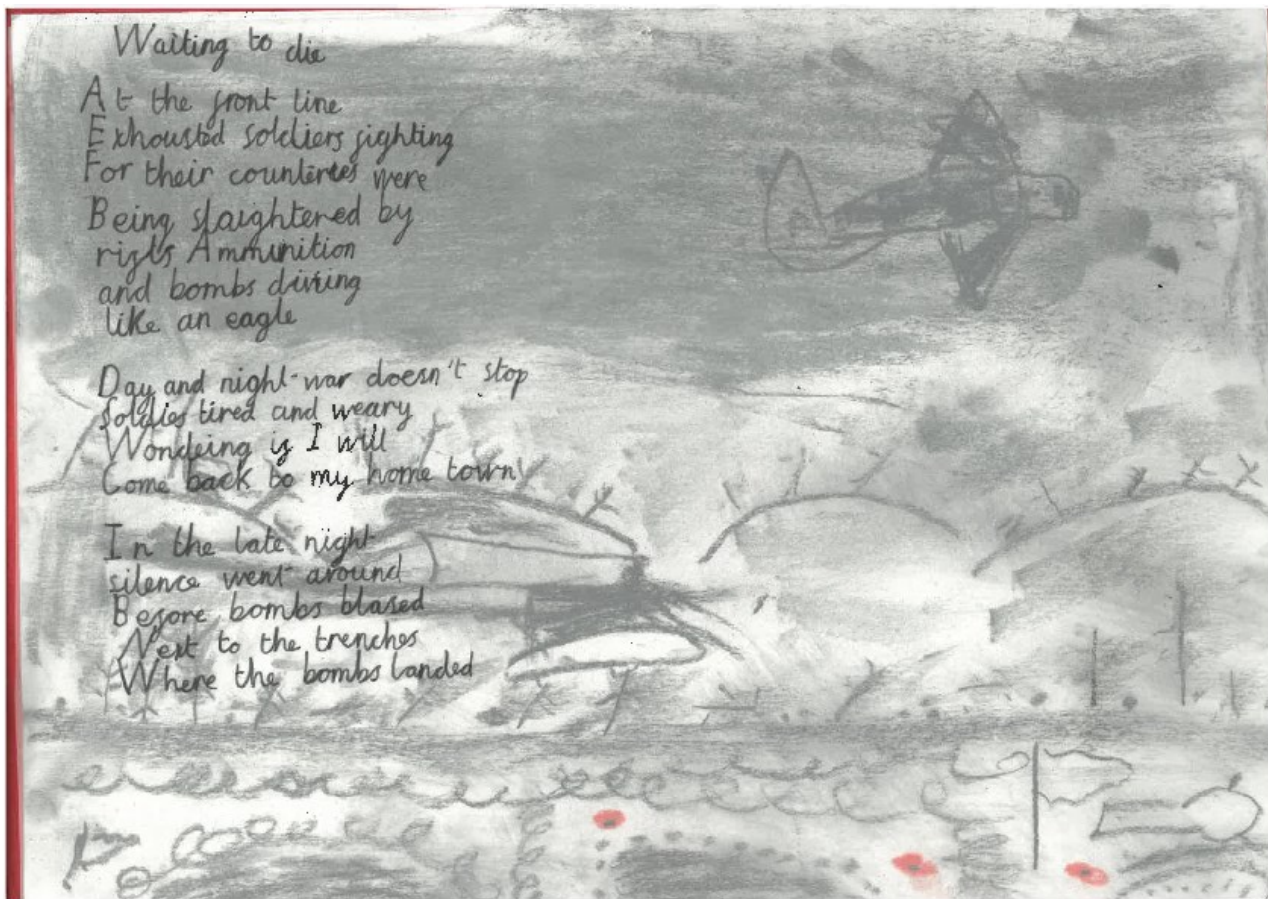
More info: [www.alford.info](http://www.alford.info)

## Waiting to die

At the front line  
Exhausted soldiers fighting  
For their countries were  
Being slaughtered by  
right Ammunition  
and bombs diving  
like an eagle

Day and night-war doesn't stop  
Soldiers tired and weary  
Wondering if I will  
Come back to my home town

In the late night  
silence went around  
Before bombs blazed  
Next to the trenches  
Where the bombs landed

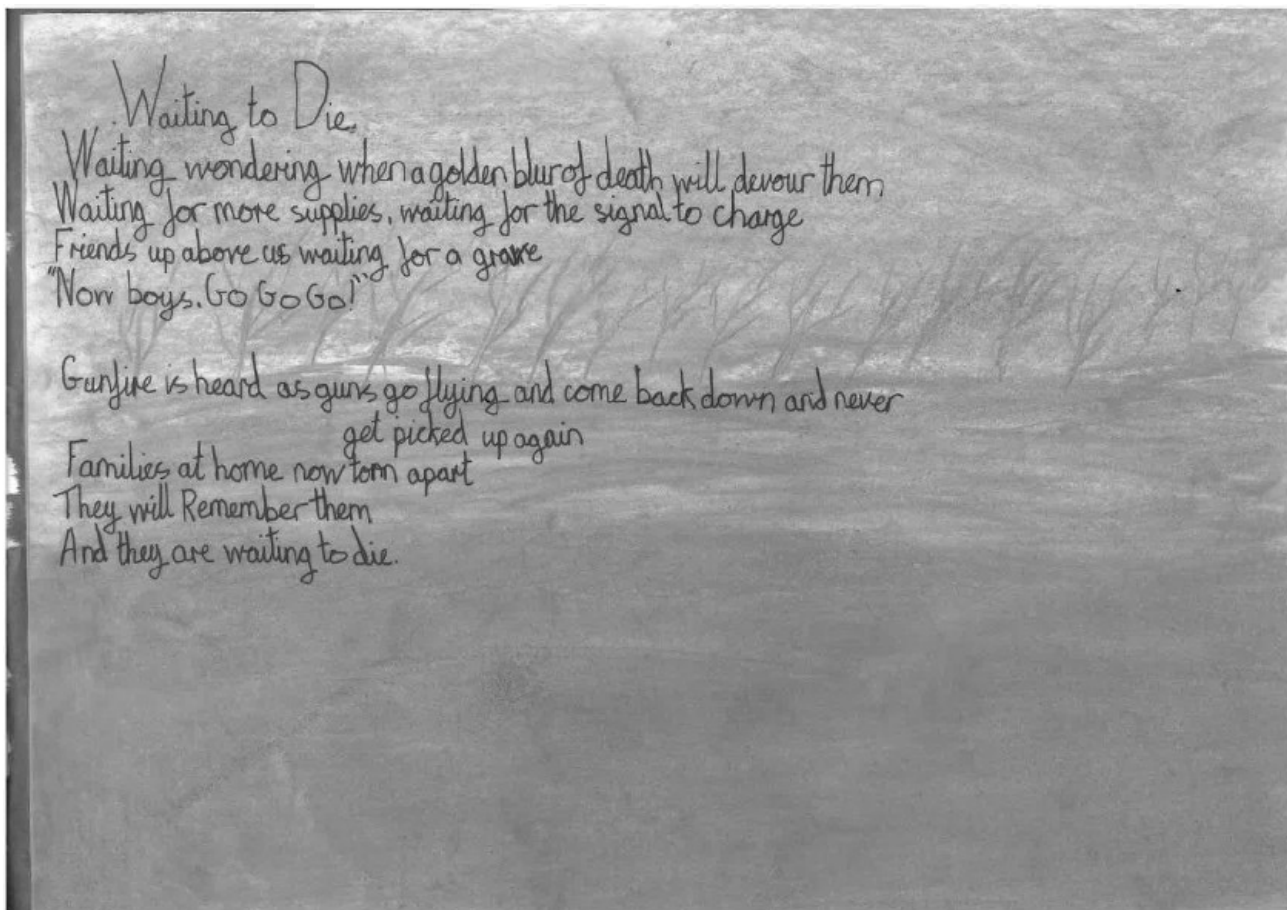


## Waiting to Die

Waiting wondering when a golden blur of death will devour them  
Waiting for more supplies, waiting for the signal to charge  
Friends up above us waiting for a grave  
"Now boys. Go Go Go!"

Gunfire is heard as guns go flying and come back down and never  
get picked up again

Families at home now torn apart  
They will Remember them  
And they are waiting to die.



Waiting to die...

Bang...

A sound so common and expected

Other than screams and commands

It's almost all we hear

Screams of help flood through our ears

Traumatic sights fly to our heads

We are rebels waiting for our death

Knowing it will come but unknown of when

As if a bomb clock was implanted in our heads

The second we entered the field and were taken out

The second we lost, or for people who never did

Neither did the clock

