



St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

It is our responsibility to learn and achieve our dreams as a family.

Opening minds, widening horizons and developing a better world.

Valuing Community, Compassion, Endurance, Friendship, Hope, Respect, Thankfulness, Wisdom



The Bishop of Grantham

March 2023

Dear Friends,

This letter is to wish you a joyful Easter celebration, and a very happy holiday. Please enjoy yourselves!

Easter begins in a garden. After the sadness of Good Friday, Jesus' friends go to the garden where he has been buried, to think. When they get there, they are surprised. Mary Magdalene meets a man who she thinks is the gardener. He isn't. When he speaks to her, she realises that this is Jesus. She is overjoyed that her friend is with her again.

Lots about Easter is surprising. We can be surprised to find Easter eggs have been hidden. We can be surprised to see plain wooden crosses decorated with flowers. When we go into church, what has been a very empty place for the weeks of Lent is suddenly filled with the smell and the beauty of the Easter decorations.

There are lots of sad things in the world. But Easter reminds us that there is also love and hope and new beginnings and good things.

I will go into my garden on Easter morning, open my eyes, and probably be surprised to see the flowers and the trees springing into life after the cold of winter. And I will say a prayer in my heart, to thank God for good things, and good people, and for Jesus, who brings the good news of God's love to us all.

Whether you have a garden to enjoy or not, I hope that some time this Easter holiday you are able to go outside, and enjoy looking at God's creation. And perhaps you might join me in saying a prayer of thank you?

With best wishes,

+ Nicholas Chamberlain

The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain
Bishop of Grantham

"Power of Parenting" - POP Café

With Mrs Lomas

Every Friday in the school hall

2:15pm until the end of the school day

Come along and share stories, worries, ideas and strategies on being the best parent you possibly can be for your children, whilst enjoying a cuppa and a biscuit together.

No judgement!

Thank you School Association for the fantastic Easter Fair.

It was so nice to be back together having fun!

Congratulations to
Mr and Mrs Le Gate
who are expecting their
first child in August.



Happy Birthday

Esme
Ava S
Bella-Rose
Maisey
Ethan T

**School Association
Dates for the Diary**

Saturday 13th May 9am-11am Breakfast with a footballer

Thursday 27th April 3:15-5pm Film Night

Friday 16th June 7pm Pamper Night and Fashion Show

Year 4 and 5 children.

Please remember to return your

Bikeability forms.

Thank you

After School Clubs-Term 5

Starting on Monday 24th April, 2023 the following clubs are starting:

Monday	Rounders for Years 3/4/5 and 6 with JB Sports Netball for Years 4/5 and 6 with Mrs Storr
Tuesday	Forest Club for Years 1/2 and 3 with Mrs Sherwood STEM Club for Years 3/4/5/ and 6 with Mr Goddard
Wednesday	SATs Club with Mrs Roberts (Invitation only) Portrait Club for Years 2/3/4/5 and 6 with Mrs Belton
Thursday	Girls' Football for Years 3/4/5 and 6 with Mrs Roberts

If your child would like to attend a club please indicate below and return the form to the school office Tuesday 18th April, 2023.

After School Clubs—Term 5

I/We consent to joining the following club(s):

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Signed

Date

Attendance between 20.03.23 and 24.03.23

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 92.93% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

12 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 4 hours and 13 minutes learning time has been lost

3 children left school early this week and due to this 2 hours and 25 minutes learning time has been lost

Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 6 hours and 38 minutes.

Diary Dates 2023

APRIL

17th	Staff Training Day
18th	School Open—Term 5
21st	POP Café with Mrs Lomas
26th	Reading Café
27th	School Association Film Night

MAY

1st	School Closed - Bank Holiday
3rd	Class Photographs
8th	BANK HOLIDAY-School Closed
9th-12th	Year 6 SATS
13th	9am-11am SA Breakfast with Football
24th	Year 6 Church Schools' Festival
26th	End of Term 5

Throughout the month of May Y2 assessments will be taking place.

JUNE

5th	School Open—Term 6
13th	Climate Change Theatre
14th	Sports Afternoon
16th	SA Pamper Night & Fashion Show
26th	Y5 Curriculum Day at JSTC
29th	Whole School Arts Day

Throughout the month of June Y1 Phonics assessments will be taking place.

JULY

1st	Ats Festival in Alford
6th	Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC
7th	Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC
21st	End of Term 6

SEPTEMBER

4th	Staff Training Day
5th	Staff Training Day
6th	School Open-Term 1

11th	Individual Photographs
15th	Y6 11+ Verbal
22nd	Y6 11+ Non Verbal

OCTOBER

20th	End of Term 1
30th	Staff Training Day
31st	School Open—Term 2

DECEMBER

20th	End of Term 2
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JANUARY 2024

2nd	Staff Training Day
3rd	School Open - Term 3

FEBRUARY

9th	End of Term 3
19th	School Open - Term 4

MARCH

28th	End of Term 4
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APRIL

15th	Staff Training Day
16th	School Open—Term 5

MAY

6th	School Closed - Bank Holiday
24th	End of Term 5

JUNE

3rd	School Open—Term 6
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JULY

19th	End of Term 6
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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.





PRESENTS

EASTER IN ALFORD



FRIDAY 7TH APRIL - 10AM TIL 1PM

EASTER BUNNY HUNT

register online at **EVENTBRITE** - easter in alford - easter bunny hunt
& bring your completed hunt to the event to claim your prize

MORE INFO: WWW.ALFORD.INFO



Ticket link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-in-alford-easter-bunny-hunt-tickets-545308802307>

TRAMPOLINING AND GYMNASTICS
EASTER HOLIDAYS 2023 ACTIVITIES AND FUN
AT JOHN SPENDLUFFE SCHOOL, ALFORD
on THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2023

SESSIONS:

**Sessions 1 and 2 Trampolining and Gymnastics.
Vaulting, Floor Work, Trampette and Trampolining in a friendly
atmosphere.**

**5 to 15 years, girls and boys of all abilities.
10.00am - 12.15pm or 1.00pm -3pm. £10 for a morning or
afternoon.
or £18.00 for both sessions 1 and 2**

QUALIFIED EXPERIENCED COACHES.

**Please bring DRINKS, SNACKS and LUNCH if staying for both
sessions.**

GREAT FUN and EXERCISE.

**For more information or a booking form text
GARETH on 07861 424541**

**Spaces are limited but will be held on payment. After receiving the form
please return to Debby at: kennanddebby@hotmail.com**

**or post to Gareth Butler, 30, Main Road, Hundleby, Spilsby, Lincs,
PE23 5LS.**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON

Gareth Butler and Debby Butler



**Have a lovely Easter.
We are back on
Tuesday 18th April 2023**

