



St. Helena's Church of England Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 24th & Monday 31st

March – Parents' Evening (3:30pm – 6:00pm)

Friday 4th April – Easter Service

Friday 4th April – Last Day of Term

Wednesday 16th April – Primary School Places Offered

Wednesday 23rd April – School Reopens (Start of Term 5)

Thursday 24th April – Class Group Photographs

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday – school closed!

Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATs

Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May – Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 23rd May – Year 6 Church School Festival – Lincoln Cathedral

Friday 23rd May – End of Term 5

Monday 2nd June – School Reopens (Start of Term 6)

Friday 27th June – Sports Day, KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon.

3rd & 4th July – Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC

8th–10th October – PGL Residential (Y5 & Y6)

Our School Vision

Opening minds, widening horizons, developing a better world.

We seek to reveal and develop the talents of everyone, so that we may flourish and become the valued and valuable person God intended us to be. We work towards every member of our school community being happy, confident, committed learners, reaching their full academic potential. We strive to open minds, widen horizons and develop a better world. We do this by providing a foundation of strong moral and social values, ensuring all can play an active, responsible role within the community.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

It's been a fantastic couple of weeks at St Helena's, filled with enriching experiences and memorable moments. Our Year 3 & 4 pupils had an exciting visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, they built on their classroom learning about rainforests by observing incredible wildlife up close. They also took part in a netball development day at Skegness Grammar School, where they developed their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship – a brilliant experience for all involved.

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of taking the St Helena's football team to Boston United for the county finals. The team played with tremendous determination and skill, finishing 3rd in the entire county – a remarkable achievement that we are all incredibly proud of.

Last week, our choir performed at the Spilsby Music Festival, impressing the audience with their beautiful singing and confidence. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their talent.

This week, we were also delighted to welcome EYFS mums into school for a special afternoon tea with their children. It was heartwarming to see so many smiling faces and the clear bond between children and their families. A huge well done to the EYFS team for their hard work in making the event such a success.

In addition to all these fantastic events, our children have worked exceptionally hard on their end-of-Spring assessments, showing great perseverance and progress.

As we move closer to Easter, I wish you all a restful and joyful break with your loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher

After-School Fun Club – New Timings and Pricing

We're excited to announce that, due to increased demand and the current government support, **After-School Fun Club** will be extending its hours after the Easter break – staying open until **6:00pm!**



The new pricing from Easter will be:

- **3:30 – 4:30pm:** £4 per session
- **3:30 – 5:30pm:** £5 per session
- **3:30 – 6:00pm:** £6 per session

To pay for the sessions, there will be **three options** available on **ParentPay** to top up your account, based on the session length you require.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the school office.

After-School Clubs for Term 5 – Sign-up letters will be sent out next week.



Monday – Cricket (Y3&4)

Tuesday – Yoga with Miss Lawley (Y1&2)

Tuesday- SATs club with Mr Goddard (invite only)

Wednesday – Tennis (Y5 & Y6)

Friday – Cricket (Y1&2)

Sports Day – Save the Date!



Friday 27th June

KS1 – Morning

KS2 – Afternoon

We look forward to a fantastic day of fun and teamwork!



Little Explorers Nursery

Places available for September!

Call today to book a visit and meet the team.

Phone: 01507 462367

www.st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk



Office Opening Times.

Please note the office hours are:

8:30am until 3:15pm

There is a little 'School Bag' hanging by the hatch for any paperwork.

Thank you

EMAILS



We kindly request that all correspondence with staff members at St. Helena's be directed to admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk in the first instance or for attendance to be sent to attendance@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk. Recently, there have been instances of parents emailing teachers and the headteacher directly. To ensure a smooth and efficient communication process, we ask that all emails go through our admin team.

Our admin inbox is monitored Monday to Friday, and any necessary information will be promptly forwarded to the relevant staff members. This approach helps us maintain proper work-life balance for our team, ensuring they can focus fully on their responsibilities during school hours.



Important Reminder: No Nuts in School

We have a new child in school with a severe nut allergy, so we kindly ask that no nuts or nut-containing products are brought into school. This includes items like peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts, and certain snack foods.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school a safe environment for



School Association Events:

Mini Easter Fayre, after we get back from the church– Friday 4th April

Summer Fayre – Now on 12th July 2025 (date changed to avoid clashing with the Village Fair)





The Bishop of Lincoln

Easter 2025

There is an Easter hymn, with a beautiful tune, which is one of my favourites during the Spring season. It's called 'Now the green blade riseth.' Let me share the first verse with you:

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

Can you picture this in your heads? Imagine a field full of wheat. That field starts with a tiny grain planted in the soil. The sun shines, the rain falls, there's goodness in the soil, and the seed begins to grow. It grows roots and a small green shoot begins to grow up towards the light. Eventually we have our field of wheat, ready for harvesting.

This is a picture of new life growing from the earth. It's a picture of light growing from the darkness under the soil. This tiny grain becoming wheat, ready to feed others. This is a picture of Easter.

We believe that Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross, was buried, and then rose again to new life. The death and resurrection of Jesus are at the heart of the Christian faith. We believe that Jesus overcame all the evil in our world, and he invites everyone to share the gift of new life. It's a new beginning for all.

This wonderful Easter hymn uses the grain as a way to explain Easter. The grain in the earth is like Jesus in the tomb. The new green shoot is like Jesus rising again from the dead. The wheat is like Jesus' gift of new life which changes our lives for the better.

Sometimes in life, things need to change so that something good can happen. The grain changes so that the new green shoot can make something – wheat – which can feed us. Jesus died and rose again so that he could share his new life with everyone.

My hope and prayer for you this Easter is that whatever change happens in your life, you will see and feel good things from it – just like the 'green blade' rising from the soil, from a single grain of wheat.

I hope that when you see signs of growth all around you – green leaves appearing, colourful flowers, and the smell of Spring in the air – it will remind you that God is with you. May his gift of life and love lead to wonderful things for you.

I wish you a very happy Easter!

The Rt Revd Stephen Conway
Bishop of Lincoln

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GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING

APRIL EASTER ACTIVITY SESSION

AT JOHN SPENDLUFF SCHOOL, ALFORD

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2025

Activities include Trampolining, Vaulting, Low beams and floor work

5-15 YEAR OLDS, GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL ABILITIES

Session 1 10:00-12:15 £12

Session 2 12:45-3:00 £12

Both sessions £22

QUALIFIED EXPERIENCED COACHES

Please bring PLENTY of drinks and snacks

And LUNCH if staying for both sessions

Fun and enjoyable sessions for all ages and abilities.

For more information and a booking form text

GARETH on 07861 424541

Spaces are limited. Spaces will be held on payment. Please fill out
booking form and email form back to

Garethbutlerisc14@hotmail.com

Hope to hear from you soon

Gareth and Debby

CROSS COUNTRY

TRACK & FIELD

LOUTH AC

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

YEAR 3 UPWARDS

TRAINING
MONDAY 6-7PM
SATURDAY 10.15-11.15AM

RUN

JUMP

THROW



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PUPIL PREMIUM

PARENT INFORMATION

WHAT IS IT?

'Pupil premium' is **additional funding** for our school to ensure we can support all pupils to **achieve their best.**

It's not a personal budget for individual pupils, but we will aim to **prioritise the academic support** of eligible pupils with it.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Your child may be eligible if you receive: income support, jobseeker's allowance, employment and support allowance, asylum seeker support, universal credit, child tax credit, working tax credit, or state pension.

Remember: Our school can only receive pupil premium for your child if you claim it.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Get in touch with your **local council as soon as possible** to see if you're eligible.

HALF TERM NETBALL CAMPS

WHEN: Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th April

WHERE: Skegness Grammar sports hall

TIME: 9am – 3pm

WHO: Age 8 – 12 years old

£15 PER DAY / £25 FOR BOTH DAYS



**SCAN
TO REGISTER**



For more info contact: sbridgeman@charnwoodcollege.org