



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The end of March and the end of term have arrived in time for a much needed break.

We escaped a visit from Ofsted (for now) though we are expecting a phone call at any time.

At least after the holidays, the children (and staff) will be refreshed and looking forward to a great summer term.

This week the children have continued to work hard.

On Thursday, I enjoyed a visit to Explorers. Miles, Margaux and Noah were being very creative in the class crafting area and George, Amelia, Daniel, William and Mrs Sharp were preparing for the Isle of Wight Festival by creating their bespoke music using untuned instruments.

In Adventurers, I saw some great narrative writing. Ria and Mia told me about their interesting storylines based around their class text. They always enjoy their art work

In Discoverers, Thomas H defined a sentence perfectly. I know the class are going to make an extra effort to present their work to a great standard in the future by checking their spellings for mistakes, expanding their sentences using interesting vocabulary and by using a range of expanded noun phrases and adverbials.

The class enjoyed dodgeball, finishing their art. Alba always loves her maths.

Pioneers meanwhile, have created some excellent poetry and art, developed their computing skills and excelled by expanding their arithmetical skills including percentages, fractions, decimals, multiplication and short division.

Pippa has enjoyed writing up her King Charles poem whilst Millie-Jay liked drawing her portrait.

Assembly was particularly varied this week and included a range of different aspects:

Four sets of certificates, including the 100%ers, poetry, tree planters, (see below), The Explorers home task, Easter cards, house points and project chicks. What an end to a great term celebrating some of the amazing things at St Helens.

Thank you again to Miss Gorman who arranged for our feathery friends to be part of our community during the last few weeks. Thank you also to Mr Enser and Mrs Ferrier for their additional support and expertise.

Alex and others will be at a loss during break times when the chicks venture to their new homes on Friday.

Clubs are in full swing now. Mardi Gras is well attended with lots of adult support, footballers, skateboarders and athletes are improving week by week and the dance troupe are impressing Mrs Sharp with their creative dance.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the tree planting at West Green Copse. See below. On an environmental theme, our site manager, Mr Andre, has been working his magic on the site. Slowly but surely, he is creating an environmental path/area at the back of our field. In the near future we look forward to a useable working area to supplement the summer science and geography units of work.

Finally I have to say a big thank you to the children and staff.

The children always help to cheer up the day while the staff continue to work hard and provide as many exciting opportunities for the children.

Have a great weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**Mr Wake**

### **West Green Copse Tree planting**





**Attendance week from: 20/03/2023 to 24/03/2023**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Late Arrivals</b>	<b>Minutes Lost Through Lateness</b>	<b>Unauthorised Absences</b>	<b>Authorised Absences</b>
Explorers	99.3%	0	0	0	1
Adventurers	97.9%	0	0	0	5
Discoverers	94.3%	0	0	6	10
Pioneers	88.4%	0	0	20	16

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 94.1% which is **below** the national expectation of 96%

**If your child is too unwell to attend school please contact us to let us know. You can phone on 872442 or email us on [admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk) If you let us know by phone please can you put the reason for your child's absence in writing when they return to school otherwise the absence will be marked as unauthorised. We are required to ask you for this in order to follow the Local Authority attendance procedures, and if we don't receive a letter or email we have to follow it up.**



**THIS WEEKS AWARDS**



<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Worker of the Week</u></b>	<b><u>Star of The Week</u></b>
Explorers	Amelia	Miles
Adventurers	Mia	Lizzie
Adventurers	Ria	Max
Discoverers	Barnaby	Micah F
Discoverers	Thomas G	Hannah
Pioneers	Evie	Katy
Pioneers	Samson	Sophia



We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to the following children and staff who celebrate their special day this week:

Alex age 11

Sam age 6

Taylor age 8

Mr Popple

There are several birthdays to be celebrated over the Easter break too. We hope you all enjoy your special day:

Mr Hammerton

Ruby age 9

Alexis age 9

William age 6



## School Dinner Menu (£2.60 per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

On **TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS only**, the children will be able to order baguettes - fillings cheese, tuna or ham.

### WEEK 3

W/C: 01/05, 22/05, 19/06, 10/07, 11/09, 02/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT MAINS</b>	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Butter Chicken Curry</b> Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Roast Pork</b> Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Cottage Pie</b> Served with two vegetables	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> Served with Chips
	<b>Vegetarian Bolognese</b> Served with Wholemeal Pasta	<b>Tomato Vegetable Burger</b> Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate</b> Served with Bread	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> Served with two vegetables	<b>Vegetarian Dippers</b> Served with Chips
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with a choice of hot and cold fillings
<b>Tomato Pasta</b> Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>Berry Flapjack with Fruit</b>	<b>Shortbread</b>	<b>Chocolate Brownie with Fruit</b>	<b>Ice Cream</b>	<b>Pineapple Upside Down Cake</b>



# THREE WEEK MENU

## SPRING/SUMMER 2023

**OUR NEW MENU CHOSEN BY PARENTS AND CHILDREN**

**YOUR FAVOURITES AVAILABLE EVERY DAY**




Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

# WEEK 1

W/C: 17/04, 08/05, 05/06, 26/06, 17/07, 18/09, 09/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Pork Sausages</b> Served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Roast Turkey</b> 🐷 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Beef Bolognese</b> 🐮 Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Tomato Pasta</b> 🌱 served with two vegetables	<b>Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese</b> Served with two vegetables	<b>Roasted Vegetable Butterbean Crumble</b> 🌱 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Vegetarian Bolognese</b> 🌱 Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Vegetarian Dippers</b> 🌱 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🌱					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Vanilla Ice Cream	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit 🍓	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Lemon Slice with Fruit 🍋	Crispy Crackle Bar

# WEEK 2

W/C: 24/04, 15/05, 12/06, 03/07, 04/09, 25/09, 16/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Chinese Chicken and Vegetable Rice</b> 🐔 🌱	<b>Roast Gammon</b> Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Beef Lasagne</b> 🐮 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Vegetable Pastry Roll</b> 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> Served with two vegetables	<b>Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast</b> 🌱 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Vegetable Lasagne</b> 🌱 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Vegetarian Dippers</b> 🌱 Served with Chips
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All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit 🌱	Orange Jelly	Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake	Flapjack with Fruit 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream

## AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🐷 Wholegrain 🍓 Fruity! 🐮 Nutritionist's Choice

If your child would like the vegetarian option on a particular day, please can they let their teacher know so we can order enough portions from The Bay kitchen.

## Recipe of the Week



Each week we will share an easy to cook recipe which you may like to try cooking at home with your child. This week we have an Easter theme !

Please email your photos (and reviews) of our recipes to [admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk) and we will publish them in the newsletter! If you have any tasty, healthy recipes that you would like to share with the school community, please email them to the above address.

### Milk Chocolate Mini Egg Fudge

*This quick and easy milk chocolate mini egg fudge recipe has just 4 ingredients and is perfect for homemade Easter gifts and treats!*

Prep Time	Chilling Time	Total Time
5 mins	2 hrs	2 hrs 5 mins

Course: Dessert, Gift    Cuisine: British, Easter    Servings: 6 blocks  
Author: Grace Hall



★★★★★  
5 from 2 votes

#### Ingredients

- 500 g white chocolate
- 400 g tin condensed milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 x 80g bags mini eggs

#### Instructions

1. Line a small rectangular baking tray or cake tin with baking parchment. If you don't have any, tin foil also works.
2. Break or chop the milk chocolate into pieces and place them all in a large microwavable bowl. Pour over the condensed milk and mix together well.
3. Heat in the microwave for short bursts of around 30 seconds, stirring in between, until the chocolate has almost melted. Be careful not to overheat or burn the chocolate.
4. Once the chocolate is melted, beat well with a wooden spoon until it all comes together smoothly. Add the vanilla extract and mix in well.
5. Scatter half of the mini eggs over the base of the tray. Tip the fudge into the tin and spread around so it is in an even layer in the tin. Use a spatula to smooth the top down.
6. Scatter the remaining mini eggs on top of the fudge, then carefully push them all into the fudge, working quickly before it sets.
7. Pop the fudge into the fridge and leave to set for at least 2 hours or overnight. Once the fudge has set hard, take it and cut into pieces.

## Easter Nest Chocolate Cupcakes

This cute and easy chocolate Easter nest cupcakes recipe with chocolate buttercream nests and mini egg chicks is perfect for baking with kids this Easter!

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time
20 mins	20 mins	40 mins



★★★★★  
5 from 1 vote

Course: Dessert, Party Food Cuisine: British, Easter  
Servings: 12 cupcakes Author: Grace Hall

### Ingredients

#### For the chocolate cupcakes:

- 175 g softened butter or dairy free spread
- 175 g golden caster sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 175 g self raising flour
- 50 g cocoa powder
- 3 Tbsp milk or dairy free alternative
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

#### To decorate:

- 100 g softened butter or dairy free spread
- 200 g icing sugar
- 3 Tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 Tbsp milk or dairy free equivalent
- 36 Chick Mini Eggs

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (Gas mark 4/350°F). Line a 12 hole muffin tin with 12 muffin cases.
2. Place the butter or dairy free spread into a mixing bowl and whisk together with the caster sugar until light and fluffy. Break the eggs into a bowl and lightly whisk with a fork. Add the eggs a little at a time to the butter and sugar mix, whisking in between.
3. Sift the flour and cocoa powder on top, and using an electric whisk on a low speed, gently blend the ingredients together. Add the milk and vanilla extract and blend again. Increase the mixer speed and whisk for a few more seconds until well mixed.
4. Divide the cake mixture between the 12 cupcake cases and smooth over the tops with the back of a spoon. Bake for 20-25 minutes until risen and springy to the touch.
5. Once the cakes are cooked, transfer to a wire rack to cool. Whilst the cakes are cooling, make the chocolate buttercream icing:
6. Whisk the butter with an electric whisk until light and fluffy. Sift in the icing sugar and cocoa powder, a little at a time, until completely combined.
7. Add the vanilla extract and whisk again. Add the milk in small splashes until the icing is at the correct consistency for piping.

## Easter Nest Crispy Cakes

Classic Rice Crispy Cakes have been given an Easter upgrade with this yummy Easter Nest Crispy Cakes recipe! Kids will love making this fun Easter treat!

Prep Time	Chilling Time	Total Time
10 mins	1 hr	1 hr 10 mins



★★★★★  
5 from 3 votes

Course: Dessert, Party Food Cuisine: British, Easter  
Servings: 12 cakes Author: Grace Hall

### Ingredients

- 150 g dark chocolate
- 50 g butter
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 100 g rice crispy cereal
- 36 mini eggs

### Instructions

1. Line a 12 hole muffin tin with muffin cases.
2. Break or cut the dark chocolate into small pieces and place in a large microwave safe bowl.
3. Add the butter and honey to the bowl, then pop it into the microwave and heat in short bursts of around 30 seconds, stirring in between, until all the chocolate has melted. (Note: Be patient and don't be tempted to heat for longer at a time as chocolate is very easy to burn!)
4. Mix well to completely combine the ingredients, then add the rice crispy cereal to the bowl.
5. Carefully mix it all together until the cereal is completely coated in the chocolate mixture.
6. Spoon the crispy mixture into the muffin tin, dividing equally between the 12 cases.
7. Working quickly, press down gently in the centre of each crispy cake with the back of a spoon to make a rough nest shape.
8. Decorate each crispy cake by pushing 3 mini eggs into each hollow.
9. Once finished, pop the crispy cakes in the fridge to chill for an hour or so until set.

## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – School closes at 3:00pm for the Easter break

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens at 08:45 for the Summer term

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 Sailing (10 weeks)

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day bank holiday – school closed**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation of King Charles III

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Additional Coronation bank holiday – school closed**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Class photos (Cardwell & Simons)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School closes at 3:00pm for half term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School reopens at 08:45 for Summer 2

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day 9.30am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Summer Play (1.30pm & 6.00pm)

## This Week in Class

### Explorers

It's been a busy week this week and the children have had lots of fun learning through a variety of different Easter themed activities.

We have looked at the sounds, oi, ear, air and tricky word was.

The children have looked at number bonds to 10 which this week involved finding the correct two pieces of an Easter egg that totalled to 10. Just for there were a few rotten eggs that didn't make 10, which they had the challenge to find.

The children at the moment are using Numicon to for different items of fruit from the snack cafe.

children have loved doing this and working out different ways using Numicon to make the correct amount needed.

The children also had an egg themed reading challenge, where they had to pick an egg and read the challenge or caption. The children had to use their phonics to sound out and read each challenge such as, 'can you hop like a chick'.



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We were very lucky to have a nurse called Emma visit us from St Mary's Hospital and talk to us about her job. The children had lots of questions for Emma and they all had great fun acting out being medics themselves.

We have done lots of Easter crafts this week and they have particularly enjoyed experimenting with watercolour paints to create a design on their eggs. The children have looked at the Easter story and discussed different ways that people

may celebrate Easter and why it is an important time for Christians.

It has been lovely to see all the amazing habitats the children have made at home over the last few weeks and they all enjoyed sharing them during assembly this morning.

We hope you all have a fun and safe Easter Break!

### Adventurers

What a wonderful final week of term!



Whilst every child did have some extra bounce to them today, who can blame them?

We've had a wild week, with story retelling, Easter riddles and multiple Easter egg hunts today.

African masks were finished, with hot glue aplenty. And we've bade a Easter farewell to our chicks, who the children have



adored having in school.

We hope everyone has wonderful Easter holidays and enjoys the chick card craft send home- please do feel free to send us photos via Dojo.

We've also sent home the 'what we're doing' for next term. Dangerous



dinosaurs are lurking



## Discoverers

This week in English, we worked on our diary entry with the point of view of Ahmet.  
In Maths, we have been learning about dividing using fractions.  
In Geography, we did a recap of rivers and mountains.  
In PE we did running on Tuesday and dodge ball on Thursday.

This week's newsletter is written by Hannah.S

## Pioneers

Pioneers have this week only had me as their teacher for two days ( hurray they cry) and since Wednesday (following an operation on Tuesday evening) have been in Mrs McDougalls capable hands, Thank you Mrs Mc Dougall.

In between end of term assessments some more poetry has flourished in class and I would like to share it with you below.

### SPRING

As sunlight blooms on fuchsias,  
The beauty affects our futures.

Metamorphosis of creatures,  
Spring has miraculous features.

Mother Nature has fulfilled dreams,  
Warmth evaporates in warm steams.

We aggravate nature's presence,  
She emits a lovely essence.

Birds have finished their gestation,  
Air is clear of gross congestion.

Nature is inside the limelight,  
When birds are starting to take flight.

When minibeasts come out to play,  
Our lives no longer seem so grey.

## A poem

While I may be feeling nauseous  
And my pupils may dilate  
I love the roundabout, though some think that's up for debate  
I can see the rushing fuchsias,  
Most as orange as orangutan fur  
Or as pink as my sister's face  
I can't think of anymore paraphernalia  
To describe it, this is ace!

The roundabout is epic, it spins round and round  
Honestly, it rings in my ears, all of the sound  
I can hear birds chirping, and making onomatopoeia  
I could not help but shout "I guess i'll see ya"  
All of this vocabulary, it's making me woozy  
Or maybe it's the roundabout making me feel boozy

This may be a dramatisation  
But it feels real, this sensation  
I may well be  
Making my soliloquy  
But it's different, you see  
Because of this awesome alliteration!  
Perplexing personification,  
Crazy consonants.  
Those are just random grammatical terms  
But now back to the poem

The rushing water  
The smell of the leaves  
It looks like a tsunami  
Looking at the rocks, strangely I can notice the sedimentary  
not know why I pointed this out  
But really there is no need to pout!(Exclamation)  
Here is a pamphlet with useful information  
(It's basically just a tabloid I just found on the ground)

I do

The roundabout continues, I think I'm going unconscious  
I have never been this sick, I thought illness wouldn't be compatible with me  
This is category 10!  
I need some penicillin!  
This is unparalleled by any other disease!  
It feels like the time I ate that Mediterranean curry!

**Written by Alex Langridge Year 6**

Here are some more examples of work we sent in for The Lord Lieutenant's Isle of Wight Youth Coronation Project.

*We invite all young people of 18 or under to submit a composition to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty The King. (closing date for entries 31 st March 2023) The composition should be a poem or prose composition celebrating the Coronation, suitable to be read out at the Isle of Wight Coronation Celebration Service on Sunday 7 th May 2023. It should be no less than 50 and no more than 250 words long. We welcome all compositions: serious, spiritual or humorous and ideally would like them to reflect youth and age and our diverse population. All suitable contributions will be included in a booklet that will be produced as a lasting legacy of young people's writings.*

### THE STARS IN THE SKY.



Our gracious Queen Elizabeth died ,  
And then we were all lost,  
Almost everyone cried, at this terrible cost.  
From out of the dark deep sorrow, King Charles came out of the light,  
And even though we were all weak,  
He came to make things alright.  
King Charles III, his mother was his stars and moon, he took us by the hand and led  
us softly out of the gloom.  
Us subjects, well, we were drowning in grief, until King Charles came and  
persevered with a mix of sadness and belief.  
King Charles III, he struggled up the mountain, he suffered and struggled, and we  
all held his hand behind him.  
Thursday the 8th of September was a very sorrowful day. But King Charles'  
family were there to make it all okay.  
Now King Charles has a country to run, and two very, very proud and loving sons.  
Unfortunately, I must end my poem here. Even though our Queen has died, please  
don't shed a tear. Please, I beg of you, please do not cry! King Charles is a good  
leader, and he loves his country more than all of the stars in the sky.

- Elsie Clark aged 11 -

# King Charles III Coronation

An exciting time is coming,  
The whole country is humming,  
King Charles's coronation,  
A great time for the nation.

2023, a great time for us all,  
No matter what happens,  
He shall stand tall.

The crowning ceremony, displayed on our televisions,  
There will be many, MANY visions,  
Over a thousand, a million, a billion!

On the 6th of May, 2023,  
The Westminster Abbey is for all to see!  
The Coronation Chair, sceptre and orb,  
King Charles shall be the greatest sight,  
Many people will take,

From the Commonwealth too,  
And all around the world,  
Paddington, Kings Cross, plus Waterloo,  
They will be bustling, they wish to see the great pearls!

We need the monarch,  
Forever our country,  
Relies on him or her!  
Turn on your tv on the 6th of May,  
The crown will sparkle!

See the Coronation,  
See King Charles's new reign to control the nation.  
Sapphires, rubies, emeralds and amethyst,  
Embedded in the purple silk.

King Charles shall lawfully be the guardian of his country,  
Great Britain, UK and Commonwealth too,  
He shall stand tall for me and you!

REST IN PEACE, QUEEN ELIZABETH II.  
Written by Katy TRafford

### KING CHARLES III

His majesty's ascension, like a ship setting out to sea,  
an epic quest or an enormous ocean, whatever shall it be?  
What eventually does happen,  
Well we'll have to wait and see,  
Although I'm sure it will be grand,  
Feeding the hungry.  
We are so lucky,  
All will see,  
King Charles shall be brilliant, just you wait and see.

Written by Will Cottle Year 6



HAPPY EASTER everyone, I  
hope you all have a great  
break. Mrs Maloney

Finally

Year 6



some SATS information.

SATS SCHEDULE May 2023

- An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. Government ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:
- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

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A brief explanation of the SATS

So in May, towards the end of Year 6, children in England sit tests in:

- Reading
- Maths
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS)

These tests are both set and marked externally, and the results are used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). In 2020 and 2021 KS2 SATs did not take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**The reading test** is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. **Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.**

There will be a selection of question types, including:

- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- **Short constructed response**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- **Open-ended response**, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins *Once upon a time*. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer'

The GPS test consists of two parts: a **grammar and punctuation paper** requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an **aural spelling test of 20 words**, lasting around 15 minutes.

The Grammar Punctuation And Spelling GPS test includes questions: such as :

- **Selected response**, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
- **Constructed response**, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an

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apostrophe.

Maths: children sit three papers in maths:

- Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes
- Papers 2 and 3: **reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper

Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types, including:

- Multiple choice
- True or false
- Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or

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completing a table or chart

- Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem

## Preparing your children for SATS in May .

In class, the children in Pioneers have been practising SATS style questions and old SATS papers throughout the last two terms. They have responded well and are maturely accepting that this is just another milestone in their school life.

If you wish to support your child over the Easter holidays and you both feel it would be useful there are numerous sites where SATS papers and SATS style questions are



available.

<https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/>

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/free-ks2-sats-papers-sats-revision-maths/>

<https://www.gov.uk/education/primary-curriculum-key-stage-2-tests-and-assessments>

The following ideas may help you support your child. It is important to stress **you do not need** to do any tests with your child. Ask them how they feel, do they want to practise.

1. Talk about the SATs and tell them not to worry about them. We do this all the time at school, but it makes a bigger impact if school and parents do this together. Children perform best when they are relaxed.
2. Reading is a key part of primary education so keep encouraging daily reading whether your child reads on their own or if you read together. Discuss the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage your child to express their own opinions on the book. This is important to their long term development as well as for a SATs test.
3. Try to keep everything else running normally. So whether it's sport, music lessons or Scouts and Guides; sticking to your normal routine of out of school activities demonstrates to your child that SATs are not the be and end all of year 6.
4. During the SATs week, whilst keeping to a normal timetable, try to avoid late nights, as children will find sitting the tests tiring.
5. Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days.
6. Keep it in proportion. They are primary-school tests to gauge the education in the school and do not affect the secondary school your child will go to.
7. Stay positive. Many children enjoy taking the tests as they see it as a challenge and like the importance and the feeling of being special that SATs give year 6.

Thank you for your support , if you have any questions **please** email me.

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## Friends of St Helens Primary (FOSH)



### CHAIR'S REPORT 2022

I would like to begin this report by thanking all FOSH members for their hard work and support this year. 2022 saw a real increase in our numbers which has been a joy to see and every single member has been a valuable asset. I am genuinely grateful to you all. Joining a PTA is not for the faint-hearted and you have all taken it on with aplomb!

I took on the role of Chair at the last AGM with the intention to give as much both practically and financially to the school as possible. Our events bring in at least 3 or 4 thousand pounds each year and I was keen to ensure that as much of this went to the school as possible - either in the form of events or donations.

2022 saw a return to some kind of normal, which allowed us to hold our Summer Fayre, Winter Ball and Christmas Fayres as we usually would and these events were a huge success. The feedback from those attending has been wonderful to hear. The Winter Ball remains a firm favourite with the children!

We also held our first Easter Egg Hunt for many years - it was a relatively speedy event but all the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and went home with happy, chocolate covered faces! We can only hope there aren't any stray eggs left decaying in the hedges!

The return of the Sponsored Bounce was an especially positive highlight. The children had the best time and the money raised (over £1800) was a huge boost. It enabled us to donate £1000 to the Nurture Space at school.

The big national news this year has been the cost of living crisis. This not only affects the families of St Helens but also impacts on school budgets, especially with the crippling rise of energy prices. Supporting those in poverty and difficulty has always been a huge passion for myself, and my family, and launching the Discretionary Relief Fund for school families felt like a timely and important step for FOSH. Sadly the uptake thus far has been much less than initially predicted. However, it is my hope that those that need it will make use of it in the future.

I have loved being able to help the school. I believe that the children are some of the best on the Island. The teachers and staff work incredibly long hours with dedication and a genuine care in their work. This school deserves the very best FOSH can give them and it has been a source of great pride that I feel we, as a small but hard working team, have been able to go a long way to achieving this in 2022.

Sadly 2022 has been a challenging and difficult year personally, for my family, and it is with sadness and regret that I feel I must step down as Chair and take a break from FOSH activities for the foreseeable future. As rewarding as it has been, holding the role of Chair, along with other FOSH responsibilities, has also taken a great deal of time and, I won't lie, a degree of stress!

I have no doubt that my successor, new officers and members, will continue to provide the best support for St Helens Primary and build even further on the work done over the last few years. I wish them luck and success and I look forward to seeing FOSH go from strength to strength.

Sarah Searle - March 2023

## FOSH AMAZON WISH LIST

The school has a wish list on Amazon to which the staff have added items that they would like for our wonderful school. We appreciate that belts are very tight at the moment but we would like to encourage you all to have a look at this list from time to time to see if there is anything you would like to buy as a gift for school. Items from this list make great end-of-term or Christmas gifts for the school but gifts are welcome anytime and the list is always available and is regularly updated.

Purchased items are posted directly to school and arrive anonymously unless the buyer has added a note to say who they are at checkout. Please don't forget to add a note as otherwise we will not be able to thank you personally. If you are buying a book and would like to write a note in the front with your name and the date of purchase, please let us know on the email address below so we can

arrange this when your gift arrives.

If you have any questions about the wish list, please get in touch with Katherine via [mail@friendsofsthelens.org](mailto:mail@friendsofsthelens.org)

To view the list on Amazon, please follow this link and consider St Helens Primary School when you are shopping online [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1NM3IHB3UQ7V0?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1NM3IHB3UQ7V0?ref_=wl_share)

### **Textile Bank**

Don't forget that we have a textile bank where you can donate unwanted **clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, (in a tied bag)**. The donated items will be collected and weighed fortnightly and the school will receive 20p per kilo towards our funds. **Donated items (bagged please) should be left near to the front entrance of the school. Please let the office know you have left items!** ***Please do not donate duvets, pillows, cushions, household textiles, soiled rags, curtains, blankets as the recycling company will deduct the cost of disposing of these items from our overall total raised.***

### **Easter Holiday Coffee Morning**

A group of village ladies are holding a coffee morning in the sports pavilion on the village green, to raise funds for our school during the Easter holidays. Pop along for tasty cakes and refreshments, plus the chance to win prizes in the raffle!

*St Helens Primary School, Isle of Wight - A Small School with a Big Heart*

Coffee Morning in aid of St Helens Primary School.

Pavilion St Helens

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023

10:30am to 2:30pm

Coffee/Tea/Cake/Raffle

Hope to see you there.

Julie, Julie, Sue, Niki & Kerry

**Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at [www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk](http://www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk)**

## **Schools Walk the Wight 2023**

Registration for postal fundraising packs closes in just 3 weeks!

From 9am on Thursday, 20 April, you can still register online for Schools Walk The Wight, but we will not be able to send your walker number or fundraising pack in the post.

Walker numbers may be collected from the Schools Walk the Wight start line in Freshwater on 14 May or from our fundraising office ahead of the event (by prior arrangement only).

Schools Walk the Wight is still FREE for children to register up until 12<sup>th</sup> May. For those who choose to register to take part on the day, there will be a charge of £10 per adult and £5 per child.



### **From the Isle of Wight NHS Trust**

We are offering the following Children's COVID Vaccination Clinics for Years 5-11 and Years 12-15. Appointments must be booked in advance using the National Booking Service, we are unable to offer walk-ins.

Please note that these will take place in the **Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St Mary's** and NOT the Hospital Vaccine Hub. Accessible parking is available in the North Car Park.

For information about eligibility and how to book your Child's vaccination, please use the online link below, you will need your child's NHS number:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

All vaccines offered will be the Pfizer vaccines.

### **Child Vaccine Doses Offered:**

For children 5-11 years - 1<sup>st</sup> dose and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose only.

For children 12-15 years - 1<sup>st</sup> dose and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> dose is offered if your child is at high risk because of a weakened immune system

### **Children's Clinics in March:**

Thursday 30 March 2023, 08:00 – 11:00

### **Children's Clinics in April:**

Friday 14 April 09:00 – 12:00

Friday 28 April 08:00 – 11:00

For any other information regarding Children's vaccination clinics, please email the Hospital Vaccine Hub Team: [iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net](mailto:iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net).

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# Easter Scurry

## Egg Hunt

4th, 6th, 9th  
April

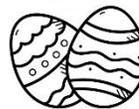
Between 10.30 am and 3pm

### PLEASE BOOK

Adult £5 - Child £4

[WWW.NATUREZONES.ORG.UK](http://WWW.NATUREZONES.ORG.UK)

**ISLE OF WIGHT POTTERY**



## Easter Holiday Pottery Classes

### Clay Club

Mondays and Fridays 10 - 12 and 2 - 4  
£25 per person

### Family Pottery Workshop

Various dates and times available  
£100 (up to 4 people)

- Throwing pots on the wheel
- Clay sculpting
- Easter themed decorating

To book email us at:  
[isleofwightpottery@gmail.com](mailto:isleofwightpottery@gmail.com)

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