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ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week spring has finally sprung. Hopefully we have many weeks of warmth ahead to look forward to!!

This week the children have enjoyed their four day week.

Pioneers have enjoyed some great science, PE and maths. They particularly enjoyed using the bus as part of their science experiment on air resistance due to the extra height. I'm sure the bus will soon become a children's favourite once it has undertaken a facelift and we have carried out some extensive work.

Discoverers have enjoyed their English. Taylor was particularly fond of typing up his descriptive writing.

Adventurers enjoyed their cross curriculum work on the Titanic. Levi's spectacular water colour is an example of how their history work has spanned more than one subject.

Explorers particularly enjoyed their class trip to Butterfly world. Of course it is more than red admirals, monarchs, tortoiseshell and swallowtails.

The children enjoyed feeding the koi carp and some even held snakes, tarantulas, millipedes and geckos.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-QZ2elly-l>

Did you know?

Butterflies cannot see blues. If they see blue it appears as a rainbow colour ...
Thanks to our resident lepidopterist Rowan for sharing that fact.

Other favourites this week has included Mardi Gras club, computer club and sailing



Next week we begin our assessment period. Year 6 SATs as well as other assessments throughout the school will help us to track children's progress and identify strengths and weaknesses throughout the year groups. This allows us to adapt future planning to meet the needs of the children.

Thank you to the governors and other volunteers who support the children by reading the maths questions, invigilating and serving the daily breakfast available to our SATs stars.

Good luck everyone. You have been amazing through your time at St Helens so I hope you demonstrate your excellent knowledge and skills and do yourself justice.

Have a great weekend

Mr Wake

Attendance week from: 29/04/2024 to 03/05/2024

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	100%	0	0	0	0
Adventurers	96.2%	0	0	4	7
Discoverers	86.3%	0	0	10	23
Pioneers	89.2%	0	0	9	19

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 92.9% 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 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.

A Thank You message from Joanne Ryan

Thank you so much for having me for the day to show all the school my Gold medal and some other medals I have recently won!

I have had a lovely day inspiring the students and I hope that they had fun taking part in the athletics activities. I also would like to say a big thank you to all the students and parents for raising the money for me to put towards my athletics expenses.

Many thanks

Joanne Ryan



THIS WEEKS AWARDS



<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Isabella	Tilly
Adventurers	Daniel	George
Adventurers	Levi	Sam
Discoverers	Lottie	Frazer
Discoverers	Clara	Barnaby
Pioneers	Sophia	Alba
Pioneers	Milly	Liam



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

Levi age 7
Finn age 8
Noah age 8
Beuin age 10

School Dinner Menu (£2.75) per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

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

PISTA PISTA FUN!

MAINS
Loaded Beef Nachos or
Loaded Veggie Nachos

Thursday 16th May

SIDES
Sweetcorn Salad

DESSERT
Chocolate Raspberry Slice

Chartwells schools

WEEK 1 WC: 15/04, 05/05, 03/05, 24/05, 15/07, 09/09, 30/09

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Half a Jacket Potato	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake 🍝	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	BBQ Quorn Fillet 🍗 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Burger 🍷 Served with Potato Wedges	Cheesy Ploughman's Plink Plate 🍷	Chilli No Mayo with Crispy Tortilla 🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers 🍷 Served with Chips
	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayo 🐟	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
JACKET POTATO	Tomato Paste Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with panne pasta 🍷				
	All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit 🍌	Raspberry Jolly	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice 🍌	Vanilla Ice Cream	Original Flapjack
	PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Hot, Cheese or Tuna baguettes available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day	AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, added, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit	🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🍷 Wholegrain 🍌 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice		

Our menu is subject to change. Please be aware that all modified meals and allergy requirements will be clearly marked on the menu.

Chartwells SCHOOL

WEEK 2

WC: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07, 16/08, 02/09

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese 🍖🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork 🍖 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Butter Chicken Curry 🍛🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Southern Fried Chicken 🍗 Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Vegetarian Bolognese 🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Veggie Burrito 🌯 🍷	Quorn Roasts 🍗 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Macaroni Cheese 🍝	Veggie Fingers 🍷 Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayo/mousse 🐟	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with panne pasta 🍷 🍷						
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
DESSERT	Chocolate Cookie	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice 🍰🍷	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit 🍰	Orange Drizzle	

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE
Hain, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

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🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

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Chartwells SCHOOL

WEEK 3

WC: 29/04, 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 02/08, 23/08, 14/09

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages 🍖 Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Roast Chicken 🍗 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Cottage Pie 🍷 Served with Gavy	Fish Fingers 🐟 Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta 🍷 🍷	Vegetarian Sausage 🍷 Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Cheese and Onion Pie 🍷 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce 🍷 Served with Rainbowrice	Quorn Dippers 🍷 Served with Chips
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DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit 🍰	Strawberry Jolly	Banana Cake 🍰	Lemon Sicilian Coolée	Chocolate Ice Cream	

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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.



SPRING = NEW MENU

YOUR NEW MENU IS NOW LIVE! WE'RE SO EXCITED TO BE SERVING UP SOME SPRING/SUMMER FUN FOR EVERYONE!

We've got some lighter bites for the brighter days, brand new dessert deliciousness, and of course we will continue to offer the crowd-pleasing classics we know children love. You can always expect our meals to be nutritious as well as tasty to support children's growth and development.

DOUBLE THE FUN!

SPRING/SUMMER FUN DOESN'T JUST COME FROM OUR NEW MENU - WE HAVE A WHOLE TERM OF THEME DAYS FOR YOU TO LOOK FORWARD TO AS WELL!

There's **Mesa** fun in Mexican-themed day, a **quinceañera** picnic party in June delivering truly traditional treats, and we will end the school year on a **hodge-podge** with class of '24.



[See theme day menu](#)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

WE THRIVE ON CHILDREN AND PARENT FEEDBACK

Everything we do is driven by our mission to offer delicious, nutritious food that schoolchildren want to eat, that ensures they get the most out of their day. Please spare a few minutes to share your feedback with us.



[Complete survey](#)

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs

Monday 20th May - Class Photos with Cardwell & Simons

Friday 24th May - FOSH Colour Run (details to follow)

Friday 24th May - School closes at 3.00pm for half term

Monday 3rd June - School reopens at 8.45am for Summer term 2

Wednesday 5th June - Reception '24 Parents Meeting 6.00-7.00pm

Monday 17th June - RNLI Day

Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th June – Year 5/6 Residential trip

Thursday 20th June - Sight for Wight Hat & Sunglasses Day

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July - Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Days

Friday 12th July - FOSH Summer Fayre

Tuesday 23rd July - Sports Day 9.30am-12.00pm

Wednesday 24th July - Back-up sports day (in case of rain) 9.30am-12.00pm

Friday 26th July - Leavers Assembly 11.00am-12.00pm

Friday 26th July - Whole school picnic & leavers races 12.00-3.00pm

Friday 26th July - School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays

This Week's Class Updates

Explorers

We have had an exciting week in

we visited Butterfly world. The fantastic time exploring the butterfly mini east, feeding the koi carpe and flowers. The Explorers all enjoyed and back in the mini bus, spotting lots of way there.

The Explorers were all very brave handle lots of different creatures millipedes and even a tarantula! different types of butterflies, some of favourites were the monarch butterfly and the owl butterfly.

Their favourite fact is that butterflies can't see the colour blue, they see rainbow instead!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!



Explorers!
On Wednesday children all had a room, handling planting some their journey there of animals on their

and excited to including snakes, We spotted lots of the children's





Adventurers

We started our week with a History day about the Titanic! The children produced great sketches and watercolours of the ship on the water. We also took a measuring tape outside to measure the field and compare it to the length of the titanic. Our field came in at 125 metres long, but the titanic is 250 metres, so twice the length of our field!

We completed our final write in English of our Blue Whale leaflets! This means we have also started a new text called 'Mrs Noahs Pockets'. So far we have only made predictions using the front cover so we can't wait to get stuck into that next week.

In maths we have continued working on multiplication and division. This week we used bar models to represent our numbers sentences.

Again we headed outside for Science on another minibeast hunt! This time it was to complete a survey of which minibeasts we could find in what habitats; we are going to use this information to make pictograms next week.

In RE we looked at rangoli patterns which are used in Hinduism. We then made some out of coloured rice before creating our own on paper plates.



We have really enjoyed the sunshine coming out and hope it continues, have a great weekend!

Discoverers

This week, in maths, we have been answering test questions on fractions, measurement and shape.

In English we finished our newspaper articles and looked at instruction writing on how to capture a dragon including time adverbials, adverbs and imperative verbs.

In science we looked at classifying animals from different biomes.

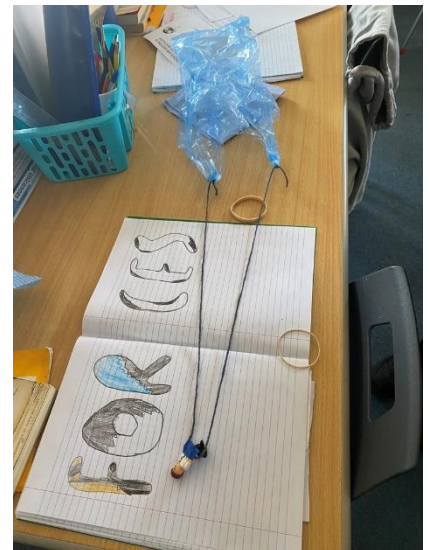
In PE we have a tennis competition.

Some of us went to cross country and we all did really well. Especially Max who came 4th in his race and Micah who came 7th but in the year 5 race.

Pioneers

This week in Pioneers class we were looking at air resistance and using the top deck of the library bus to help with the launch of our parachutes. We were investigating whether the material a parachute is made of affects its air resistance. These are our results (each pair of children recorded three drops with each parachute type) The children made their own parachutes.

Parachute material	Average drop recorded in seconds
Blue Paper Towel	2.1
Blue Roll	2.18
Plastic Food Bag	2
J-Cloth	3





Our pottery horse heads are drying out well and we are going to paint them next week. So I thought it would be great for you to see them before that happens.

Hope everyone has a great weekend and as it is SATS week next week, please could the children rest as much as possible and wear a hat in the sun!

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.***

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk

Stories from Livia the Lady of the Villa and Caius, her brother.

Tuesdays
11.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm.
Free with Museum Admission charge.



BRADING ROMAN VILLA

Minibeast May at the Villa...

Come on a Minibeast safari this Half Term holiday,
Tuesday 27 – Saturday 31 May, from 10am – 3pm.

Museum Admission is **not** needed for the trail, craft activities and café – where you can sample our delicious menu of homemade cakes. Free parking.

www.bradingromanvilla.org.uk

Butterfly finger puppets and painted bug stones.
Wednesday & Friday
£2.50 per person.



Make your own mosaic coaster.
Every day.
£3.50 per person



Nature Trail.
Every day.
Pick up an Explorer Bag from our foyer, then claim a prize at the end.
£2.00 per person




Mini Beast May at Brading Roman Villa

It's Mini Beast May at Brading Roman Villa this Half Term holiday, from Tuesday 27th to Saturday 31st May. We're open every day from 10am until 4pm

Every day at the Villa you can join in with our Biosphere Explorer Nature Trail – Pick up an Explorer Bag, to help you discover clues about the wonderful wild world outside then claim a prize at the end. We also have a Museum Trail to find the hidden ladybirds, then claim another prize, throughout the week. Free with Museum Admission.

Mosaic Coasters are available to make throughout the holiday, for £3.50 and the artefact handling table will be out ready for you to explore for free, alongside our grid mosaic boards.

On Tuesday 27th May, come and listen to Livia, Lady of the Villa and her brother Caius, tell you about living the Roman way at Brading in their day. Free with Museum Admission.

On Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th May you can create your own butterfly finger puppets and painted bug stones, for £2.50.

Remember that craft and Nature trail activities do not require Museum Admission, and entry to the café is free, so you can sample our delicious menu of homemade cakes.