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ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of half term following an enjoyable Valentine disco that was well attended and enjoyed by many of the children.

Thank you of course to FOSH for their organisation, Mr Searle for providing the music as well as the school staff who attended and supported the event.

The school nurse visited the school this week with two parents requesting support. Please remember to request a slot at her next visit as there will be some relevant advice that she could offer I'm sure.

Next week we are looking forward to a week's break to recharge batteries and prepare for the next half term. I know some lucky families are escaping the island for a short break away to faraway places and some not quite so far away.

The following week we return on the Tuesday as school staff will be attending training on Monday. Children should return on Tuesday 25th February for the final week of winter (hopefully).

There are lots of plans in place for a great half term ahead including class trips, Lego therapy, parents evening and the return of Miss Gorman to name but a few.

Have a great week.

Mr Wake

Attendance week from: 03/02/2025 to 07/02/2025

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	90%	0	0	12	0
Adventurers	98.2%	2	141	1	4
Discoverers	98.6%	1	18	0	4
Pioneers	97.1%	3	186	5	3

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was **97%** which is above the national expectation of 95%

In line with the school policy, **please inform the school every day of absence**, wherever practically possible, of the reason for their child's absence and the predicted date of their return.

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.



THIS WEEKS AWARDS



<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Charlie	Logan
Adventurers	Ronnie	Nathanael
Adventurers	Lila	Oakleigh
Discoverers	John	Hollie
Discoverers	Belle	Zach
Pioneers	Thomas	Logan
Pioneers	Tessa	Leatile



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

Lottie age 9
 Macie age 10
 Max age 9
 Alfie age 11
 Mrs Linnell
 Jamie age 6
 Clara age 10
 Luke age 10

School Dinner Menu (£3.05) 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.

Chartwells		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	NOT SPECIALS	Macaroni Cheese	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATOES	Cheesy Bean Buntling	Quorn Burger Served with Roast Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Meatless Roast Cheesy Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
	DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salmon Mayo sauce	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 sauce with penne pasta						
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
		Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie
PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguettes available on Tuesdays and Fridays with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day.		AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit.		Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice		

Chartwells
SCHOOL FOODS

WEEK 2

W.C. 11/1, 02/12, 06/01, 22/01, 24/02, 17/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Veggie Supreme Pizza 🌱 Served with Plain Pasta	Beef Bolognese 🍖 Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Cottage Pie 🌱 Served with Gavy	Crispy Chicken Burger Served with Chips
	Vegetable Fajitas 🌱 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles 🌱	Winter Vegetable Hotpot 🌱 Served with Gavy	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Quorn Dippers 🌱 Served with Chips
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JACKET POTATO					
Tomato Pasta: Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🌱					
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DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mouse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard 🌱	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Chocolate Cookies	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding 🌱

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🍏 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

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SCHOOL FOODS

WEEK 3

W.C. 18/1, 04/12, 13/01, 03/02, 03/03, 24/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gavy	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	BBQ Quorn Fillet 🌱 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato and Gavy	Roast Vegetable and Cranberry Slice 🌱 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Vegetarian Lasagne 🌱 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette 🌱 Served with Chips
	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 Potatoes 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
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DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices 🌱	Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard	Oat Cookies with Fruit 🌱	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla 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.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 24 th February	- Staff Development Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 25 th February	- School reopens at 8:45am for Spring term 2
Wednesday 5 th March	- World Book Day at St Helens Primary
Thursday 6 th March	- Year 5 Taster Day @ Ryde Academy
Saturday 15 th March	- St Helens Horticultural Society Spring Show (school hall)
Monday 17 th March	- Schools Walk the Wight assembly
Friday 21 st March	- School Reports sent out
Tuesday 25 th /Weds 26 th March	- Parents Evening (details to follow)
Friday 4 th April	- School closes at 3:00pm for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	- School reopens at 8:45am for Summer term
Monday 5 th May	- Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 19 th May	- Class Photos (Cardwell & Simons)
Friday 23 rd May	- School closes at 3:00pm for half term
Monday 2 nd June	- School reopens at 8:45am for Summer term 2
Friday 25 th July	- School closes at 3:00pm for Summer holidays
Monday 28 th July	- Staff Development Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 29 th July	- Staff Development Day – school closed to children

This Week's Class Updates

Explorers




The Explorers have been very busy this week! In maths we have been looking at one less, using number lines to work out one less than any given number. They have explored this through a number of activities including; small and large number lines, number songs, making lines using numbered cones, tiles, pebbles and cards, numicon and riding and jumping along chalked number lines. Yesterday we combined one more and one less by using Lego and multi link to build towers that are either one more or one less than each other

In phonics this week we have looked at the sounds or, ur, er, ow and oil. The children have been practicing to write words with these sounds in. They have also enjoyed a variety of activities such as ; magic hat activities, phonics board games and word searches using magnifying glasses.

This week we discussed the community fridge and what it is. We decided to take a walk along to see what they had and if we could make a healthy meal from any of the ingredients there. Unfortunately on Tuesday they only had lettuce left. So we decided to take another walk along on Wednesday, this time we also used the walk as an opportunity to search for numbers and practice one less. The children spotted lots of numbers on registration plates and doors.

We picked up some bananas to make some banana muffins. The children also picked up some flowers to sketch and create potions with.

Yesterday afternoon we were busy baking.  We used the bananas the children got from the community fridge and we made banana muffins. They worked together to mash the bananas, weigh the ingredients and mix it all together!

Have a great half term break 

Adventurers

We finished of the week with our final write; a non-chronological report about spiders. The children used the facts they have learnt to create an organised report, it is great to see how enthusiastic the children are getting about their writing.

On Tuesday the children did lots of counting in 10s, from all sorts of numbers!

We also completed our final music session based on African animals. The children used drums to create a 'call' phrase and beat for their partner who then had to 'respond' with a beat and short response. We filmed the children's work and then they had to decide how they could improve, and then we filmed their new version.

In art we continued with our Tinga Tinga themed art, but intertwined this with pointillism, using outlines of African animals. We used cotton buds to use the pointillism style, but stuck with two bright colours and repeating patterns like they do with Tinga Tinga art!

We hope you have a brilliant half term. We sent a letter home this evening regarding our trip to Owl and Monkey Haven on Monday 3rd March, please read and return on the Tuesday back after half term 😊

Discoverers

In Dt we have been making our own cars and on Thursday we test our cars and we will bring our cars today and make improvements.

In Pe we have been doing hockey with Mr Day and gymnastics with Coach.

In maths we have been doing column addition, column subtraction and expanded column addition (and subtraction)

In English we have been looking at a picture,planning our story (we made it up) and today we finished writing it up then we typed it up.

In Art we have been painting a picture and we will be doing pointillism soon.

On Thursday after school we had a valentines ball and the helpers helping the school do the sweets and drinks in the tuck shop and Mr Searle was doing the music and people gave gifts to each other!

Today it is Lottie's birthday.
from [Mia and Rosie](#).

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

*Coffee Morning Friday
21st February
10:30 to 13:30*

The Pavilion on The Green St Helens

*In Aid of St Helens
Village Fayre*

Tea/Coffee £1

*Cakes 50p - £1.50 per
slice*



Also raffle & Tombola

Donations are always welcome.

*Give us a follow St Helens Village Fayre - JoW
StHelensvillagefayre.tow@gmail.com*



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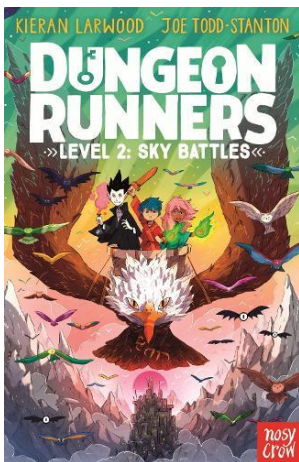
Naturezones
Wise Owl Holiday Club
8 - 14 yrs

Come and have a great time outdoors! Go on a nature safari, look for wildlife in our ponds, woods and meadows. See if you can charm worms out of the ground. Get creative in our guided art sessions and try some crafts using willow and other natural materials. Play games based around wildlife and tackle a challenge! Various different fun activities during each session.

February Half Term
Thursday 20th 10.30 - 1.30
£5, including lunch.
Funded by Heritage Lottery

MUST BOOK - Limited places
Full details on booking form
Where: Blackwater
www.naturezones.org.uk

Half term activities at Waterstones, Newport.



Just to let you all know that during half term we will be having a book signing event with the wonderful Kieran Larwood! This will be on Thursday 20th February at 1pm and if you could please let the children and their parents know that would be amazing.

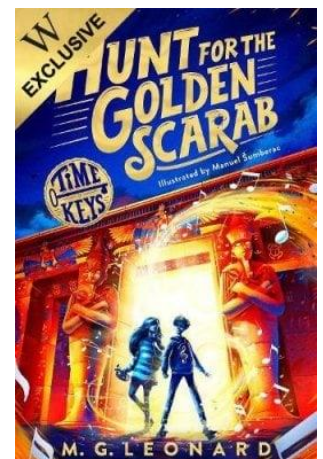
Kieran will be joining us to celebrate the release of his new book *Dungeon Runners: Sky Battles*, the latest installment in his action packed adventure series for younger readers. We will have all of Kieran's titles available to purchase and have signed and personalised while stocks last .

We will also have our Half Term Treasure Hunt For the Golden Scarab throughout the store during the week. Children and their parents can use the clues to locate the six scarabs scattered throughout the bookshop. Make a note of

the symbols you find and when you've found them all, use the code to crack the hieroglyphics and find the hidden words to win a prize!

On Friday 21st at 10am we will also have a storytime and craft session for younger readers, which normally runs during term time too.

All these events are free to attend and will be lots of fun!





LJR COACHING

LJR WORLD CUP TOURNAMENTS

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£13 per child

Fully qualified staff
DBS checked
First Aid trained

Reception - Year 6

WED 19TH FEB & FRI 21ST FEB
10AM - 2:45PM

ST THOMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL - NEWPORT



LJR COACHING

HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP

World Cup Days and Multisports day

Fully qualified staff
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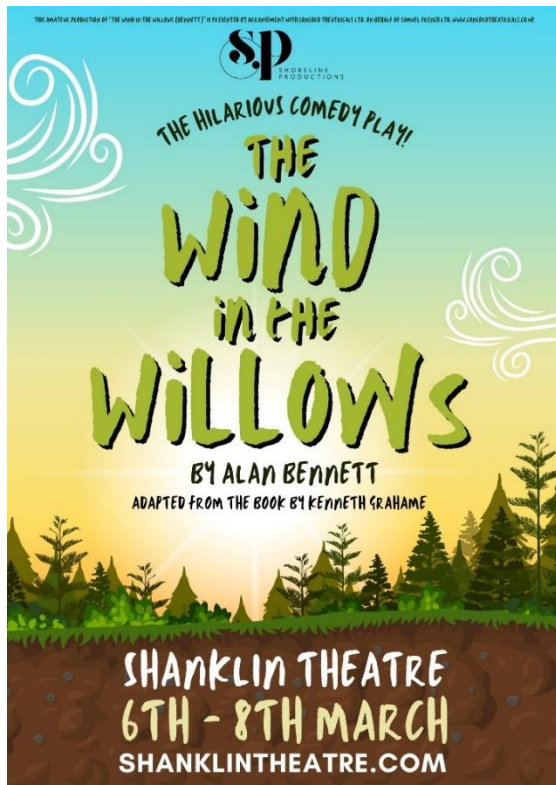
Date
World Cup Day - 18th Feb 25
Multisports Day - 19th Feb 25
World Cup Day - 21st Feb 25

Time
10AM - 2.45PM

Location
St Mary's Primary School, Ryde

£13 Per Day

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THE HILARIOUS COMEDY PLAY!

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS




BY ALAN BENNETT
ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK BY KENNETH GRAHAME

SHANKLIN THEATRE
6TH - 8TH MARCH
SHANKLINTHEATRE.COM

We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming production of *The Wind in the Willows*!

Step into the enchanting world of Mole, Ratty, Badger, and the eccentric Toad as their timeless adventures unfold on the Shanklin Theatre stage this March. This heartwarming tale of friendship and mischief will delight audiences of all ages. Don't miss this magical production – book your tickets now for an unforgettable theatrical experience!

Show Details:

-  **17** Dates: March 6th, 7th, and 8th
-  **Venue:** Shanklin Theatre
-  **Suitable for:** The whole family!