



St Helens Primary Newsletter



Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another enjoyable five days with World Book Day a particular feature of the week. Most children managed to dress up as favourite characters with Elsa 1 and 2, Ariel, Batman, Harry and Hermione and Matilda still as popular as ever.



It is of course always great to see the more unexpected, unusual characters. Millie aka Lorax, dressed in her favourite character and Harvey came as an intrepid fossil hunter. Great job everyone.



Meanwhile in class, Pioneers have been making sock bunnies in DT and revising maths and reading exam skills.

In Adventurers, many children have enjoyed Lego club as well as maths where they have been constructing tally charts.

In Explorers, the children have loved their outside environment especially when Year 1 came to town.

Discoverers have completed some cross curriculum work in geography, English and computing and in maths they have been revising the grid method.

PE has included a variety of ball sports including tennis, netball and basketball.

During the week we have welcomed visitors from MHST who worked with Year 3 on self care and Abi returned for some more Lego therapy.

Key Stage One visited Owl and Monkey Haven on Monday. Lar gibbons, cherry-crowned mangabeys, Javan langurs, grivets, and Siamang gibbons are just a few of the residents. Isabella liked the gibbons but many of Adventurers including Rowan, Ruby, Luke and Harvey seemed to take to the smaller varieties including the marmosets, squirrel monkeys, capuchins.



Did you know that the pygmy marmosets are the smallest true monkey with a head-body length ranging from 117 – 152mm and an average weight of just over 100g?

Arabella also liked the owls.

Thanks to Eleanor and Arabella for their dance in assembly. I got very dizzy watching all the spins and turns.

Red house were the house point victors this week scoring nearly

80 points

I'm sure next week will also be full of lots of exciting events

Have a great weekend

Mr Wake



Attendance

Week from: 24/02/2025 to 28/02/2025



Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	91.7%	0	0	0	8
Adventurers	94.4%	1	55	11	2
Discoverers	99.2%	2	50	0	8
Pioneers	95.5%	1	55	1	9

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was **95.8%** 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 Week's Awards

<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Albie	Finley
Adventurers	Harvey	Jamie
Adventurers	Luke	Ruby
Discoverers	John	Mabel
Discoverers	Belle	Harry
Pioneers	Barnaby	Charlie
Pioneers	Sami	Millie



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



3rd—9th March

Mia age 5

Hannah age 11





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.

		WEEK 1				
		W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/12, 10/01, 10/02, 31/03				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT 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 POTATO	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger Served with Potato 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 Fruits	Apple Crumble with Custards	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Raspberry Jolly	Chocolate Brownie
		PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Hot, Cheese or Tuna baguette available on Tuesdays and Fridays with veg of choice 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	

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.

Missing Trainers

A pair of black Nike trainers (possibly size 4) are missing after the Valentine's Disco on Thursday 13th February. The child they belong to got changed in the mobile for the Disco and didn't bring them home. Please can you check to see that your child has not accidentally brought them home.

Thank you.



Dates for Your Diary



- Saturday 15th March - St Helens Horticultural Society Spring Show (school hall)
- Monday 17th March - Schools Walk the Wight assembly
- Friday 21st March - School Reports sent out
- Monday 24th –
- Monday 31st March - Scholastic Book Fair
- Tuesday 25th/Weds 26th March – Parents Evening
- Monday 31st March - Adventurers trip to Briddlesford Farm (details to follow)
- Friday 4th April - School closes at 3:00pm for Easter holidays
- Tuesday 22nd April - School reopens at 8:45am for Summer term
- Monday 5th May - Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
- Monday 19th May - Class Photos (Cardwell & Simons)
- Friday 23rd May - School closes at 3:00pm for half term
- Monday 2nd June - School reopens at 8:45am for Summer term 2
- Friday 25th July - School closes at 3:00pm for Summer holidays
- Monday 28th July - Staff Development Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 29th July - Staff Development Day – school closed to children

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

DATE: 24th-31st March 2025

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOKSTORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

Books featured include: FINDING BEAR (£7.99), GEORGE'S WISTERS MINI DRAGON (£6.99), DOG MAN Big Jim Blowing (£9.99), DORK! (£7.99), FUTURE BILLIONAIRE (£7.99), My Bum is SO CHEEKY! (£6.99), THE SHAGGY CATCATCHER (£8.99), BEASTIE BROS (£6.99), and a book with a butterfly cover (£8.99).

LAST YEAR YOUR SUPPORT HELPED DONATE £5.3M IN FREE BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

Ages 2+

Books featured include: Bluey (£7.99), Puss in Boots (£4.99), FISH FINGER FROZE (£6.99), ADOPT A DRAGON (£5.99), Janty Gen Leo (£7.99), and GOLDSTICH SERIES (£7.99).

Ages 6+

Books featured include: MY BIG FAT FRIENDS (£8.99), ROALD DAHL MEETS MY FOX (£3.99), THE FUNNY ONE! (£7.99), MY FRIENDS AND I (£2.99), ESSENTIAL NARRAGON (£6.99), GOLD (£4.99), and DOG MAN (£7.99).

EVERY BOOK YOU BUY EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

Ages 8+ From the author of the Best of the Month's Guinness Laugh!

Payment at our Book Fair

Parents can use your scanner or use our easy on page for your money

- You may pay by card at the Fair via our mobile terminals. If your school does not use by using their online payment. Visit www.bookscan.co.uk for more information. All payments must comply with your school's usual data protection policies.
- Payment gifts vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookscan.co.uk for more details to help you make the best use of your school's Book Fair.
- If you aren't added the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Web Chat - please visit your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Schools is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our seasonal scheme which helps to ensure that all young children are provided some access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting Scholastic to your child's school. Each year, which your help, we give away 15,000 worth of free books to schools nationwide, which students will love to read at home.

These books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organizer or Scholastic Book Fair for details. All books subject to availability. Book cover may vary. * Working Schools for the duration of the Book Fair.



Help & Information



contact for families with disabled children

Dear Parent Carers 28th February 2023

We're very sorry for the confusion about the different meetings that are being held in March to discuss the development of a parent carer led forum on the Island.

All four of the meetings will be led by Gail Beedling from Contact, Contact is the national charity supporting families of children with SEND and they are supporting all parent carer forums across England. The meetings are also supported by the Island's Local Authority and health strategic partners - everyone is working together to make sure that the new forum model is led by parent carers on the island.

There will be 4 events throughout March that will give parent carers an opportunity to hear about opportunities, the Executive Partnership, our experiences of operation, the role of a forum, different forum models and have your say to how a forum might be set up and run on the island. You will also be able to register your interest in being involved in the development of the Forum.

We want to make sure that all parent carers on the island have an opportunity to share their views about the development of a forum. All parent carers of children and young people with SEND are welcome.

The first two events will be with Gail Beedling from Contact and these are being held on:

- Wednesday 9th March 10-12
- Tuesday 28th March from 7-9pm

Both of these events are via zoom and you can book onto these via <https://bit.ly/3uW13Ug>

The other two events are with Gail Beedling plus Ashley Whitaker (Director of Children's Services), Naomi Carter (Senior Director Education, Inclusion and Access) and Emma Meek (Strategic Lead for Children's Care NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight). These events will also give you an opportunity to share your experience of services on the island. These events are being held on:

- 28th March from 10-12 at the Riverside
- 28th March from 3.30 to 7.30 pm on TBAH

To book onto any of the events please contact Gail.Beedling@contact.org.uk



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TALKING TEENS with ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Help parents of teenagers with SEN, including ASD and ADHD, improve relationships and understanding through support and guidance.

What You'll Gain:

- Insights into your teenager's unique developmental needs
- Practical tools to reduce conflict and build stronger connections
- Strategies for healthier communication with your teenager
- A deeper understanding of SEN, particularly ASD and ADHD
- A supportive space to share experiences and challenges with other parents

Duration: 7 weeks
Language: English
Schedule: 2 hours per week (Online)

REGISTER NOW

For more details, please contact info@parentingu.co.uk



Family Help & Information



PACT

PARENTS AND CARERS TOGETHER

Parenting Support & Getting Ready for School

Free Event!

Please take part in our simple survey. Every response matters!

Weds 19th March 2025
10am-12pm
Aspire Ryde
Dover St,
Ryde
PO33 2BN

An amazing opportunity to meet family support experts on the Island!

Free £10 shopping voucher for all who attend, fill out our survey & complete a feedback form!

Make use of Aspire's low cost cafe and Soft Play!

Come along and have a chat, have your views heard and questions answered

Experts available to chat to on the day:
Nadine West - Barnardo's
Lisa Guile - Barnardo's

Find out more or request transport using the details below

familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk
[IWfamilyinfohub](https://www.facebook.com/IWfamilyinfohub)
rosie@aspireryde.org.uk



This Week's Class Updates



Explorers

We have finished our phase 3 sounds this week with 'ure' and 'er'.

We will now be focussing on revising these sounds over the next weeks to consolidate the children's learning and start applying them more in their reading and writing. This week the children have enjoyed learning our new tricky word rap which teaches them that the tricky words 'he, she, be, we and me' all make the 'ee' sound instead of 'e'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2IWkrFFbwg>

In maths they have continued working on more than and less than.

One activity they have enjoyed is working out how many passengers are on the bus when they reach different bus stops and they get on and off.

They all looked fantastic for world book day on Wednesday. The Explorers enjoyed listening to a range of stories read by different teachers. In the afternoon they began creating their own books, which we will continue to add to over the next few weeks.

Yesterday we enjoyed being joined by Year 1 in the afternoon and they enjoyed listening to the author talk about their book.

Have a great weekend!



Adventurers

The children very much enjoyed beginning their week at the Owl and Monkey Haven. They were very well behaved and asked wonderful questions. We were spoilt because the actual Haven was closed to the public and we had the place to ourselves. Our tour guide Janelle was amazing and taught the children lots of facts about the monkeys and other animals they saw.

On Tuesday the children produced some lovely writing, recounting our day on Monday.

Wednesday was the return of World Book Day, and the children made a great effort with their outfits! The teachers enjoyed moving around the classes to share stories/books/discussions, and the children enjoyed spending time with different staff.

On Thursday, we continued work on our 'Leaf' text in the morning. In the afternoon we had an online video call with an independent book shop called 'The Bookery'. It was aimed at rural schools and there were a couple of others from the Isle of Wight but also from the Channel

Islands and the Isles of Scilly. They shared some books with us that Mr Wake has ordered for the school. If anyone is interested you can have a look at their website <https://thebookery.org.uk/> and see what they're about!

We hope you have a brilliant weekend ☺



Discoverers

In maths we have been doing division using part-whole methods, bar models and fact families. In English we have been writing about our combined animals we have made and talking about its habitat and diet. In Art we have been finishing pointillism painting. We have all enjoyed swimming on Tuesdays. We had World Book Day and dressed up as our favourite character from a book. Yesterday we took part in a football quiz online and some visitors came and spoke to us about our mental health.

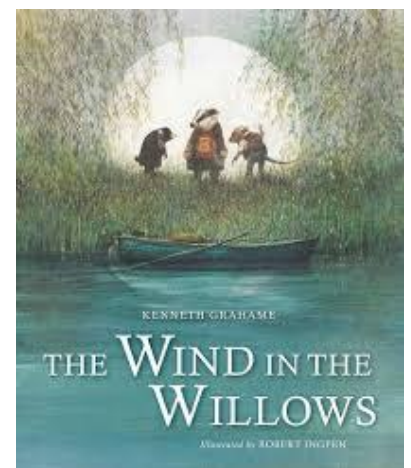
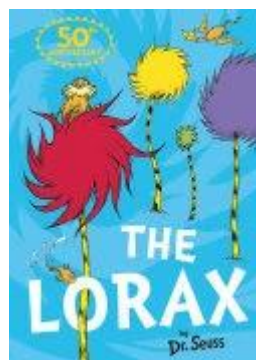
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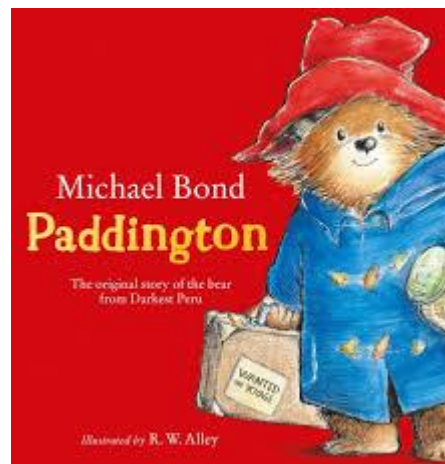
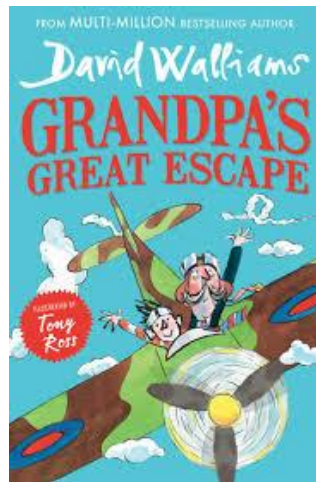
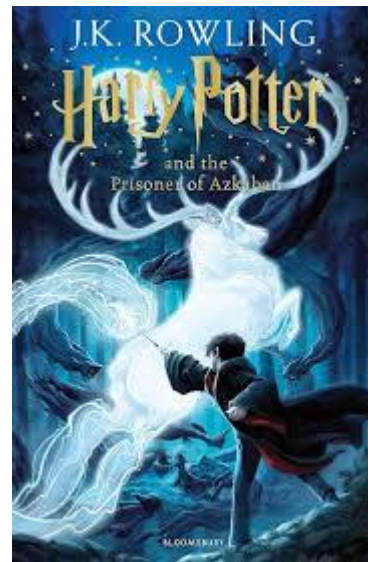
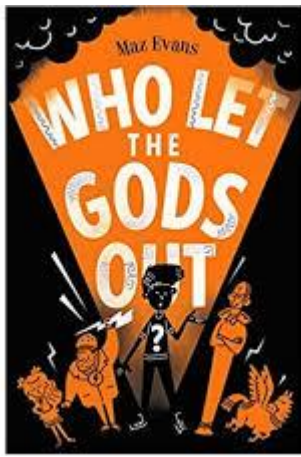


Pioneers

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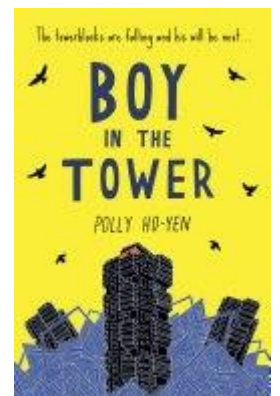
World Book Day this week; it was great to see so many different books and characters in the Pioneers class. Some of the books that inspired the dressing up are included here.....





Year 6 Book Group

In Year 6 Book Club we have just completed 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho Yen and we are just about to start Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf. We have discussed already in Book Club how many books we are reading focus on male protagonists. (In the new financial year this will change.)



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.



For the latest school updates & information

remember to look at the school website

www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk

RSPCA ISLE OF WIGHT

The Great Isle of Wight Dog Walk

Tickets now on sale!

Full steam ahead to Havenstreet to support your local RSPCA



THE GREAT RSPCA ISLE OF WIGHT DOG WALK

Join fellow dog walkers Sunday 27th April 2025, on a guided walk in support of RSPCA Isle of Wight.

Join us for a spectacular doggy adventure. Travel by steam train into spectacular countryside and walk back, with a guide, to Havenstreet. All profits support the Island's most vulnerable animals.

Photo courtesy of Visit Isle of Wight

Join us for a pawsome day out with your doggy pals, friends and family on Sunday, Apr 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM for an unforgettable adventure.

The RSPCA Isle of Wight has teamed up with the Steam Railway who have offered their amazing venue to our walkers and their dogs.

The morning walk will involve a ride on a vintage steam train to the start of a dog-friendly 3 mile walking route. The afternoon hike will be a circular 5 miler from Havenstreet. Our route heads through the extensive station site towards Wootton and then onto Briddlesford Woods

[More Info and Tickets](#)



All funds raised from this event will support the Isle of Wight Branch of the RSPCA, a local independent charity which cares for the Island's most vulnerable animals.

You too can own this fantastic tag, engraved with your pets details being modelled to perfection by one of our happy ex-rescue dogs, TT. Order now and collect on the day.

[More Info, Tickets and Dog Tags](#)

We'll have lots of doggy-focussed fun throughout the day at Havenstreet. Our Family Dog Show, organised by The Friends of the Animals commences at midday - lots of fun classes to choose from with entries on the day at £3 per dog per class which will include prettiest or most handsome, waggiest tail, best six legs, best elderly and best in show.