







St Helens Primary Newsletter

Friday 25th July 2025





Attendance

Week from: 14/07/20525 to 18/07/2025



Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	97.7%	1	76	3	0
Adventurers	99.4%	1	25	2	0
Discoverers	96.1%	0	0	0	11
Pioneers	94.6%	0	0	2	13

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was **96.9%** which is **above** the national expectation of 95%.

In line with the school policy, <u>please inform the school every day of absence</u>, 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.

Attendance Matters



Every Child Every Day

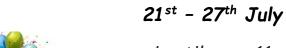






HAPPY BIRTHDAY





Leatile age 11

Harvey age 6

28th July - 3rd August

Lola age 5

Evie age 11

4th - 10th August

Finley age 5

Ocean age 6

11th - 17th August

Albie age 5

Barnaby age 10

Bogosi age 8

18th - 24th August

Rosie age 8

Tessa age 11

Ellena age 11

25th-31st August

Mrs Allman

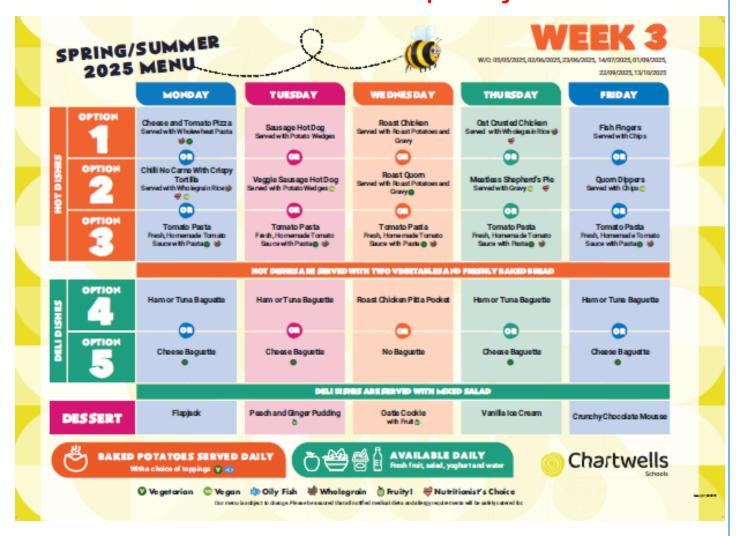




School Dinner Menu (£3.30 per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)



Please note that from September 2025, the price of a school meal will be £3.30 per day



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 1st September Tuesday 2nd September **Wednesday 3rd September** Monday 6th October (AM)

Friday 17th October
Monday 3rd November
Friday 19th December
Monday 5th January 2026
Friday 13th February
Monday 23rd February
Tuesday 24th February

Staff Development Day-school closed to children
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School reopens at 8:45am for the Autumn term
Cardwell & Simons School Photographer (individual & sibling photos)

School closes at 3:00pm for half term
School reopens at 8:45am for Autumn term 2
School closes at 3:00pm for Christmas holidays
School reopens at 8:45am for Spring term
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New Uniform Item



Kids & Co, our uniform stockist are now able to offer back packs in St Helens colours with the school logo on the front and a water bottle holder at the side (£14.99) which you may wish to consider as an alternative option to our book bags.

They can be ordered through the Kids & Co shop in Ryde High Street.



BARNARDO'S

Family Help & Information





Isle of Wight

Council





Just let us know - we'll listen and make

sure your needs are met.



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Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form 2025-26 Open Day/Evening dates (as at 20 July 2025)

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	29 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	18 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
5511250	06 November 2025	6th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise	1 st to 31 th October	Year 6
College	2025	Open Month
	3 November 2025 -	6 th Form
	8 December 2025	Open Month
Island Free School	11 October 2025	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm
		Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Medina College	23 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Ryde Academy	8 October 2025	Y6 Open Evening
	19 November 2025	6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	4 October 2025 7 February 2026	Y6 and 6th Form Open Morning: 10-12-30pm
The Bay CE School	2 October 2025	Y6 Open Evening: 5-8pm
The Island VI Form	13 November 2025	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
The Isle of Wight College	23 September 2025	4.30-6.30pm Open Evening
	15 November 2025	10-2pm Open Day
	10 January 2026	10-2pm Open Day
	7 March 2026	Open Day
The Priory School of our Lady	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed –
Walsingham		Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk

Please note St George's School is not offering open days. Places are allocated via the SEND department.

Do you know about the ST HELENS VILLAGE CONSULTATION, and have you sent in your response yet?

The Consultation is your opportunity to have your say about the important issues facing the village – including the Greens, the situation at the Duver, and provision for young people in the village, including the future of the former Youth Club building in Lower Green Road.

There are also questions about projects at the School – and your response to those will help enormously as the School seeks to take those forward.

So, if you can, please find a few minutes to complete the survey – it shouldn't take more than about half-an-hour.

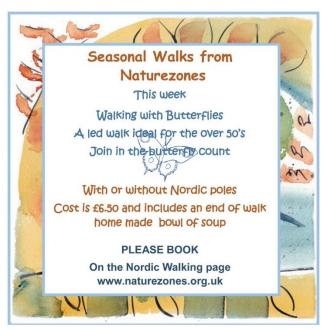
You can access it online via this QR code or link, or you can pick up a paper copy from the Community Centre foyer. And please do so before the closing date of Thursday 31st July.

THANK YOU

https://forms.gle/9QnRUVnfnRsEw7dT6









Summer Sports Activity Days

PSSC* Premier School Sport Coaching

Barton Primary School Furriongs, Newport PO30 2AX

Booking is Essential please use this link

Or use this QR Code

Monday 11th August Tuesday 1211 & 2611 August Wednesday 13th & 27th August Thursday 14th & 28th August Friday 15M & 29M August

9.00am till 3.00pm each day.

Cost: £FREE

The activity days are for children at primary school to have fun, make new friends and enjoy physical activity in a safe and structured environment.

The activities will be a mixture each day of:

Team games - Football, Handball, Basketball, Cricket etc.

Individual sports - Tennis, Athletics, Soft Archery, Tri Golf etc.

Alternative sports - Dodgeball, New Age Kurling, Boccia etc.

There will also be a chill out zone for your child to play board games and relax

Staffing:

All Coaches are experienced in working in Island Schools, have an enhanced DBS, first aid and attended safeguarding training.

What to Bring:

Plenty to drink

Wear suitable clothing for physical activity. Suncream, hat or warm clothing for outside activities

HOLIDAY CTIVITIES

mail Andy Day - psscitd@gmail.com or

Summer Sports Activity Days



Dover Park Primary School

Dover Street, Ryde PO33 28N

Booking is Essential please use this link

Or use this QR Code

Monday 411 & 18 August Tuesday 511 & 1911 August Wednesday 611 & 2011 August Thursday 7th & 21st August Friday 811 & 2211 August

9.00am till 3.00pm each day.

Cost: £FREE

£15 per day

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Summer Sports Activity Days



St. Francis Primary School Newport Road, Ventnor PO38 1BQ

Booking is Essential please use this link

Or use this QR Code

Monday 28th July & 11th Aug 🎇 Tuesday 29th July & 12th Aug Wed 30th July & 13th Aug Thursday 31st July & 14th Aug Friday 1st & 15th August

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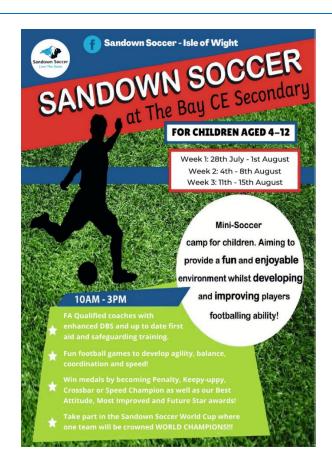
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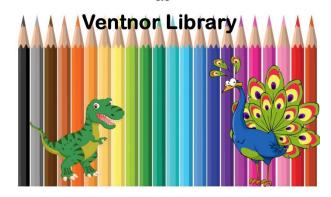






Every Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm

at







Headteacher's



Update

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another amazing year.

We have seen 15 new faces join us as well as the Explorers all of whom have blossomed in their time with us.

So many events have stood out of course including multiple class trips, the inaugural whole school trip to Blackgang Chine - celebrating surviving the school place planning scare, Mardi Gras, the summer Fayre and of course the success in many school sporting events.

We are now all looking forward to a few weeks of recuperation before it all starts again in September.

I would like to say a big thankyou to the parents for their support over the weeks and months. The vast majority attend parent's evenings and many join us at whole events which is always appreciated by the school and children. FOSH, who are always looking for new members, are particularly helpful.

Thank you the governors for all their amazing support and thank you also to the volunteers who can always be relied upon to help with reading and other tasks.

I need to say a big thank you to the staff who work hard; some who work many hours after the school gates close to enable your children to have the best opportunities at St Helens Primary School.

This time of year is always tinged with a little sadness as this year we are losing 15 fantastic pupils - many who have been with us during their entire school life so far.

Sadly we also have to say thank you to two members of staff. Firstly Mrs Hatch who has worked diligently with pupils on a 1:1 basis or equally professionally as a class TA. Secondly we must say a special thank you to Mrs Maloney. She joined one term before me in January 2018 and has worked tirelessly to help the children and staff in her special way. This year alone Pioneers have visited London, produced an excellent Shakespeare performance as well as attaining excellent outcomes and progress in the entire curriculum. Many aspects to the job such as the wellbeing elements at school, mentoring and her invaluable leadership support to me personally go unnoticed and will be missed. I wish all of 17 leavers every success in the future.

Thank you again to everyone who help to make St Helens Primary a special place to teach.

Please remember that pupils, return on Wednesday September 3rd.

Have a great summer break.

Mr Wake



This Week's Class Updates



Explorers

We have had a fantastic year in Explorers!

We are so proud of all the progress the children have made this year and can't wait to see what they do once they are in year 1, we are going to miss them!

It has been such a busy and fun year filled with lots of exciting activities and trips. We've had lots of visitors in, most recently including some of our family pets. The children enjoyed having the different people to talk about their jobs including posties, police officers and nurses. We've also had lots of fun trips where the children were always excellent representatives of the school. We enjoyed going to Blackgang chine, the library, the bus museum, the beach and Isle Imagine.

They have all amazed us with how much they have learned and grown over the year. We have loved watching them all grow into more confident and independent learners who are all starting to apply the skills we have been working on over the year.

Good luck in year 1 and have a lovely and safe summer holiday!



Thank you all for a brilliant year in Adventurers. We've loved every minute of it, it's been all sorts of creative chaos. From beach school to historical visitors, Robin Hill to Farm trips, well being days to nativity's.

We wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

We're very excited to be following the children up, and to see what new adventures the Discoverers classroom brings.

Thank you for the goodies we're very grateful.

Have wonderful summers! And we can't wait to see how much everyone grows.

Thanks so much,

With love, Miss Gorman, Mrs Rees & Mrs Ferrier





The end of the year has come. What a year it has been. The children have all been excellent and it has been great to watch them grow this year. I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you return in September.

Mr Popple, Mrs Jenvey, Mr Enser, Mrs Hatch



In Pioneers this week we were enjoying memories of last week's trip to London and Parliament and making new memories with our play A Midsummer Night's Dream.















A great big Thank you to all the parents for their tremendous support of both our London trip and play. Thank you to all the parents who have bought me such kind gifts. I have loved teaching all of your children and have loved the constant support and team spirit of all the staff at St Helens Primary School. I will miss you all.

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!

<u>Please do not donate duvets, pillows, cushions, household textiles, soiled rags, curtains, blankets</u> 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















