



St Helens Primary Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025



Attendance

Week from: 15/09/2025 to 19/09/2025



Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	94.5%	0	0	4	2
Adventurers	96.5%	0	0	2	7
Discoverers	91.2%	0	0	3	26
Pioneers	95.4%	0	0	0	13

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was **94.2%** which is **below** 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.

Attendance Matters



Every Child Every Day



This Week's Awards



<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Franklin	Nancy
Adventurers	Violet	Mia
Adventurers	Rowan	Tilly
Discoverers	Oliver	Arlo
Discoverers	Seb	Sam
Pioneers	Travis	Frazer
Pioneers	Teddy	Clara



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



22nd - 28th September

Zach age 10





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



ARE YOU A WINNER?

Every Thursday, check under your plate for a winner sticker!

1. Clear your plate
2. Check if you have a sticker
3. If you do, show a member of kitchen staff
4. Collect your prize

Chartwells Good luck!

Well done to this week's winners -
Eleanor – Year 2
Mabel – Year 4

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 1

W/C: 21/04/2025, 12/05/2025, 09/06/2025, 30/06/2025, 21/07/2025
 06/09/2025, 23/09/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat Pasta	BBQ Chicken Served with Rainbow Rice	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Battered Fish Served with Chips
	OPTION 2	Broccoli and Leek Tart	Macaroni Cheese	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DESSERT		Chocolate Brownie	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Banoffee Pie	Strawberry Ice Cream	Ginger Biscuit with Fruit

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian
 Vegan
 Oily Fish
 Wholegrain
 Fruity!
 Nutritionist's Choice

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

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 Nettlestone kitchen.



Dates for Your Diary



Monday 6th October (AM)

Tuesday 7th October

Friday 17th October

Monday 3rd November

Monday 3rd November

Friday 19th December

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 13th February

Monday 23rd February

Tuesday 24th February

Cardwell & Simons School Photographer (individual & sibling photos)

Pioneers - Osborne House visit

School closes at 3:00pm for half term

School reopens at 8:45am for Autumn term 2

Flu Immunisation clinic with School Aged Immunisation Service

School closes at 3:00pm for Christmas holidays

School reopens at 8:45am for Spring term

School closes at 3:00pm for half term

Staff Development Day-school closed to children

School reopens at 8:45am for Spring term 2



Family Help & Information



‘EYES-WIDE’
Child Criminal Exploitation, Gang & Youth Violence Awareness,
FREE Workshop for Isle of Wight Parents and Carers

Sat 27 Sept
10:30am – 12:00pm
(Please arrive promptly for start of the session)


This workshop is about street crime, including language, signs and symptoms of gang involvement.

Do you want to find out more about County Lines, CCE (Child Criminal Exploitation) and knife crime?

Then come along to this informative, proactive session for awareness.

Isle of Wight College, Medina Way,
Newport, PO30 5TA
(Please enter via main entrance. Free parking on site.)

Run by Urban Pure Solutions
For more info please visit urbanpuresolutions.com



The Isle of Wight College
Your Future Starts Here

SCAN ME TO BOOK TICKETS

There will be an opportunity at the end of the main information session for parents/carers to ask questions or get advice.



WORRIED ABOUT THEM?

Our trained advisers can offer tailored support if you're worried about a change in your child's behaviour or emotions.

Contact YoungMinds Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544.

■ This free and confidential service is open to all parents and carers.

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The rights of appeal of YoungMinds are governed by the Mental Health Act 1983.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age range do you offer advice for?

We provide free, confidential advice to all parents and carers of young people aged 0-25.

What kind of issues do you support with?

Our advisers are equipped to support you with anything that your child is going through, including school avoidance, behaviour challenges, worry, ADHD, low mood and much more.

Is there a long wait time on the calls?

We aim to answer our calls as quickly as possible. But if there is a queue you can select the option for a call back within two working days or chat with us online.



IS YOUR CHILD GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME?

Call our Parents Helpline on
0808 802 5544

or visit [youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline)

■ Free language translation and interpretation services are available.

YOUNGMINDS

What can you support me with?

Our service provides free, practical advice on how you can support your child's mental health. No matter what your child is going through, we are here to guide you when they need you the most.

How can I access the helpline?

You can call our Parents Helpline for free on 0808 802 5544, speak to us online by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet or learn more by visiting www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline

What happens when I contact you?

However you contact us, you will receive specific guidance from one of our expert advisers that will help you to understand your child's behaviour and give you practical advice on what to do next. All conversations are confidential.

Please note that we cannot advise on medication, counselling / therapy treatments or diagnose mental health conditions.



15,000+ parents and carers supported last year

89% of helpline users felt more confident after a call

"The person I spoke to was so helpful. She listened and signposted me to a wealth of other resources at a time when I was so distressed I had no idea which way to turn. For the first time, I felt as though there was someone out there for me - who could help me through all this." - Helpline caller

No matter what your child is going through, we're with you.

Learn more





Dear Parents,

We have already reached the end of September meaning we have surpassed one tenth of the academic year... It really highlights how few days we have to work with the children and how important good attendance is. Sadly our attendance figures have declined this week after a good start to the year. Nonetheless most children have attended consistently well and I am sure will continue to do so in the future.

In Year R, Explorers have enjoyed playing the river game. Franklin, who is already an expert with his numbers, really loved this game. Many of the children have loved playing with the animals both inside and out. Billie has really enjoyed working outside.

Adventurers have loved working with numbers whereas Discoverers have enjoyed their work on Egypt and using numbers to help their work on place value.

Many children in Pioneers have enjoyed learning about Joseph Turner.

Joseph Mallord William Turner was an English Romantic artist. He became known as 'the painter of light', because of his increasing interest in brilliant colours as the main constituent in his landscapes and seascapes.



In English they have focused on writing a diary about Jim Jarvis the main character from Street Child who alerted Dr Barnardo to the plight of destitute children in Victorian London.

Next week, in addition to the multitude of sports clubs, we have CPR Training for year 6, Mr Doyle from Ryde Lift visiting and on Wednesday we have Early Years Open Afternoon for new prospective parents.

The following week we welcome two authors and much more.

In sport the boy's Discoverers team have started the season well with a comprehensive 9-0 win against Dover Park.

Seb and William summarise as follows.

Venue Dover Park

Score 9-0

Squad: Alfred, Daniel, George, Levi, Miles, Sam, Seb, William

The team scored 3 goals in the first half adopting a 2-3-1 formation with Seb leading the line and William in goal. Levi tormented Dover's defence by creating chances for Seb and Daniel.

In the second half the boys scored a further 6 goals. Seb replaced William in goal who moved to midfield with Alfred leaving the bench to add his tenacity to the midfield.

The boys dominated the half creating multiple chances.

Goals: Daniel 3, Levi 2, Seb, Miles, George and William 1 each.

Thank you Mr Popple for organising the match. Next Friday the year 5/6 team begin their season.

Have a spectacular weekend

Mr Wake



Discoverers' First Football Match – A Fantastic Win!



St Helens Primary Discoverers played their very first football match this week against Dover Park Primary – and what a game it was! The team showed brilliant teamwork, determination, and skill throughout, securing an impressive 9–0 victory.

Our star players were: Daniel, Miles, George, William T, Alfred, Sam, Seb, and Levi. Every player gave their best, working together to create chances, defend strongly, and celebrate each goal as a team.

A huge well done to the Discoverers – a

brilliant start to the season!

Thank you Miles' Mum for the lovely write up.



This Week's Class Updates



Explorers

Another busy week in Explorers!

We have been focusing on lots of different phase 1 phonics games with a focus on rhyming sounds and listening out for the initial sounds. The children have particularly enjoyed playing the whisper game, whispering the initial sounds round the circle then playing eye spy with our book of the week 'nature shapes'.

We have started looking at composition in maths, exploring how all numbers are made up of 1's. We had a great lesson today looking at how many 1's make up 3, having a teddy bears picnic for 3 animals who had 1 of everything.

Yesterday we went on an autumn scavenger hunt. We talked about the different signs of autumn and walked up to the nature zone with our clipboards and checklists. When we got back we then added any other signs of autumn we could think of and the children all did some fantastic drawings. Today we have been exploring using instruments to make a variety of sounds. We played a listening game with different instruments and all the children enjoyed having a go with them all. The favourites today were the bells and the cymbals.

Have a lovely weekend!





Adventurers

Another busy week in Adventurers. In English we have continued with our whale theme, looking further into the Storm Whale and The Big Blue Whale.

In Maths we have looked at 10 more and 10 less then finishing the week with greater than, less than and equal to.

We have also continued with our Geography, RE, PSHE, PE and art work.

Have a great weekend everyone.



Discoverers

What a week! It's flown by, and we've had a lovely time.

The children have continued to explore the wonders of Egypt and the River Nile. They've planned adventure stories for their ancient characters that they created last week.

They've also taken part in the BBC live lessons short story competitions, where the children created a story in 500 words or less. We'll be submitting some of these over the next few weeks.

In maths the children have been looking at money and partitioning more 3 and 4 digit numbers, whilst creating addition and subtraction number sentences. I was very very impressed with how well the children have progressed.

We have seen a new break time rota for football come into play and the class have handled it really well, ensuring that everyone has a fair turn.

Have a lovely weekend,



Pioneers

Pioneer Class News

In maths this week we did column addition and money. In english we have been writing a diary about Jim Jarvis and the Street Child book. In science we have been measuring light and where it stops in the day using equipment. In History, we have been learning about the Victorians and what it was like for the children who were working in the workhouse and we learnt that it was really horrible. In art we have been learning about a famous artist called JMW Turner, he was nicknamed the painter of light because he painted all of his paintings with lots of light in and the paintings had really interesting colors, we even created our own painting based on him and we used oil pastels to draw with and the colors had lots of shades.

By Arlo

Photos - the children improvised music to sound like a wave



This week at St Helens Primary School (for year 5 and 6) consists of English ,Math ,History, Art and PSHE. In English, we have been learning about our book *Street Child* , we have even written our very own diary in the POV of Jim Jarvis .In maths, we have been learning about column addition and adding decimals (for example $13.45+9.87=23.32$). In History we have been learning about the Victorians and the Workhouse, which also connects to our English .In Art, we have been learning about the famous Joseph Turner (the Painter of light) and even tried to recreate some of his own sketches outside on the field. Finally in PSHE, we have learned about relationships and teamwork which lead to our teamwork experiment to get to the other end of the playground without spilling water out of a cup .

MADE BY CHARLIE PORTE

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



Seaview Rainbows have vacancies

girls aged 4 – 7 years old

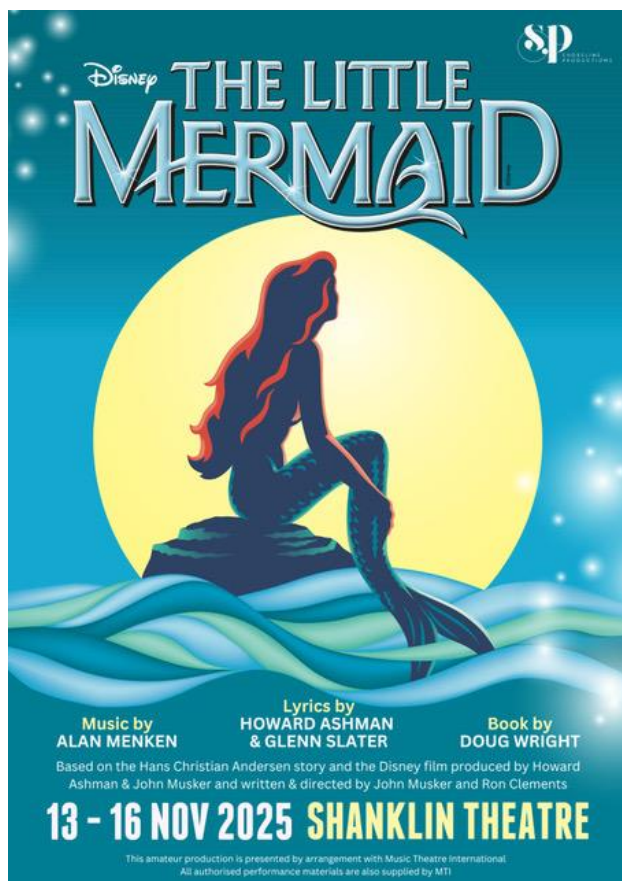
Craft – Singing - Games

Having Fun – Laughing

Call Wendy 07527403263

For more information





Priory School of Our Lady of Walsingham
Independent 4 - 16 Co-educational School

OPEN DAY

Thursday 2 October 9.30am - 12pm

What people say about us...

Small Class Sizes
"The school is a peaceful and calm haven"

Excellent Pastoral Care
"We could not be happier with the teaching and pastoral care. Our son is thriving, getting good grades, and is so happy and feels safe"

Academic Enrichment, Drama, Music and Sport
"We are extremely grateful for everything that your wonderful school has offered - a fantastic education with so many opportunities on offer"

92% at Grades 9-4
"We are delighted with our son's exam results. He is thrilled and has reflected on his time at Priory with great fondness and gratitude"

All Round Outstanding Education
"You taught us not only academic subjects, but also so much emotionally, and that means the world"

"Our daughter is such a happy and engaged girl since she started at your lovely school"

Intellectual Curiosity, Kindness and Respect
"You have the most polite and engaging pupils I encountered"

100% Pass Rate Year on Year
"We are overjoyed by our children's exam results. Thank you for your unwavering support, generosity, flexibility, empathy and compassion"

Affordable Fees with Junior and Senior Scholarships Available
"It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to you all but firmly feel that you have helped shape a secure, driven and capable pupil, who is very much looking forward to setting out into the wider world"

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