



# St Helens Primary Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025



## Attendance

Week from: 29/09/2025 to 03/10/2025



Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	91.8%	1	25	0	9
Adventurers	93.5%	1	25	4	13
Discoverers	97.3%	2	27	0	9
Pioneers	94.4%	0	0	6	9

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was **94.8%** 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](mailto: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	Jaxx	Eli
Adventurers	Tate	Lola
Adventurers	Isabella	Nathanael
Discoverers	Luke	George
Discoverers	Bogosi	Lizzie
Pioneers	Zach	Harry
Pioneers	Macie	Taylor



# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> October**



*Emily age 9*

*Franklin age 5*

*Billie age 5*

*Daniel age 8*

*Ruby age 8*





## 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!

### SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

### WEEK 3

W/C: 05/05/2025, 12/06/2025, 23/06/2025, 14/07/2025, 21/09/2025, 22/09/2025, 15/10/2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	<b>OPTION 1</b> Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	<b>OPTION 2</b> Veggie Chili Con Carne With Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Veggie Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Shepherd's Pie Served with Gravy	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	<b>OPTION 3</b> 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	Flapjack with Fruit	Cornflake Tart	Oatie Cookie with Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

**BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY**  
With a choice of toppings

**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
Fruit, fruit, salad, yogurt and water

**Chartwells**  
Schools

Vegetarian 
 Vegan 
 Dairy Free 
 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



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

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Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

FOSH Halloween Costume & Film Party 4.00-6.00pm

Harvest Festival assembly 9.00am

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 Nurse Clinic 9am-12pm

Whole school Cinema Trip

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



Our Harvest Festival assembly is at 9am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. We will be accepting donations next week of dried and tinned goods that will be passed on to the Food bank.



*Family Help & Information*

*Activities & Events*





## BRADING Half Term Holiday Fun ROMAN VILLA this October



### Family Half Term Holiday Activities

Tuesday: Living History in the Museum

What was everyday life was like on the Roman Farm?

Wednesday: Living History Roman Day - Try on some Armour

Thursday: Meet a Roman Soldier ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Crafts Day ~ 30<sup>th</sup> October FREE Drop in

Friday: Mosaic Painting Drop in Session all ages £6

Saturday: Autumn Nature Trail & Mosaics Activities

Museum Trail free with Museum Admission Tue to Sat

Museum - Cafe - Nature Trail and Shop

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm



## WELLY WEDNESDAYS THIS HALF TERM!



EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING HALF TERM  
£5 CHILDREN, £10 ADULTS

Looking for a family adventure this half term? Bring the children along 2pm-4pm for an afternoon of fresh air, learning and farmyard fun.

Meet our friendly Guernsey cows  
Discover where milk comes from  
Fun hands-on activities for children  
Don't forget your wellies!

Book your family spot today  
and make half term unforgettable!

[briddlesford.co.uk](http://briddlesford.co.uk)



## VISIT BRIDDLESFORD FARM OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!



ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE FOR CAFE OR FARM SHOP CUSTOMERS!


Meet the Calves every day, situated next to the cafe.

Relax in the Bluebell Cafe - Enjoy barista coffee with our signature unhomogenised Guernsey milk, homemade cakes and delicious breakfast and lunches.

Explore the Old Hopkilns. Step into our Heritage Centre with hands-on displays and stories from Briddlesford's farming past.

Browse our farm shop and discover delicious local produce.

[briddlesford.co.uk](http://briddlesford.co.uk)

 **Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight**

# SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay CE Secondary

**FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12**

Week 1: 20th - 24th October  
Week 2: 27th - 31st October  
**10 DAYS OF FOOTBALL FUN!**

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

**10AM - 3PM**

- ★ FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- ★ Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- ★ Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- ★ Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned **WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!**

 **SANDOWN SOCCER**  
Player of the day!

**Win Player Of The Day trophies and t-shirts!**

**5 hours of fun EVERY day!**  
10am - 3pm  
Inclusive football for **ALL** abilities!

Only £15 a day  
**Special Discounts!**  
5 days only £67!  
Sibling Discount available!

Have questions or would like more information?  
Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)  
sandownsoccer@yahoo.com  
07594 389531

**SANDOWN SOCCER**

Children are welcome to come for one day or for **ALL** the days!

Attend at least **4** out of the **5** days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to **07594 389531**

 **BARCLAYS**  
**GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**  
BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL



## HALF TERM FOOTBALL FUN!!

 **School**  
years 3 to 6

 **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.**  
10am - 12noon

 **Barton Primary School**  
Furlongs, Newport, PO30 2AX

 **Trainers AND Boots (+ shinpads)**

Two hours of **FREE** football fun for girls of any experience or ability, delivered by UCanPlay (supported by Barclays)

To book please use the QR code



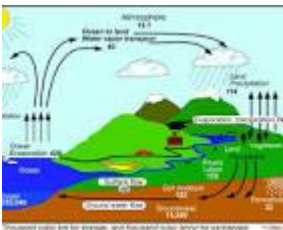
 **UCanPlay**  
 **ucanplay\_sports**



Dear Parents,

In Discoverers the children have been learning about the water cycle whilst in maths they have been calculating area and perimeter.

The water cycle is the continuous movement of water on, above, and below the surface of the Earth, powered by the Sun's energy. It involves evaporation (water turning into vapor), [condensation](#) (vapor forming clouds), [precipitation](#) (water falling as rain or snow), and [collection](#) (water returning to oceans and lakes). This essential process recycles the Earth's water, ensuring its availability for all life.



Meanwhile Pioneers have been writing a story about Jim Jarvis's sisters. In science they have been investigating prisms and the effect rainbows and outside of the classroom they had an opportunity to learn how to preform CPR in an emergency situation.

Adventurers have met Noi in their class text



"Noi" is a character found in multiple children's stories, including Benji Davies' *The Storm Whale* and *Noi Saves the Whale*, where he is a compassionate and brave boy who cares for the environment and animals.

In PE they have been honing their football skills and they have enjoyed practising their songs for the harvest festival next week.

In Explorers they have been investigating the local environment, seeing horses on their travels.

In maths they have been making patterns whilst in different areas around their environment, they have been playing the old favourite eye spy.

The game *I Spy* is first recorded in the early 20th century. I spy is a [guessing game](#) where one player (the *spy* or *it*) chooses an object within sight and announces to the other players that "I spy

with my little eye something beginning with...", naming the first letter of the object. Other players attempt to guess this object.

**Have a glorious weekend**

**Mr Wake**



## *This Week's Class Updates*



### Explorers

What a great week in Explorers!

This week we have continued to get ready for our harvest assembly next week. The children have been practising their singing and dancing as well as making their own scarecrow hats to wear on the day.

In maths we have been focusing on comparison with the children using the language of comparison to describe sets of objects that they can see. We have been using the stem sentences 'more than' and 'fewer than' to describe what we can see. The children have then expanded on this by comparing odd and even numbers. Noting how they look different visually, for example numicon has an extra square on top if it is odd. We have had some great discussions!

In phonics we have been focusing on rhyming words, playing a number of different phonics games including silly soup. We would sing the rhyme "I'm making lots of silly soup, I'm making soup that's silly. I'm going to cook it in the fridge, To make it nice and chilly. In goes..." and the children would come up with some silly ingredients that rhymed with the sound I chose. Such as "ham, jam and pram" or "bat, cat and hat". It was lots of fun.

Yesterday we had the school nursing team come in the morning and talk to the children about germs and the importance of hand washing. All the children listened well and shared some great ideas. Nancy, Billie and Eli then demonstrated how easy it is to spread germs using glitter. The children then all practiced the 8 steps of handwashing for 20 seconds (or singing happy birthday twice).

This week we have introduced the Explorers to our 'No Outsiders' book.

No Outsiders is a scheme we use across the school which promotes inclusive education, promoting community cohesion to prepare young people and adults for life as global citizens. Each half term we have a different book that has characters that are different but shows that it's ok to be different, you can still be friends with different likes and dislikes. This half term we have been looking at the book 'You Choose' by Nick Sharrat and Pippa Goodhart. We have been discussing

how we may all choose different things and that's ok, we can like different things and still be friends.

Have a lovely weekend!



## Adventurers

This week we have finished our work on The Storm Whale (as shown by our amazing hall display you will all see on parents evening). To keep in line with our under the ocean theme we are now reading through Jonty Gentoo.

In Maths we have been looking at measuring and the children have compared heights, lengths and focused on their presentation when using a ruler.

In other subjects we have been looking at where we are in the world in Geography, linking our continent, country, town work. RE has focused on what is inside a Hindu Mandir. PSHE focused on body language to portray different emotions. There have also been lots of harvest festival rehearsals. A small group of girls have been perfecting their poem and the rest of the class have been practising their song.

We also welcomed a new member of the class. Miss McDonald will be joining us until Christmas as part of her training to become a teacher.

Have a great weekend.



## Discoverers

What a whiplash week! Half of it was filled with sunshine and the end was full of coldness. But the children brought their own sunshine with the fantastic turn out for Mountbatten Yellow Day!

We've had a slightly off timetable week this week, with our reading assessments being done, geography days being covered and harvest festival being prepared for.

The children had so much fun undertaking an in depth study into the River Nile. They painted with watercolour the most beautiful pictures of the river and labeled the parts of it too, amongst other wonderful things.

In maths we started some work on timetables and division. And the children impressed me greatly with their rapid recall.

We've written fantastic poems for the assembly on Friday and painted gorgeous watercolour portraits in the style of Giuseppe Archemboldo. With the children filling their own sketched portraits with British seasonal fruits and vegetables.

We've also had a wonderful assembly as part of the Isle of Wight Literacy Festival on Friday morning, where the children were immersed in Greek mythology. Our class had some incredible questions for the author. And left feeling very inspired.

We can't wait for the disco next week!!

Have a lovely weekend.



## Pioneers

The children were very well behaved and polite throughout their trip to Osborne House. They had lots of interesting questions to ask the museum curators about the pictures and furniture. Then they took part in a workshop role-playing trainee servants for Osborne House preparing for a visit from the Queen. They learnt that servants had to polish silverware, lay the tables, make beds, prepare the fires and of course, have a tray ready for the Queen's afternoon tea. Well done everybody.





## 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](http://www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk)**