







St Helens Primary Newsletter

Friday 7th November 2025





Attendance

Week from: 13/10/2025 to 17/10/2025



Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	92.7%	1	17	2	6
Adventurers	98.1%	1	17	1	4
Discoverers	94.2%	1	25	10	9
Pioneers	92.7%	1	85	15	4

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was **94.7%** which is **below** 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











3rd - 9th November



Tommy age 5

Sam age 6

Isabella age 7





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





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



Wednesday 12th November

Thursday 20th November Wednesday 26th November Thursday 27th November Friday 5th December Tuesday 9th December Wednesday 10th December Friday 12th December Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 18th December
Thursday 18th December
Friday 19th December
Monday 5th January 2026
Friday 13th February
Monday 23rd February
Tuesday 24th February

FOSH Stars Sparkles & Spuds Event
Wellbeing Day
School Nurse Clinic 9am-12pm
Whole school Cinema Trip (details to follow)
Flu Immunisations 2nd session
KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2pm
KS1 Nativity Performances 2pm & 5.30pm
FOSH Christmas Fayre 3-5pm
Christmas Parties - Early Years/KS1 - A.M.

Father Christmas visit Chartwells Christmas Dinner

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

KS2 - P.M.



Ticket application forms have been sent home this week. Please contact the school office if you have not received one. Please return slips and payments by Monday 10th November



Village of Angels has returned!

Entries must be in before judging commences at 6pm on 28th November

Pick up an entry form the Vine Inn, or email foshsthelens@gmail.com

Thankyou to everyone who has donated prizes for this years village of Angels!



St Helens Primary Football News



St Helens Primary shine in their second tournament game!

St Helens Primary played their second match of the season this week against St Blasius, and what an exciting game it was! After a challenging first half that saw the team go 1–0 down, the players came back stronger than ever in the second half. With determination and teamwork, St Helens turned the game around with two fantastic goals — one from Levi and another from George — securing a well-deserved victory.

William put on a brilliant performance in goal, keeping the team in the game with some great saves. In defence, Miles, Sam, and George worked tirelessly to hold off the opposition, while Daniel and Alfred showed great energy on the wings. Levi controlled the midfield beautifully, and Seb kept the pressure on up front as striker.

A fantastic team effort from start to finish — well done boys!

Thank you to Abi Adams for the excellent match report and photo!





Help & Information





2025/2026 Webinar Overview





Free Parent Webinars – Book Now for 2025/2026



Delivered by the Isle of Wight NHS Neurodiversity Multidisciplinary Team

Support your child's wellbeing, behaviour, and development with expert-led webinars designed for parents and carers. These sessions are free to attend and cover a wide range of topics relevant to families navigating neurodivergence, emotional regulation, and everyday routines such as sleep issues.



17 Topics include:

- Navigating Neurodivergence
- Breakthrough Behaviour
- Feel Without Fear
- Re-establishing Routines
- Child to Parent Violence and Aggression
- Sleep
- Accepting Adolescence
- Seasonal Sensory Awareness



Flexible Booking:

Webinars are available throughout 2025 and 2026. Choose a session that suits your schedule and needs there's no expectation to participate so you decide if you have your camera/microphone on or off!



How to Book.

Please refer to the flyer for full details. You can book directly by emailing katrina.austin1@iow.gov.uk to join any of the webinars. All webinars

are delivered online via Teams. A link to the webinar will be sent to you 24 hours prior.



Family Help, Information & Activities



School Nurse Clinic

We would like to remind you that the date of the next School nurse clinic at St Helens primary is **Wednesday 26th November** between 09:00 – 12:00. Appointments are offered in chronological order.

The areas they would be able to offer targeted support are:

Sleep

Constipation/soiling/toileting concerns Day and night time wetting

Hearing/vision concerns

Dietary advice/weight management/body image

Development/puberty advice

Personal hygiene/oral health

Emotional wellbeing

To book an appointment please contact the school office, giving a brief outline of what it is regarding.





Helping to keep your child healthy

The Isle of Wight 0-19 Team is made up of Health Visitors, School Nurses, Community Nurses, Associate Practitioners

We use our skill mix team to ensure that all families are offered mandated health contacts for needs assessment, advice and support

Please see Family Assist for additional support information.





If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Health Visitor or School Nurse, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on 0300 123 5224





Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

Appointments will no longer be booked please just drop in

Weekly

Ventnor Fa Monday 10.30-12pm

Sandown Fa PO36 9EQ

Wednesday 9.30-11.30am with Infant feeding support

ily Centre PO30 5QT

PO33 2JF Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am

ort Family Hub Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30pm

A Barnardo's Worker will also be available for information about family hub services

Fortnightly

East Cowes Family Centre PO32 6PA Monday 10 – 11.30am with Infant feeding support Family Centre ET Tuesday 9.30 – 11am

West Wight Family PO31 7ET

Centre

PO40 9XH

If you have any questions or would like to speak to a health visitor outside of these times, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on 0300 123 5224



Hubs





Ventnor

Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

The Health Visitor clinic at Ventnor family centre is a drop-in now

Appointments will no longer be booked, please just drop in

A Barnardo's Worker will also be available for information about family hub services





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Every

12.30 -

2,30pm

Wednesday

Every

Friday

9.30 -

Every

Monday

10.30 -

12pm

Every

9.30 -

11.30am

Wednesday

Ryde



Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

The Health Visitor clinic at Ryde family hub will be changing to drop-in from Wednesday 7th May

Appointments will no longer be booked, please just drop in

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Hubs

Sandown

Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

The Health Visitor clinic at Sandown Family Hub will be changing to drop-in Starting from June

Appointments will no longer be booked, please just drop in

A Barnardo's Worker will also be available for information about family hub services and infant feeding support

PO36 9EQ



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Every

9.30 -

11.30am

Wednesday



Newport

Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

The Health Visitor clinic at Newport family hub will be changing to drop-in Starting from June

Appointments will no longer be booked, please just drop in

A Barnardo's Worker will also be available for information about family hub services





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Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

The Health Visitor clinic at Carisbrooke Family Centre will be changing to drop-in Starting from June

Appointments will no longer be booked, please just drop in

A Barnardo's Worker will also be available for information about family hub services and infant feeding support

Wellington Road,
 Newport, PO30 5QT



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Fortnightly

Monday

11.30am

East Cowes



Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

The Health Visitor clinic at East Cowes family centre will Starting from June

Appointments will no longer be booked, please just drop in

A Barnardo's Worker will also be available for information about family hub services and infant feeding support

Beatrice Ave, East Cowes. PO32 6PA



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Have your say on school transport

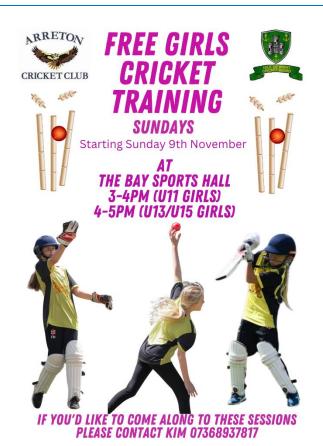
The local authority is reviewing its school transport services for children who are eligible for free travel to and from mainstream schools. Parents and carers are invited to share their views to help improve future arrangements. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire here: 2026 Transport Procurement - Consultation (Engagement) - Parents/Guardians

We have a webpage about the procurement, here.

Please complete the questionnaire by 24th November 2025.











Headteacher's



Update

Dear Parents.

Welcome back after the break. I hope everyone enjoyed their two weeks off and enjoyed lots of family time whether island- based, mainland or further afield.

We have a very busy term ahead of us of course with lots of educational and social events to look forward to. I urge you to ensure that your child attends every day if possible. Sadly we have a small number of children who have already fallen into the persistent absence category (less than 90%).

'School attendance is important because it is directly linked to academic success, social development, and the building of essential life skills like responsibility and time management. Regular attendance improves grades and increases the likelihood of graduating, while also fostering crucial social connections with peers and adults. Consistent attendance prepares students for future success in higher education and the workforce.'

The children have been sharing all their 'adventures' this week with art, maths and writing amongst the favourites which is great to see.

The football match was another highlight. Seb and Levi will be presenting a report on Monday to highlight another success.

With regards to English, we are in the process of revamping the reading areas within the school. The bus will become a sensory, ELSA, (and reading) area for children whilst reading will be taking pride of place with three new venues as well at the classrooms. The Platinum Room, The Olive Branch and The Hammerton Suite will all house books for the children to enjoy.

Social events are plentiful at this time of the year with lots of Christmas related events taking place in December.

In addition we also have multiple other events and clubs to look forward to in November. This includes Stars Sparkles and Spuds on the 12th November and the MHST workshops on the 18th. There is a whole School Wellbeing Day on the 20th as well as the Whole School cinema visit on the 27th.

Christmas Fayre 12th December 3-5pm

We are changing the time of the Christmas Fayre this year to Friday after school.

Proposals for events this time include:

Hall - Cakes, biscuits, drinks, stall holders and stage

Hammerton Suite- card making, reindeer food

Library (new) - face painting, tattoos, nails

Dalby Suite- Present room

Explorers - games room (all made in advance) including reindeer ring toss, hook a bauble etc

Olive branch - choc tombola and liquid/water tbc

Adventurers - art room for free activities

Winter wonderland in the new sensory room (bus). This will be a photo opportunity though Mr Claus will be attending the following week.

There may be opportunities to purchase children's own designs

Present Room (children only)

In past we have had a successful present room where children enter the room and select a present for a family member. The treat is wrapped by the accompanying adults and presented back to the children to take away. Please can I ask for lots of donations (new or nearly new items only please) as soon as possible. Any spare wrapping paper or sellotape will be welcome too.

Chocolate Tombola

We will hold a non-uniform day to support this event

Cake Stall

We look forward to receiving lots of cakes for the event. A cup of tea and a slice of cake is always very popular.

Entertainment

I will ask a couple of parents to provide some entertainment on the day. Mr Searle has offered to provide music too.

Have a great weekend

Mr Wake



This Week's Class Updates



Explorers

How lovely to see all the children back after half term.

We have now started our Phase 2 phonics. The children have learnt the sounds /s/, /a/, /t/, /p/ and /i/ so far and we have looked to see if these letters are at the beginning, in the middle or at the end of words. Our phonics lessons involve introducing a new sound each day. We will discuss where these sounds appear in words, practise reading them in words, and write them using correct letter formation.

The children have enjoyed using chalks outside to write some of the sounds we have been learning and they have had fun searching the outside area for pictures of things with some of these sounds in. This led the children to draw their own pictures and hide them for each other to find around the setting, and drawing trails and arrows with chalk to give clues. Very

inventive! It's been really lovely to watch the children do their own phonics lessons in their play. We have s

een the children using the magic hat and the bin which we use in our phonics games and the children attem pting their own writing.

In maths, we have been looking at numbers up to 5 and thinking about some language associated with size by ordering some firework rockets from smallest to biggest. This involved thinking of ways to describe the rockets between the smallest and biggest, including middle sized, a bit bigger or a bit smaller. We have also made some sparkly and colourful firework pictures using glitter and paint and thought about how to keep ourselves safe when watching them.

We're also delighted to have our governor, Christine Westmore, in school on Tuesday afternoons. She has kindly offered to read with the children. We look forward to welcoming her to Explorers.



Another busy week in Adventurers!

We have split into our new phonics groups for this term, finished our work on Jonty Gentoo with a retelling of the story including time adverbials and prepositions and further extended our knowledge of place value in maths.

Our science work has continued with more work on habitats. Learning what is needed for animals in their specific habitats and discussing what common features the animals that live there have.

Miss McDonald took over PSHE where the children discussed 'what makes us, us'. Discussing similarities and differences and the importance of accepting others.

Mrs Sharp's music lesson was all about the sounds of the sea. Children used different sounds to replicate crashing waves, different creatures and all things under the sea.

This lead nicely into our art work where the children drew their rock formations that will form the base for our coral reefs we will be creating over the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Discoverers

What a great first week back. Filled with a very nice start to the half term back. Mrs Rees and Mrs Ferrier created hill scape scenes for their rivers as part of our Geography topic.

In maths they focussed on times tables and problem solving, with the children solving written number problems.

In English we've continued with our new learning journey, discovering new definitions for new words in the texts.

In art we've produced our Village of Angels decorations and finished our Egyptian portraits. They look fantastic!!

It's been a lovely start back to routine! Have a great weekend.



Pioneers news letter

On Monday we did science about electricity.

Then on Tuesday we did history about the railway invention.

On Wednesday we were a character from our new story The Wolf Wilder and the character's name was Feodora, then we did French about pets. Then to Thursday, we did a painting of Osborne house with water colours. Today on Friday we learned about factors and prime numbers in maths

By teddy attrill

PIONEERS CLASS NEWSLETTER

This week we have done lots of things including maths, art and history. On Monday we did science about light and electricity circuits which is our new topic for November 2025. On Tuesday we did history about the vile victorians.

We took a role to be different owners and give our thoughts about the new invention, the railway. On Wednesday we did tag rugby in PE. Also known as cops and robbers. On Thursday we did our last lesson on the Turner topic in art. We sketched Osborne house and went over it in watercolours, some looking brilliant.

On Friday in PSHE we were learning about how it is good to be me. By travis caws















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