



Newsletter 36

15th July 2026



Dates for the Diary

TONIGHT

6pm
Y6 Performance

Friday

2:30pm
Leavers Assembly

3:15
School's out for Summer!

Thursday 3rd September 2026
Back to School!



A Message from all of Us

I hope the final newsletter of the academic year finds you all well and looking forward to a long summer rest! As always it has been a busy school year with so many events, trips, sporting fixtures and super learning from all of our children.

This week you will have received your child's end of year report which summarises the progress they have made this year, as well as a comment about their general attitude to learning. I am sure you will be as proud of them as we are!

As this is my final ever newsletter, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of the school. Your role in the children's education cannot be underestimated, and an active partnership between home and school is the perfect recipe for success for your children. Thank you for every time you sit down with the children to read, help them with their maths and spellings, attend or help run a FOSH event and every fancy dress outfit on a 'special' day! We really appreciate it.

I have loved being headteacher at the school and I leave knowing that our fabulous staff and governors will carry on with the same care and dedication, and that our St. Helen's 'family' will go from strength to strength. I wish you all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing you out and about and saying 'hello'!

Best wishes, Julia Walker

Last week brought our Skills Builder Careers Day, a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore games and sports before designing their own. It was wonderful to see teamwork, creativity, planning, listening, speaking, adapting, leadership and problem solving all on display throughout the day. A huge thank you to Mrs Thatcher for organising such an inspiring and energetic event.

Earlier in the month, several of our valued volunteers joined us for the volunteers' tea party. They enjoyed a cup of tea, a slice of cake, and a musical treat from Year 6, who serenaded them with songs from their upcoming end-of-year show. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to *all* our volunteers, whether or not they were able to attend the tea party, for the time, care and enthusiasm they have given throughout the year. Your support makes an enormous difference to the children and to the life of the school.

As we reach the end of the school year, it is a natural moment for reflection; looking back at all that has been achieved and looking forward to what lies ahead. The summer holidays are nearly upon us, and everyone is ready for a well-earned rest. Most of us will return refreshed in September, but our Year 6 pupils are preparing for exciting new beginnings at secondary school. They have been visiting their new schools on transition days over the past couple of weeks, and their reports back have been overwhelmingly positive. We wish them every success as they take their next steps.

Finally, a personal note from me. As many of you know, I will be leaving St Helen's at the end of this academic year. It has been an absolute joy working with the fantastic children and the lovely families who make this community so special. I have been made to feel incredibly welcome from the moment I arrived, and I will miss you all very much. I do hope to pop in occasionally to see everyone and to keep in touch with the wonderful spirit of St Helen's.

Wishing you all a restful, sunny and happy summer break. ***Andrew Robertson***



On a final note, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, pupils, staff, and members of our school community for their support and kindness throughout the many years I have been part of this wonderful school.

St Helen's has held a special place in my life for as long as I can remember. Not only have I had the privilege of working here, but I was also fortunate enough to attend the school as a pupil. It has been a source of many happy memories and rewarding experiences.

With the commitment of our exceptional staff, the encouragement of parents, and the support of the wider community, I have every confidence that the school will continue to flourish. I hope you extend Mr Ainscow and Mrs Reece a warm welcome as they transition the school into its next phase.

I wish all our families a relaxing and enjoyable summer and every success for the future. ***Sonia Sargent***

Summer Challenge

Designed for those aged 4-11 years, the challenge is to read 6 books, 1 book a week over the 6-week holiday. For every book read, a sticker is collected. Children who complete the challenge are invited to a special ceremony in September to collect a medal and certificate

This year's Challenge is **Read to the Beat!** delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK. The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.



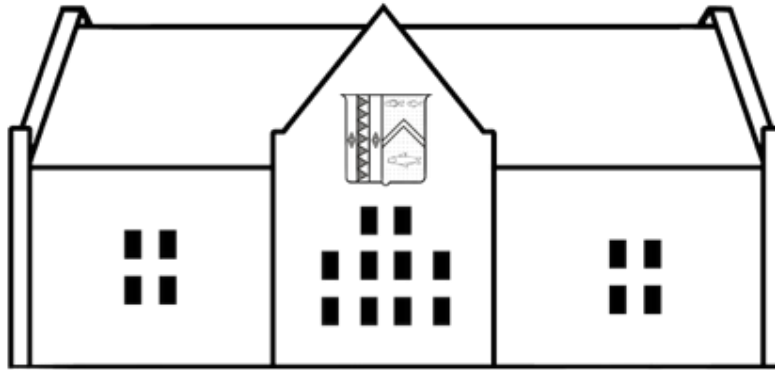
Thank you to everyone who came to Party in the Park and helped Magpas raise £121.00!

This vital contribution could equate to the costs of purchasing 24 ET tubes. ET tubes are placed in the trachea to assist with ventilating a patient during emergency out of hospital and roadside surgery. Thank you for helping us to raise these crucial funds.

Well done to Mrs Flack, Ms Wilkerson and Ms Fox who work in our school kitchen. They received an unannounced inspection recently and passed with flying colours!

We will continue with School Grid at the beginning of September before we transition over to Bromcom and MCAS. **So, don't forget to pre-book those lunches!**





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Reg. Charity No: 1209267

NEED FINANCIAL HELP WITH YOUR EDUCATION?

The Saywell Tillard Education Charity is a local charity which provides educational grants to support young people and education-focused businesses in the village. Some of our earlier grants have contributed towards the cost of laptops, school trips, music lessons, dance lessons and educational equipment.

Our 2026 application window is now open and we will be accepting grant requests during the months of July and August. The application window will close promptly at midnight on 31st August and applicants will be informed of our decision by the end of September.

Further details about the charity, eligibility, to apply or to get in touch, please visit our website or scan the QR code below.

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PRIMARY**

3-7 AUGUST

SOMERSHAM PRIMARY & ST HELEN'S PRIMARY

10-14 AUGUST

**MIDDLEFIELD PRIMARY (11-14) & WARBOYS
PRIMARY**

17-20 AUGUST

SOMERSHAM PRIMARY & ST HELEN'S PRIMARY

24+25TH AUGUST

MIDDLEFIELD PRIMARY & WARBOYS PRIMARY

26 + 27TH AUGUST

**SOMERSHAM PRIMARY (27TH) & ST HELEN'S
PRIMARY**

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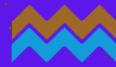
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ALL HAF CAMPS ARE 9AM-1PM. YOU CAN
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27-30 JULY

WARBOYS PRIMARY ACADEMY

3-6 AUGUST

SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

10-13 AUGUST

WARBOYS PRIMARY ACADEMY

17-20 AUGUST

SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS? IF SO, YOU CAN APPLY FOR A FREE* SPACE AT ONE VENUE OF YOUR CHOICE (LISTED ABOVE), USING YOUR HAF CODE. LIMITED SPACES ARE AVAILABLE, SO BE QUICK! (MEALS, SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED DAILY.

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MINI & JUNIOR SEASON LAUNCH & REGISTRATION DAY

AGES
U7 – U16

MINIS 9.30 – 11.00
JUNIORS 11.30 – 13.00

BOYS AND GIRLS
ALL WELCOME

COME JOIN US
6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

LOCATION
SOMERSHAM RD,
ST. IVES PE27 3LY

EQUIPMENT
BOOTS AND GUMSHIELD (U9+)

**TEAMWORK
RESPECT
ENJOYMENT**

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KINGDOM BUILDERS

Holiday Bible Club

For Primary School Children
Join us at
Bluntisham Baptist Church

20-24th July 10-12.15pm

Family Celebration BBQ
26th July

Contact Michelle Gore 01487 843538
michelle.gore@bluntishambaptist.org

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POP MOVES

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS IN ST IVES 8PM

MAMAS WHO MOVE

shake off the mother load and get back to YOU! 90s-now!

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS IN ST IVES 8PM

feel good group singing session, just for fun!

SING FOR JOY

MONDAYS IN BLUNTISHAM 6.30PM

BUT FOLLOW MY SOCIALS OR CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF EXTRA EVENTS INC SINGING SPECIALS AND FAMILY DISCOS!



SUMMER CAMPS

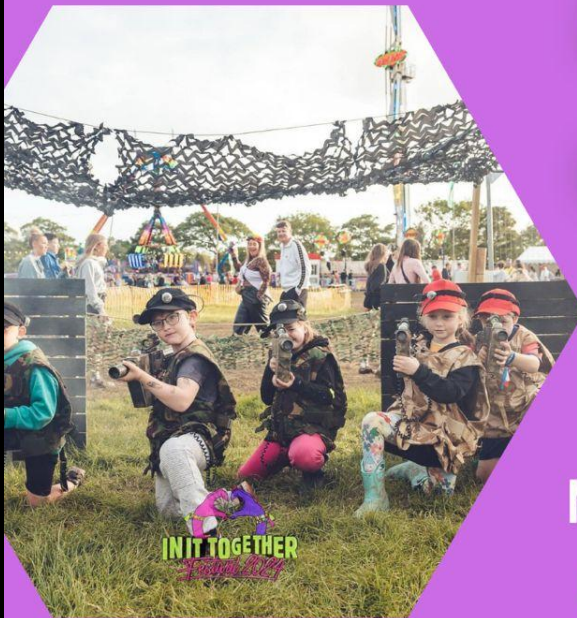


**WESTFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL
ST IVES
PE27 5RG
AUGUST 3RD-13TH**

8:30-4:30PM

FREE!

**NO COST FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE
OR FROM ONLY £18 PER DAY!**



**INCLUDING- ARTS & CRAFTS,
MARTIAL ARTS, GIANT INFLATABLES,
ANIMAL EXPERIENCES, COOKING, AXE
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