



Term 6 NEWSLETTER 2025 – 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been jammed packed with fun, exciting activities; Year 6 Residential, the Summer Fayre, Sports Day, Cooking days, trips and visits.

Year 6 took their SATs exams and I am pleased to share our overall results. As you will be able to see we are above National and Medway in all subject areas; well done Year 6 for all your efforts this year.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally	Percentage of pupils achieving greater depth	Average scaled score: school	Average scaled score: nationally
English reading	86%	75%	42%	108	106
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	82%	74%	42%	108	105
Mathematics	75%	75%	42%	108	105
English writing (teacher assessment)	79%	73%	25%	N/A	N/A
Science (teacher assessment)	86%	82%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Thank you

As a staffing team, we would all like to thank you all for the kind generosity shown to us; we are truly grateful for all cards and gifts we all received.

As a school we are very much aware of the important relationship that is forged between home and school. We look forward to working with you, in partnership, as your child continues their learning journey at St. Helen's C of E Primary School.



Goodbyes

As we reach the end of the school year, we are sad to be saying goodbye to two much-valued members of our St Helen's family. Mrs Bass, who has been with us for nine years, is moving on to a new role closer to her home. Throughout her time with us, she has made a tremendous contribution to our school community and will be greatly missed. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Ells, who has dedicated nine years of service to St Helen's and is now moving on to further progress her career. We thank both Mrs Bass and Mrs Ells for their commitment, care and hard work over the years, and we wish them every success and happiness for the future. They leave behind big shoes to fill and will always remain a valued part of the St Helen's family.

Year 6 Production



This year, our Year 6 pupils took to the stage to perform 'Let the Games Begin' as their end-of-year production. It was wonderful to see the entire year group working together so positively, supporting one another and showcasing their many talents. Their confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork shone throughout the performance, resulting in a truly memorable show. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work and dedication in bringing the production to life.

House Points

The children have worked incredibly hard all year to demonstrate our school vision and values to earn house points. Our overall yearly winners were Donaldson; they enjoyed an ice pole to celebrate.

Uniform

We are proud that our children represent our school well and this representation starts with how our children present themselves in their school uniform.

We have tried hard to keep the price of our school uniform at a reasonable cost and the PTA have a uniform shop in the porch to the main hall. Whilst we do not ask for the school logo to be on our uniform, we do ask that you follow the uniform guidelines.

Please ensure your child is wearing school shoes and not trainers.



Girls Uniform	
Winter Uniform	Summer Uniform
Grey/black skirt, pinafore dress or grey trousers White polo shirt or blouse School sweatshirt or cardigan Black shoes, plain socks (white, grey, black or navy) or plain tights (grey, black or navy)	Blue and white gingham summer dress OR Grey/black skirt or trousers White polo shirt or blouse School sweatshirt or cardigan Black shoes, plain socks (white, grey, black or navy)
Boys Uniform	
Winter Uniform	Summer Uniform
Grey or black trousers White polo shirt or shirt School sweatshirt Black shoes, plain socks (white, grey, black or navy)	Black/grey shorts or trousers White polo shirt or shirt Black shoes, plain socks (white, grey, black or navy) School sweatshirt
PE Kit	
White t-shirt, black/blue shorts Fleece/tracksuit bottoms for colder months Trainers or plimsolls	

PE Kits

These need to be brought into school at the beginning of each term and left in school for the term. If PE kits are taken home then they need to be brought back as soon as possible. This is to ensure that all children can participate in all PE lessons. Please name all parts of your child's PE kit including plimsolls/trainers.

School Meals

Our school meal provider has changed to Caterlink. To order a school dinner this will need to be done through Arbor. You can select one of the hot meal options, Jacket potato, Baguette or home packed lunch. Please ensure that there is enough money on your account before ordering. Ordering will open on 3rd August ready for the new term.

What have we been up to.....

Early Years

What a wonderful term we've had in Willow Class! We began with an exciting trip to the beach, where we discovered crabs, built brilliant sandcastles, and even met some lifeguards. Travelling on a coach was a big adventure in itself, and the children's enthusiasm set the tone for a fantastic term of learning. Our topic, Under the Sea, took us on a journey through ocean habitats and fascinating sea creatures. We learnt and performed a poem by Michael Rosen all about the beach, and one of our favourite stories was The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. The children were very brave trying mustard and had great fun making their own sandwiches! As if that wasn't enough, we also squeezed in Sports Day and our class assembly — both shining examples of how confident, capable, and proud the children have become. We are incredibly proud of all the fantastic learning we have seen in Willow Class, not only this term but throughout the entire year. You have all grown, achieved, and sparkled in so many ways. What a fabulous year you have had Willow Class! Have a wonderful summer break — you have certainly earned it!



Year 1

What a fantastic final term we have had in Year 1! The children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of all they have achieved.

In English, we have enjoyed exploring different types of writing. The children wrote their own poems, using descriptive language and rhyme, before moving on to writing clear sets of instructions. They learnt how to organise their ideas carefully and use imperative verbs, time connectives and sequencing to help the reader.

This term, we have focused on money and time. The children have practised recognising and counting coins, finding different ways to make amounts, and solving simple money problems. Our science topic has been all about plants. We have investigated the different parts of a plant and learnt about the important jobs that roots, stems, leaves and flowers do. The children have also become keen gardeners, growing tomatoes, spinach, mint and other plants while observing what plants need to grow and stay healthy.

Thank you for all of your support throughout this academic year. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved and wish them a happy, safe and restful summer break!

Year 2

This term, Year 2 have been enjoying the topic of Enchanted Woodland. We had an amazing trip to Kew Gardens with Year 3, learning about different plants and how they adapt to their environment. It was a long, hot day but we had so much fun. In our Topic, we looked at maps and aerial photos, identifying familiar places and drawing our own maps. Continuing our RE topic of Islam, we thought of questions to ask a local mosque and were lucky enough to receive a wonderfully informative reply from Maidstone Mosque. Our English work included instructions, poetry and story writing, while our Maths was all about statistics and language of position.

Year 3

In year 3 we have had a busy last term, in Geography, we have been learning all about rivers. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own river using a variety of materials and carefully including and labelling the different river features. They showed great creativity and a fantastic understanding of the topic.

In English, we have been using *The Wind in the Willows* as a stimulus for our writing. The children have worked incredibly hard to develop their writing skills, particularly focusing on using and punctuating speech accurately. I have been so pleased with their effort and progress.

In Maths, our focus has been on statistics, where the children have explored collecting, interpreting and presenting data in different ways.

In Science, we have been learning about plants. The children demonstrated their understanding by creating models using a range of materials and labelling the different parts of a plant. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity.

I have enjoyed teaching your children this year, I will miss them all.

Year 4

In Year 4 this term we have been fully immersed in our learning. From creating wonderful stories, to cooking delightful burgers and pancakes, the children have actively engaged in our USA topic and have developed many academic, and personal, skills. In science, we have worked together to complete many investigations, including investigating what materials keep water the warmest for longest, how best to dissolve sugar, and what materials to use to protect an egg begging dropped from height. RE has been practical too- we have learnt about different Hindu festivals and Rangoli art, which we recreated with dyed rice. Finally, the sunshine has allowed us to have extra time to read, but instead of in the classroom, we have been reading peaceful outside under trees, fully embracing summer! Well done Year 4 for all your hard work this year.



Year 5

Year 5 Sycamore Class have had a fantastic term learning all about the rainforest. As part of their topic, the children explored the different layers of the rainforest and discovered fascinating facts about the Amazon rainforest, including its wildlife, climate and importance to our planet. A highlight of the term was an interactive workshop with a rainforest expert, who brought along rainforest animals for the children to see and learn about firsthand. In English, the class wrote persuasive letters about the impact of deforestation and produced balanced arguments discussing both the advantages and disadvantages of deforestation. In RE, pupils learnt about Islam, focusing on the Five Pillars of Islam and how Muslims pray. The children have shown great enthusiasm throughout their learning and have developed a deeper understanding of both the natural world and different faiths and cultures.

Year 6

Well, what a term this has been! We have been extremely busy not only finishing off everything but also getting the children ready to move on. They had their visit to the Cathedral and took part in activities which were all part of their moving on process. The Year 6 Production was fabulous; all the children really did shine like the stars they are - not only did they learn lines but they learnt all the songs and sang incredibly well. We also had our week away on residential - what a time to have another heatwave! I am sure that although you missed them and worried they might want to come home, but I can assure you that they all had a tremendous time. They challenged themselves and did things they never thought they would and made us all very proud. Finally, our closing event the Church Service. This is never an easy one but the children shared memories, gave out awards and sang. This class is a very hard one to say 'goodbye' to and despite the moaning and hard work they have all shown how brilliant they are and we will miss them so much. From me and Mrs Fowler we would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' for your support, trusting us with your children and all the wonderful gifts - have a lovely summer!

We wish you all a peaceful Summer break and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 2nd September.

Dates for Term 6

These may be subject to change

Tuesday 1 st September	School Development Day
Wednesday 2nd September	Children Return to School
Monday 7 th September	Road safety workshops
Tuesday 15 th /Wednesday 16 th September	Medway Test
Thursday 1 st October	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 12 th October	Y3 and 6 parents visiting classes to view work
Wednesday 14 th October	Year R, Y4 and 5 parents visiting classes to view work
Thursday 15 th October	Y1 and 2 parents visiting classes to view work
Friday 16 th October	End of Term
Monday 2 nd November	Return back to school





"You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day."

Activity Ideas over the Summer holidays



Mrs G.-T.'s Pop-up Band!

Summer holiday music fun with Mrs G.-T!
One-day workshops, each one different.
Join as many workshops as you like.
No previous experience necessary.
Learn about & play Pop, Rock & Blues.
Join in a fun sound recording.



SUMMER MUSIC FUN WITH MRS G.-T.!

Come & join Mrs G.-T.'s Pop-up Band!
3 x 1-day workshops
Hartlip Primary School
10am-3pm, 22 July, 12 Aug, 19 Aug
For info / to secure a place
email kerysgt@hotmail.co.uk or
text / WhatsApp 07530474504



September 2026 to July 2027

Term 1

Start: **Tuesday 1 September 2026 Staff Development Day. No children in school**

Children return to school Wednesday 2 September 2026

Finish: Friday 16 October 2026

Autumn break: Monday 19 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term 2

Start: Monday 2 November 2026

Finish: Friday 18 December 2026

Christmas break: Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027

Term 3

Start: Monday 4 January 2027

Finish: Friday 12 February 2027

February break: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term 4

Start: Monday 22 February 2027

Finish: Thursday 25 March 2027

Good Friday: 26 March 2027

Easter Monday: 29 March 2027

Easter break: Tuesday 30 March 2027 to Friday 9 April 2027

Term 5

Start: Monday 12 April 2027

Finish: Friday 28 May 2027

Early May bank holiday: Monday 3 May 2027

Spring bank holiday: Monday 31 May 2027

Late spring break: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Term 6

Start: Monday 7 June 2027

Finish: Wednesday 21 July 2027

