



NEWSLETTER

Inspire ~ Nurture ~ Celebrate

Dear Families,

This week, the children have been making the most of the beautiful weather with lots of outdoor learning taking place.

Yesterday, Woodgate Class spent their Golden Time having a Tea & Tortoises picnic: this was very much enjoyed by the children and staff (and tortoises!)



Last night, I attended the Parish Council's meeting about the Draft Local Plan for Helpston. It was a great opportunity to hear all of the facts and information surrounding the village. If you wish to share your views on the development with the Parish Council, please email them to: helpstonpc@hotmail.co.uk

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend - I hope that you enjoy the VE Day Picnic happening within the village.

Very best wishes,
Mrs Nicolson

HELPSTON REMEMBERS VE DAY 80 - VICTORY PICNIC

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY | 5 MAY 2025 | 12 PM - 4 PM

A 1940s-themed picnic hosted by the VE Team, John Clare Cottage, and Helpston Parish Council
BRING ALONG Your own picnic, blanket and chairs

- Tea, coffee, squash and delicious homemade cakes
- Wartime games for all ages
- Live music from the 1940s
- 'Make Do And Mend' - with knitting and crochet demos
- 'Helpston Home Front' display - focusing on local WWII history and wartime memorabilia
- The Royal British Legion table



IMPORTANT - Parking
Parents/carers are **only permitted to use the school car park between: 7.30am and 8.00am and after 4.00 pm***

When using the carpark during these times, please drive carefully and considerately. We also ask that families are considerate when parking around the village: please do not obstruct access to properties and keep the time you are waiting to a minimum.
* with the exception of Disabled Badge holders.



Class Attendance for the Week
Torpel

Whole School Attendance for the Week
96.7%

Please ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 8:30am daily - please call 01733 252332



Change of footwear



Please ensure that your child has a change of footwear in school every day, including PE days.



Some children have not been bringing a change of footwear on PE days and are having to wear their muddy trainers in the classrooms.

Nut and Seed Free School



Our school endeavours as far as possible to be a nut-free school, this includes sesame seeds.

Therefore we request that any food brought into school for lunches or snacks does not include any nuts or sesame seeds, this includes hummus.

Positive Posts

Helena E - for trying so hard in science and helping others.

Penelope W, Matilda B, Amber J and Elsie T - for being fabulous Year 6 mentors and supporting Swaddywell with their mathematics.

Year 5 - for being fabulous ambassadors for school during our trip to Railworld.

Henry S - for being a super reader!

Aubrey Y - for taking turns and showing such kindness to others.

Oliver D - for smashing his personal best each week with his spellings!



Reading Corner

For children with dyslexia, reading can be a struggle. The effort needed to concentrate can be exhausting and lead to frustration and a reluctance to read.

The [British Dyslexia Association](#) has some great advice for helping to make reading a positive experience.



School Noticeboard

Please check our school website for [upcoming events!](#)

May

5 Bank Holiday (School Closed)
w/c 12 Year 6 SATS week
w/c 26 Half-term

June

2 School Re-Opens
4 KS2 Trip to London to see Wicked
6 Sports Day! (Weather permitting)
25-27 Year 6 residential trip to Hilltop
30 Year 4 residential

John Clare Kitchen Menu - Week 3 - W/C 31/03/2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Beef Chilli Con Carne (Mild) Vegetarian Chilli Served with Brown Rice and Tortilla Crisps	Cheesy Chicken and Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake Served with Garlic Bread	Chicken Burger in a Bun Quorn Chicken Burger Served with Rainbow Coleslaw and Potato Wedges	Italian Cod in a Herby Tomato Sauce Quorn Fillet in a Herby Tomato Sauce Served with Wholegrain Pasta and Garlic Bread

Salad bar to include lettuce, tomatoes, sweet peppers, cucumber, sweetcorn and carrots
A selection of hot and cold puddings, freshly baked wholemeal bread, fruit and water