

20 March 2026

Dear parent/carer,

SCHOOL UPDATE: FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026

We are closing in on the end of the Spring Term, with just one more week to go. It has been wonderful to have more sunshine this week and the pupils have been enjoying their outdoor PE lessons with Mr. Lacey. I have noticed how competitive many of our children are when it comes to team sports during PE lessons. The energy some have is extraordinary! We encourage respect, fair play and team work, but also seek to minimise the risk of children getting hurt. Please take a moment to encourage your child to understand that PE lessons are for learning and physical development and do not constitute the World Cup final every time! That way we can help keep everyone as safe as possible.

This week I attended a conference which considered the government's new 'White Paper' which proposes a major reform of the nation's support for children with special educational needs and disabilities - known as SEND. I welcome any kind of reform which allows children to get the help they need more quickly. The proposals in the document, if adopted, would not come into force until September 2029. They include changes to the system for EHCPs (Education & Health Care Plans), which will be named 'Specialist Provision Packages' and the establishment of 'Inclusion Bases' in every mainstream school. There is much to ponder and I look forward to seeing the outcome of the consultation.

Next week we have a few special events:

- **Headteacher's Tea Party** on Thursday 26 March. Pupils who have received a 'Star of the Week' certificate this half term are invited to join me and are allowed to wear their own clothes.
- The Wellness Warriors of St. Helier will be holding a '**Swap Shop**' of pre-loved clothes and other items in the Hall after school on Thursday 26 March. Please take a moment to pop in and support this excellent cause.
- Our annual **Easter Bonnet Parade** is on Friday 27 March at 9.15am in the school playground. Children are invited to come on Friday with an Easter bonnet decorated with Easter in mind. They will parade once around the playground and parents are welcome to stay and watch.



Please note that school finishes next week on **Friday 27 March at the earlier time of 2pm**. There is no Late Club on that day. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 14 April.

I wish you all a lovely sunny weekend.

Best wishes,



Mr. Walters, Headteacher