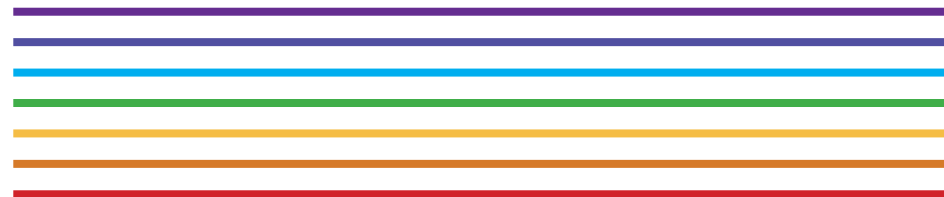




**St Helen Auckland**  
Community Primary School







# Welcome to St Helen Auckland Community Primary School

At St Helen Auckland, we believe every child should feel safe, valued, and inspired to achieve their very best. Our school is a vibrant, inclusive community where learning is fun, curiosity is encouraged, and success is celebrated.

Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to provide an education that not only raises academic achievement but also nurtures personal growth, resilience, and confidence. We are proud of our caring ethos and the strong partnerships we have with families, which enable our children to thrive.

**Janet Elmes,**  
Headteacher



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# Our Ethos & Vision

At the heart of St Helen Auckland is a simple vision: to provide the very best start in life for every pupil.

- **Ambition for all** – We set high expectations so that every child has the opportunity to succeed, whatever their starting point.
- **Inclusive education** – We ensure that each child, regardless of ability or background, is supported and encouraged.
- **A love of learning** – Our lessons are creative, engaging, and designed to foster curiosity and enthusiasm that lasts a lifetime.



# About Us

We are a warm and welcoming community primary school with around 215 pupils on roll, including our thriving Nursery. We take pride in being a school at the heart of our community, where every child is known and cared for.

Rated Good by Ofsted, our school was praised for strong leadership, a well-planned curriculum and excellent support for pupils of all abilities. Inspectors also highlighted reading as a particular strength and noted the positive, respectful behaviour seen across our school community.

We are ambitious for our pupils, aiming for high standards in all areas. Attendance is an important part of our success, and we encourage families to work with us to meet our school target of 96% attendance.

We also believe no child should miss out, that's why:

- We offer a low cost breakfast club, ensuring every child starts the day with a healthy meal, ready to learn.
- School trips are free of charge, giving every pupil the chance to take part in enriching experiences beyond the classroom.





# Early Years & Nursery Provision

**We know how important the early years are in laying the foundations for future learning. That's why we offer high-quality, nurturing provision for our youngest learners:**

- Spaces for 2-year-olds and Nursery-aged children – both funded and paid places are available.
- A stimulating environment where children can develop independence, curiosity, and confidence.
- 30 hours of free childcare available for eligible families.
- Our early years staff are experienced in supporting young children, helping them feel secure and excited about learning.



# Curriculum & Learning

**We provide a broad, balanced, and engaging curriculum that supports children to achieve academically and flourish personally.**

- In the Early Years, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage framework, ensuring children get the very best start.
- Across the school, phonics, reading, and maths are prioritised, equipping pupils with essential skills for life.

- Enrichment is woven throughout the curriculum, with opportunities for art, sport, music, and outdoor learning.
- We are committed to developing pupils' wider understanding of the world through SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural development) and teaching of British values.





# Support & Inclusion

Every child at St Helen Auckland is supported to reach their full potential.

- **Special Educational Needs (SEN):** We provide tailored support so all children can succeed.
- **Pastoral care:** Our team works closely with pupils to build confidence, resilience, and strong emotional wellbeing.
- **Mental health focus:** We are committed to ensuring all pupils have the support they need to maintain positive mental health and wellbeing.
- **Inclusive opportunities:** From clubs to school trips, every child is encouraged and supported to take part fully.
- **Our belief is simple: every child matters.**



# Our Staff & Community

Our school is led by a team of hardworking and caring teachers and support staff, each passionate about education and child development.

We work in close partnership with parents and carers, recognising that strong home-school links are key to success.

As proud members of the **Eden Learning Trust**, we benefit from collaboration with other schools, sharing expertise and resources to enrich our pupils' education. Since joining the Trust, we have also seen significant investment in our school, including:

- A brand-new library to inspire a love of reading.
- A fully refurbished IT room with modern technology.
- New flooring, decoration throughout, and play equipment, creating a bright, welcoming, and stimulating environment for learning.
- We are also actively involved in our local community, helping children to develop a strong sense of belonging and pride in where they live.





# Admissions and School Visits

With a caring and nurturing environment, we welcome visits to ensure that you can see the school in action. Throughout the academic year families can arrange a tour of the school to see students learning in all provisions.

We also host open evenings which allows for families to visit our school where you will have the opportunity to talk to staff and have a tour of the school.

Durham County Council manage the admissions for St Helen Auckland.

For more information, visit:  
[www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

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