



October 4

Attendance



Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8.45am FOR YR AND 8.50am FOR KS1 & KS2. The learning starts at 9am so we need the children in class and settled for then.

The whole school attendance target is 96%.

YR: 96.7%

Y1: 92.1%

Y2: 89.7%

Y3: 98.3%

Y4: 89%

Y5: 97.9%

Y6: 94.7%

The overall whole school attendance is 93.3%.

Well done to YR, Y3, and Y5 who have achieved at least 96% (our target).



*Please read our Attendance Guide - the full updated Attendance Policy can be found on our website. Our aim is for every child to be in school every day - with a target of **at least 96% attendance**. Please note that holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances - we need to receive notification (by filling in the form on the website/from the School Office) two weeks prior to their absence.*

Attendance Policy Overview 2023-24

At Lynn Community Primary School, we aim to consistently work towards our goal of 100% attendance for all children. Every opportunity will be used to convey the importance of regular, punctual attendance to pupils, parents, and carers.

Our school is committed to providing the best possible quality of education to all learners. For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential.



'Attendance is EVERYBODY'S responsibility'

It is the responsibility of all members of our school community to maintain and monitor good school attendance.

REPORT IT FIRST DAY

If your child is going to be absent from school, please report this ASAP via the school office.

Key Attendance Contact at Lynn Community Primary School:

School Office: 01744 678350

Jon Lattimore - Pastoral Manager

Hayley Hewitt - Education Welfare and Engagement Officer

We attend school REGULARLY

We attend school PUNCTUALLY

We attend school READY to learn

Absence from school **may** be authorised if it is for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Unavoidable medical appointments
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET OF 95%

Attendance Ladder

0 days	100%	Outstanding	★
1-5 days	98%	Very good	★★
6-10 days	96%	Good	★★★
11-15 days	94%	Almost Good	★★★★
16-20 days	92%	Improvement	★★★★★
21-25 days	90%	Needs Improvement	★★★★★
26-30 days	85%	Unsatisfactory	★★★★★

Number of school days missed per year

What does my child's attendance mean?

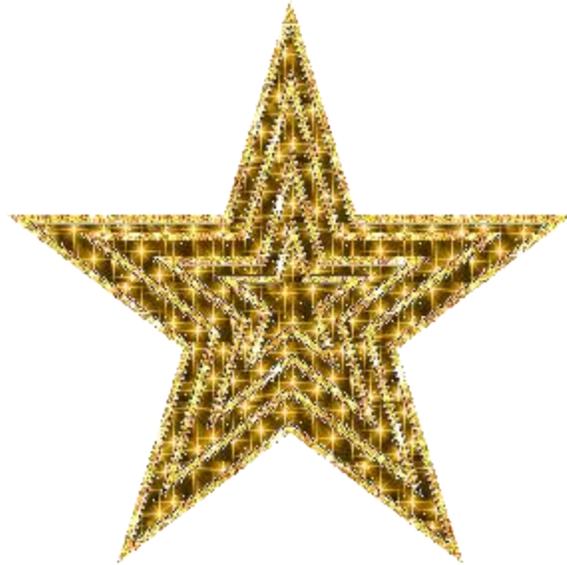
Absence from school **will not** be authorised for:

- Shopping
- Having to stay at home due to an unwell sibling or parent.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor night sleep

- Gates close at 9am
- Class registers close at 9am – after this it is a late mark
- School registers close at 9.30 am – after this it is an unauthorised absence

Special Achievers This Week





*Every week the staff look out for those children who are just that little bit extra special in the current week to award them one of our **Achievers Certificates**. It might be for lots of effort, fantastic presentation, super learning behaviour, lovely manners, being extra helpful or just that bit more determined than the others to finish their work accurately. They might just be an outstanding all-rounder. Congratulations to this week's achievers :)*

YR: Qamar and Naylea

Y1: Ella and Khairia

Y2: Ivy and Phoebe-May

Y3: Mia and Reggie

Y4: Emily and Lacey-May

Y5: Lulla and Noah Mc

Y6: Kayden and Imogen

Headteacher's Awards

Inspire **C**hallenge **A**chieve **N**urture

*I will be awarding children across the school with a special certificate in our Celebration Assembly on a Monday who have demonstrated our school's **I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge, Achieve, Nurture**. This week the following children received the awards:*

***Inspire** - Emily (Y4) for inspiring others through her attitude in the football tournament.*

***Challenge** - Sophie (Y6) for challenging herself with her reading - she has read 18 books since starting in Y6!*

***Achieve** - Olivia K (Y1) for trying really hard in her learning.*

***Nurture** - Phoebe B (Y4) for making others smile through her positive attitude.*

Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



The Sports Council have had a busy few weeks getting ready for leading games and activities on the playground. They have talked to their classes about equipment they would like us to get and which after schools clubs they would like Coach Laura to lead. Along with a group of Y5 children, they have taken part in two playground leader training sessions - designing bespoke games to lead on the playground at break times. They are looking forward to getting started after half term!







Picture News



As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News. This week's Picture News is all about the following question: Should 'super shoes' be allowed in races?

TAKEHOME

In the news this week



Should 'super shoes' be allowed in races?

Kenyan long-distance runner, Kelvin Kiptum, crossed the line in a new world record time at this year's Chicago Marathon, wearing Nike Alphafly 3 'super shoes'. He completed the race in the time of 2:00:35, beating the record set by fellow Kenyan, Eliud Kipchoge, in 2022, by 34 seconds. It was Kiptum's third marathon, and he now holds three of the six fastest times in history. In September this year, Tigst Assefa from Ethiopia also broke the women's marathon world record in Berlin.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think it is fair that a lot of focus has been on the shoes Kelvin was wearing rather than what he has achieved with a new world record?
- Do you feel that people should be allowed to wear whatever they like in competitions?
- In your opinion, should there be a different rule for professional athletes and those who are entering for fun/not as a professional?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



British Values



Rule of Law

World Athletics has rules about what footwear people can wear when competing in a road race. This ensures it is fair. If the rules are not followed, the competitor will be disqualified.

Protected Characteristics



Protected Characteristics



Kenyan long-distance runner, Kelvin Kiptum, recently broke the world record for the fastest marathon time. Whatever your nationality, you should be able to compete in a world event. We should never be treated unfairly because of our nationality.



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UN Rights of a Child



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All children must have a nationality (belong to a country). Different countries often compete at world events. Some of us may represent our nation - now or in the future!



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PE Reminders



The children can come to school on their PE days in their PE kit: white t-shirt, red shorts, trainers. They can also wear their school jumper or cardigan when needed.

PE days

YN: Friday

YR: Tuesday

Y1: Monday and Wednesday

Y2: Monday and Wednesday

Y3: Wednesday and Thursday

Y4: Wednesday and Friday

Y5: Tuesday and Thursday

Y6: Tuesday and Thursday

We have had a number of child wearing their own clothes on PE days - please ensure they are wearing the correct clothing - thank you.

Music opportunities

MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL 2023 - 24 FREE!

TUESDAY... ROCK & POP BAND
4.30PM - 5.50PM

TUESDAY... VOCAL GROUP
4.30PM - 5.50PM

WEDNESDAY WIDER OPPORTUNITIES BAND
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE WIND BAND
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE STRINGS
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA
5.15PM - 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY DINFOMA
5.15PM - 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB
5.15PM - 6.30PM

ST HELENS MUSIC HUB
INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY
@sthelemusic @sthelemusicuk

01744 677946
musicserve@sthelems.gov.uk
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO JOIN AND REGISTER TODAY

Illustration of children playing musical instruments.

Sports opportunities

GIRLS RUGBY IS COMING TO STORM!

Girls Y4, Y5 & Y6
Saturday mornings
10-11am
Newton Sports Club
Contact the inbox for more details

Illustration of a girl in a rugby kit.

By the end of KS2, it is expected that all children can swim 25m. Our children attend swimming lessons with school in Y5. If you think that your child would benefit from more confidence in the water before then, please take the opportunity to take the swimming in the half term holidays.



October half term activities

Autumn '23



Our **ComputerXplorers** Holiday Tech Clubs

ComputerXplorers leads the way in providing technology-based activities that are both inspirational and educational. Our unique brand of hands-on programmes are always full of fun and interaction. We encourage children to find out what's behind the technology, building in collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and confidence along the way!



AUTUMN TECH CLUB
ST HELENS

Rainford High School
Higher Ln,
Rainford, WA11 8NY

Wed 1st &
Thurs 2nd November
9am-3pm (half days available)
Morning sessions include Coding &
Game Design with a seasonal **MINECRAFT** afternoon challenge!

The complex block features a circular image of a Minecraft pumpkin on the left. To its right, the text "AUTUMN TECH CLUB" is written in large, bold, orange and green letters. Below this, "ST HELENS" is written in white on a purple brushstroke background. Further down, the school name "Rainford High School" and address "Higher Ln, Rainford, WA11 8NY" are listed. The dates and times "Wed 1st & Thurs 2nd November 9am-3pm (half days available)" are shown in a light blue box. Below that, a description of the sessions "Morning sessions include Coding & Game Design with a seasonal MINECRAFT afternoon challenge!" is provided.

Scan the QR or follow the link for full information & bookings:

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FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13

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FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13

S4K

30TH OCT - 2ND NOV 2023

BROOK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, RAINFORD

ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWTON

Book individual days or a week at a time, our flexible and convenient holiday childcare gives children the opportunity to try new activities, meet new friends and make lasting memories. From themed arts and crafts and team games to sports and outdoor splash activities, there is something for all children to enjoy at our October Holiday Camps.

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Community events

St Helens Family Hub and Children's Centre Offer 30th October to 4th November 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>AM</p> <p>Baby Group (0-12mths) 9.30am - 10.30am Newton Family Hub</p> <p>Slow Cooker Challenge (Due to popularity places are limited) 11.30am - 1.30pm Central Link Family Hub</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>Spooky Mini Chef's (4-11yrs) 10.30am - 11.30am Central Link Family Hub</p> <p>Baby Group (0-12mths) 10.00am - 11.00am Sutton Family Hub</p> <p>Read and Rhyme 10.30am Eccleston Library</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>Coffee/Tea Tots 10.00am - 11.00am Sutton Family Hub</p> <p>Sensory Baby Group (0-12mths) 10.00am - 11.00am Parr Children's Centre</p> <p>Let's Get Ready for Nursery (6-36mths) 10.00am - 11.30am Newton Family Hub</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>Sensory Baby Group (0-12mths) 9.30am - 10.30am Sutton Family Hub</p> <p>Let's Get Ready for Nursery 9.30am - 11.00am Sutton Family Hub</p> <p>Baby Group (0-12mths) 10.00am - 11.00am Parr Children's Centre</p> <p>Spooky Silent Disco 10.30am - 11.30am Thatto Health Children's Centre</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>Sensory Baby Group (0-12mths) 10.00am - 11.00am Haydock Library</p> <p>Autumn Crafts including refreshments (2-14yrs) 10.00am - 11.00am Newton Family Hub</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>Parent's In Mind 9.00am - 12.00pm Sutton Family Hub</p> <p>M.A.T.C.H Group (0-11yrs) 10.00am - 12.00pm Sutton Family Hub</p> <p>Change Grow Live Drop-in clinic (0-18yrs) 10.00am - 1.00pm Sutton Family Hub</p>

Family Hub **ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**St Helens Family Hub and Children's Centre
Offer 30th October to 4th November 2023**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>PM</p> <p>Sensory Baby Group (0-12mths) 1.30pm - 2.30pm Newton Family Hub</p> <p>Little Wizz Kids 1.30pm - 2.30pm Sutton Family Hub</p> <p>Musical Instrument Making 3.30pm - 4.30pm (0-11yrs) Parr Children's Centre</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>Baby Group (0-12mths) 1.30pm - 2.30pm Central Link Family Hub</p> <p>Sensory Baby Group (0-12mths) 1.30pm - 2.30pm Moss Bank Children's Centre</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>Autumn Crafts including refreshments (2-14yrs) 1.00pm - 2.30pm Fourways Children's Centre</p> <p>Spooky Silent Disco (2-11yrs) 2.30pm - 3.30pm Sutton Family Hub</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>Baby Group (0-12mths) 1.30pm - 2.30pm Moss Bank Children's Centre</p> <p>Slow Cooker Challenge (Due to popularity places are limited) 1.30pm - 3.30pm Sutton Family Hub</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>Slow Cooker Challenge (Due to popularity places are limited) 1.30pm - 3.30pm Newton Family Hub</p> <p>Mini Chefs (Invite only) 3.00pm - 4.30pm Sutton Family Hub</p>	<p>PM</p>

Family Hub **ST HELENS**
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**St Helens Family Hub and Children's Centre
Offer 30th October to 4th November 2023**

If you have any questions relating to our activities, or if you would like to reserve a place on any of the Family Hub and Children's Centre groups, please call Parr Children's Centre on 01744 671788 or Central Link Family Hub on 01744 673445. Alternatively, you can message us via our Facebook page! **St Helens Family Hub and Children's Centres**

Group Descriptions

Autumn Crafts - an interactive arts and craft session using natural resources.

Baby Group - a group aimed at babies aged 0-12 months to promote bonding and developing new skills. Meeting new mums/dads and learning through play.

Musical Instrument Making - enjoy making your own musical instruments using a variety of resources. Maybe join a band!

Spooky Mini Chefs - a fun and interactive cookery session for children aged 4-11 yrs.

Sensory Baby Group - a fun and stimulating sensory session for babies 0-12months.

Spooky Silent Disco - enjoy dancing to your individual favourite music via wireless headphones.

Slow Cooker Challenge - enjoy preparing, cooking and eating off-fordable healthy meals for the whole family. All participants receive a free slow cooker on completion.

Coffee/Tea Tots - is facilitated within our family friendly café where you can relax and enjoy free healthy food and drinks. Toys and books are available for little ones.

Let's Get Ready for Nursery - fun and interactive sessions which will support you and your child to become school ready and support your child's learning through play, extend their creative thinking as well as encouraging practical tasks.

Little Wizz Kids - a fun, stimulating and interactive play, learning and development session for new-born babies up to children aged 36 months. The group will support families to build attachment and positive parenting behaviours; strengthen parent-child interaction within the Early Learning Environment, and support school readiness.

Family Hub **ST HELENS**
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Jewellery

Please can you make sure that your child does not come to school wearing earrings (if they are newly pierced, they can be covered up), bracelets or necklaces. Thank you!

YR places - September 2024

*You must apply for a primary school place a year before your child can start school. Applications **open in September and close on 15 January**. Your child will be 3 or have just turned 4 when you apply. You'll need to apply then even if you want your child to start part-way through the year. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place> for more information.*

Winning Team



The winning team this week are the Phoenix team!



Before and after school



Please can ensure that your child does not play on the trim trail or with the Early Years equipment before or after school.

If you are collecting children from Y1 or Y2 classrooms, can we politely ask you to wait on the KS2 play ground if you are picking up older children so that the KS2 teachers can lead their classes out safely.

Parents collecting children from the KS2 playground, please can you stand back from the gates so that the staff can clearly see the children going to who is picking them up.

Finally, to make sure that we are safeguarding all our children, if someone new is picking up your child from school, please can you make the class teacher aware prior to home time - thank you.

Dates for the diary

Friday 27th October - School closes for half term

Monday 6th November - School opens for the start of Autumn term 2

Wednesday 8th November - School photographs (individual and family)



Remembrance Day



Our Y6 children will be selling poppies during the week of Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November - minimum donation 50p. All money raised will be given to The British Legion. We will holding a special assembly in school that week.

Halloween Disco



Thank you to everyone who came to our Halloween Disco last night! There was lots of dancing and a fancy dress parade - the costumes were amazing (see the website for more photos)! We raised nearly £250 which, along with the Summer Fair fundraising, will help us to achieve our goal of buying a sound system for the hall. Thank you all the staff who made the event possible.





Harvest Festival

On Tuesday we held our Harvest Festival in school: Reverend Chris from All Saints Church talked to the children about the importance of sharing what we have with others and Mrs Lawrenson led some Harvest-themed songs. Thank you to all the families who donated an item for St. John the Baptist Food Bank in Earlestown, Reverend Tim Griffiths came to collect it on their behalf this afternoon.







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Gold Rights-Respecting School Status



Our banner has arrived and is proudly positioned at the front of school! Our Rights-Respecting Schools Ambassadors will be carrying on the excellent work in promoting children's rights across our school.

Arts Project

During Arts Week in the summer term, our children created beautiful art work around the picture book 'The Sea of Dreams'. During this time we also had two artists in to create an outdoor mural using mosaic - all children in the school had a part in creating parts of it: we think it looks amazing!









Coats



Now that the weather is becoming a little bit more unpredictable, please can you make sure that your child has a coat on for school each day. Thank you.

National School Meals Week: 6-10th November

The children have voted on their favourite meals - Lynette, our cook, will be preparing some of these choices on the first day back after half term. We have also invited our Governors to come and have lunch with the children on the Friday.



The poster is for National School Meals Week 2023, running from 6-10 November. It features a blue header with a circular logo on the left that says 'EVERYBODY BENEFITS FROM A GREAT SCHOOL LUNCH' and 'I SUPPORT LACCA NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK'. To the right of the logo, it says 'National School Meals Week 2023 6-10 November'. Further right, it says 'NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK 30th Birthday Celebrations'. The main body of the poster lists three days of activities: Monday 6th (Launch day), Wednesday 8th (National Roast Dinner Day), and Friday 10th (Happy Birthday NSMW!). Each day has a description and a row of food icons. At the bottom, an orange banner says 'Enjoy a week of delicious school meals and fun activities' over a landscape illustration. The text 'ST HELENS' is visible in the bottom right corner of the illustration.

EVERYBODY BENEFITS FROM A GREAT SCHOOL LUNCH
I SUPPORT LACCA NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK

National School Meals Week 2023
6-10 November

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK
30th Birthday Celebrations

- **Monday 6th - Launch day:**
A fun day to launch the week with pupil's favourites and promote your week of celebrations.

- **Wednesday 8th - National Roast Dinner Day:**
A roast dinner day showcasing the best local British produce, and we challenge you to create the best plant-based version as well.

- **Friday 10th - Happy Birthday NSMW!:**
We want you to end the week with one big celebration. Why not invite a school VIP of your choice to join in a day of promoting #greatschoolfood and NSMW's 30th Birthday.

Enjoy a week of **delicious school meals** and **fun activities**

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SEND information



St Helens short breaks
vibe Family Days

St Helens Short Breaks Family Days are funded by St Helens council for SEND young people and their families eligible for short breaks provision.

This half term family days offer outdoor sessions involving a range of outdoor adventurous activities suited to the young peoples needs, enjoy a family day out!

Family Days
For young people aged 8 - 16, and their families

2 SESSIONS EACH DAY TO CHOOSE FROM
9.30am - 12.30pm
OR
1.00pm - 4.00pm

SESSION DATE:
Wednesday 1st November

Taylor Park Boat House
4 Regents Road
WA103HX

Email now to book your place
charlotte.brookes@vibeuk.org

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After school activities

*Mondays (3.15-4.5pm) - **Crafts** - Mrs. McDermott and Gill (Year 1 and 2)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4pm)- **Magical Maths** - Miss Burns (by invitation)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4pm) - **Science** - Mr Leather (Y5 and 6)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4pm)-**Book Club** - Mrs Reid (Y3 and 4)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4pm) - **Choir** - Mrs Lawrenson (KS2)*

Coach Laura will also be offering a variety of sports clubs - see below.

Please pay for all clubs on School Money - £12.50 per half term.

After School Sports Clubs - from Monday 6th Nov to Thursday 14th Dec.

Please book via the [Schoolmoney](#) app. There are limited places available.

Mondays	YN & YR	Dance	
Tuesdays	Y1 & Y2	<u>Benchball</u>	
Wednesdays	Y3 & Y4	Cheerleading	
Thursdays	Y5 & Y6	Gymnastics	

Consent Form - Photography, video and other digital media



To make sure that we have the correct permissions, please can you fill this in for your child by the end of next week. It can be found on School Spider: Parents Area - Surveys and Forms. Thank you!

School Meals and Milk



School Meals

*In setting the budget for 2023/24 the Council made a commitment to increase charges in line with inflation. The cost of a school meal has increased from 1st November to **£2.60 per day**.*

School Milk

*Milk charges for those children of infant age who are not entitled to free milk, remain unchanged at **£2 per term**.*

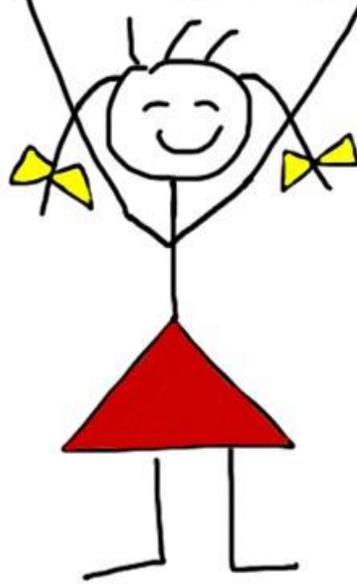
And finally...



HAPPY...



HOLIDAYS



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Thank you to all our fabulous staff and children for a great first half term back in school and for all the support I have received in my new role.

Over the last 3 weeks, the Governors and I have been leading the process to recruit the new Deputy Headteacher for our school. Yesterday, members of our Y4, 5 and 6 Student Council joined us in helping with the interviews - they asked very thoughtful questions and were excellent ambassadors for our school. We were looking for someone who will work with me and the rest of our team to continue to ensure that your children are receiving the best educational journey. I am delighted to say that Miss. Evans will be the Deputy Headteacher from January. She will still be teaching in Y6.

Have a great half term break!

Mrs. Roberts
