



September 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: 95%

Y1: 89%

Y2: 91%

Y3: 89%

Y4: 91%

Y5: 92%

Y6: 75%

Well done YR with the best attendance again!!

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow




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 Lyme 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 Lyme Community Primary School:
School Office: 01744 678350
Jon Lattwood - 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 IS 96%

Attendance Ladder

0-50%	51-60%	61-70%	71-80%	81-90%	91-95%	96-99%	100%
Outstanding	Very good	Good	Highly satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Very good	Outstanding

Number of school days missed per year

What does this attendance mean?

A child who has 96% attendance has missed 10 school days in a year. This is equivalent to 2 weeks of learning. A child who has 90% attendance has missed 20 school days in a year. This is equivalent to 4 weeks of learning. A child who has 85% attendance has missed 25 school days in a year. This is equivalent to 5 weeks of learning.

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 :)

This week's winners:

YR: Benjamin and Zayn

Y1: Oscar and Harley

Y2: Adrian and Yaqub

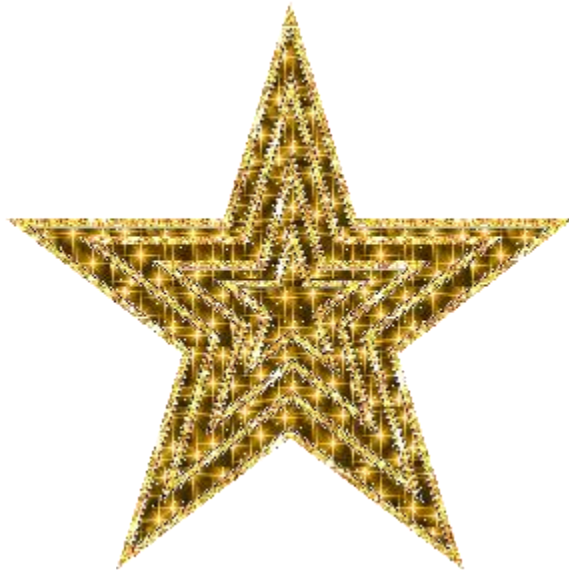
Y3: Grayson and Alfie

Y4: Sophia and Lucas

Y5: Phoebe and Hallie

Y6: Poppy and Max O

A special mention to Aurora in Y1 who also was awarded an achiever's certificate last week.



Headteacher's Awards

Inspire Challenge Achieve Nurture

*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** - Monty (Y2) for inspiring others by being a good role model and always giving thoughtful answers in our assemblies.*

***Challenge** - Devon (Y6) for challenging himself when playing in the football tournament last week.*

***Achieve** - Edina (Y4) for making an excellent start with her learning in Y4.*

***Nurture** - Jenson (Y4) for showing kindness to his friends when working with Mrs. Bradbury.*

Congratulations!

Well done to our Y6 football team who competed in a tournament this week.



Author visit

Our KS2 class enjoyed an assembly led by local author Amy Watson this week. She talked about her new book 'The Hooters' and answered lots of questions from the children about her story and what inspired her to write. It was fantastic to see how enthusiastic they were - hopefully it will have inspired some to become authors in the future!

Some children purchased the book. Lexie (Y4) enjoyed it so much, that she read it in one night! She said, "I liked the part where the family were sat around the table talking about mum".





Contact forms



If you haven't returned your child's contact form, please can you do so by Monday. We must have at least two contacts in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Year group	Home Learning expectations		
	Reading	Maths	GPS
Y1			
Y2	Daily reading – new books will be sent home on a Friday and are to be returned to school on a Thursday each week		Weekly spellings to be introduced in the summer term
Y3		Weekly maths activity	Weekly spellings
Y4			Weekly spellings Weekly grammar activity
Y5			
Y6			

Flu vaccinations are on Thursday



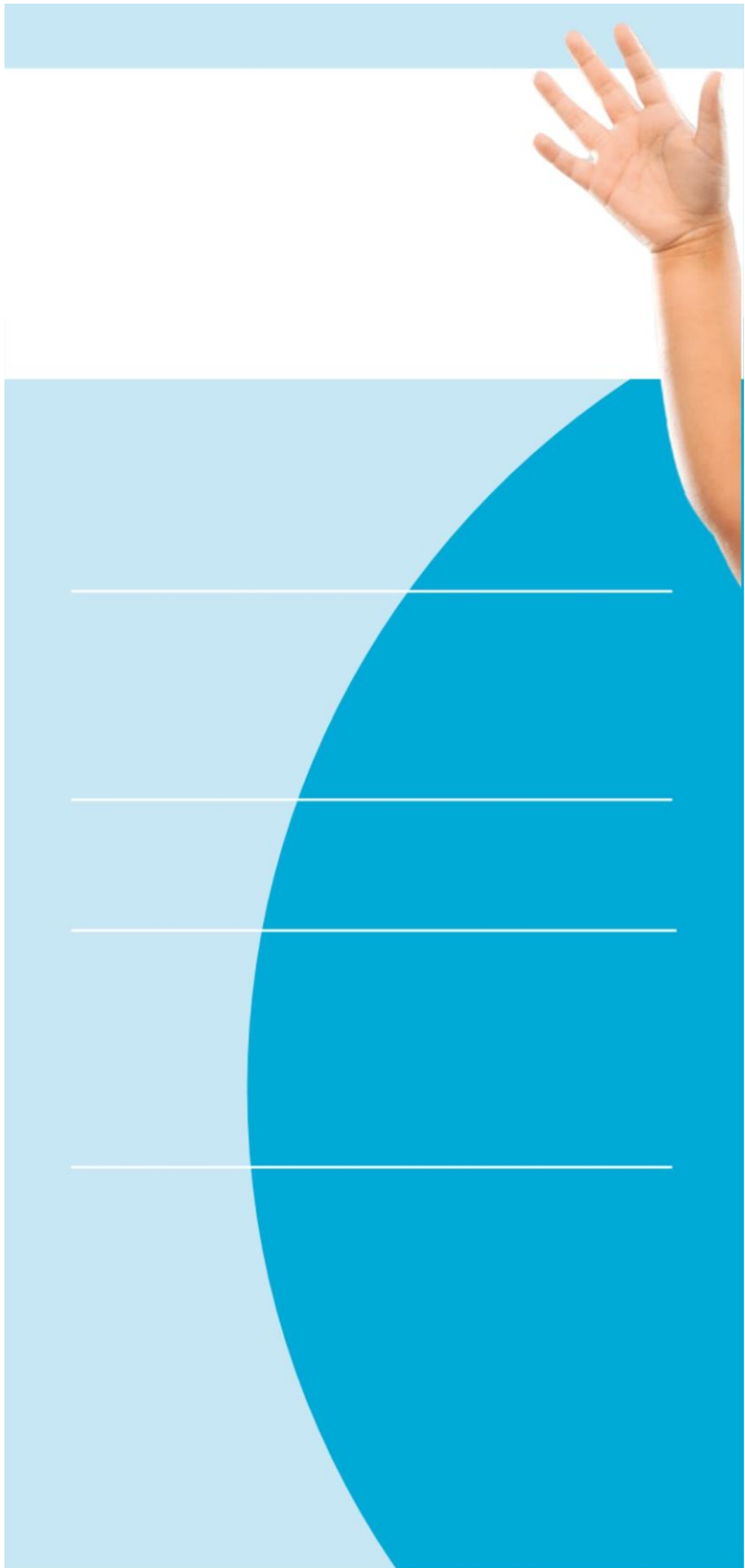
Flu immunisation in England

Information for parents and carers



Flu  mmunisation

Helping to protect children, every winter



5 reasons

to get your child vaccinated

1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

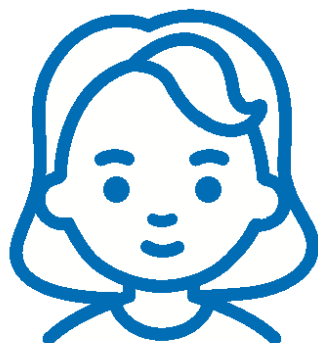
5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare



Flu vaccine is offered free to:

Children aged
2 or 3 years old
(on 31 August
before flu
vaccinations start in
the autumn)



Some school-aged
children

Children with a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu



Further information on which children are eligible each year can be found at: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Why should my child have the flu vaccine?

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children causing fever, extreme tiredness, aching muscles and joints, stuffy nose, dry cough, and sore throat. Children usually begin to feel better within about a week.

Complications of flu include acute bronchitis, painful ear infections, and pneumonia. Some children may need to go to hospital for treatment, including intensive care.

What are the benefits of the vaccine?



Having the vaccine will help protect your child from what can be a very nasty illness in children. Children under the age of 5 years have the highest rate of hospital admissions due to flu.

It will also reduce the chance of others in your family, who could be at greater risk from flu, such as grandparents or those with long term health conditions, getting flu from your child.

It can help you avoid having to take time off work, or other activities, to look after your sick child or if you become sick yourself.

How effective is the vaccine?

Flu vaccine is the best protection we have against this unpredictable virus. In the last few years, the protection that children get from vaccination has been consistently higher than for adults.

There are different strains of flu virus and the most likely strains that will cause flu are identified in advance of the flu season. Vaccines are then made to match them as closely as possible – they will usually give some protection even if the match isn't perfect.

Flu viruses can change every year so the vaccine is usually updated each year. And protection from the vaccine may fade with time. For this reason, we recommend that your child is vaccinated against flu again this year, even if vaccinated last year.

Who will give my child their vaccination?

Children aged 2 and 3 years old (age on 31 August before flu vaccinations start in the autumn) will be given the vaccination at their general practice, usually by the practice nurse.

School-aged children will mainly be offered the vaccination in school, with further opportunities to get vaccinated, potentially at NHS community clinics, for anyone who misses the session at school.

Children who are home educated will be offered the vaccine if they are in an eligible age group. Parents can obtain information about arrangements from their Local Authority Education Department.

How will the vaccine be given?

For most children, it is given as a nasal spray. If the nasal spray is not suitable for a child, an injection can be given instead, usually into the muscle in the upper arm.

How does the nasal spray work?

The nasal spray contains viruses that have been weakened to prevent them from causing flu but will help your child to build up immunity. This means your child will be better able to fight off flu.

The vaccine is absorbed really quickly in the nose so, even if your child sneezes immediately after having had the spray, there's no need to worry that it hasn't worked.

Are there any side-effects of the vaccine?

Children may develop a runny or blocked nose, headache, general tiredness and some loss of appetite. However, these are much milder than developing flu or complications associated with flu. Serious side-effects are uncommon.

Can the vaccine cause flu?

No, the vaccine cannot cause flu because the viruses in it have been weakened to prevent this from happening.

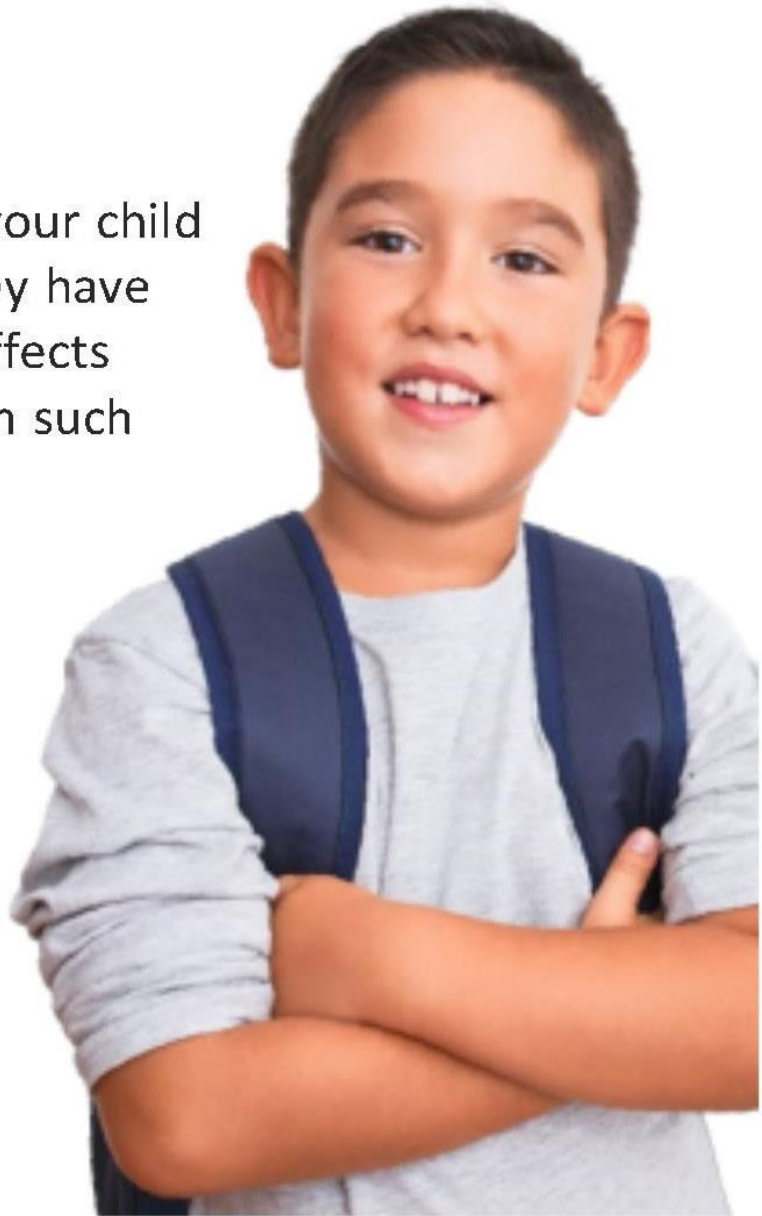
What if my child has a health condition?

Children with certain health conditions, even if well managed, are at higher risk of severe complications if they get flu. It is especially important that these children are vaccinated.

These conditions include:

- serious lung problems, for example, asthma needing regular inhaled or oral steroids
- serious heart conditions
- kidney or liver disease

- your GP may also recommend that your child is vaccinated if they have a condition that affects the nervous system such as cerebral palsy



- diabetes
- immunosuppression due to disease or treatment, for example, chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment for cancer or longterm steroid use
- problems with the spleen, either because the spleen has been removed (asplenia) or doesn't work properly, for example, because of sickle cell or coeliac disease

These children should have a flu vaccination every year from the age of six months onwards. Most will have the nasal spray vaccine but it is not recommended for children under the age of 2 years.

Children under 2, and those for whom the nasal spray is not suitable for medical reasons, will be offered a flu vaccine injection.

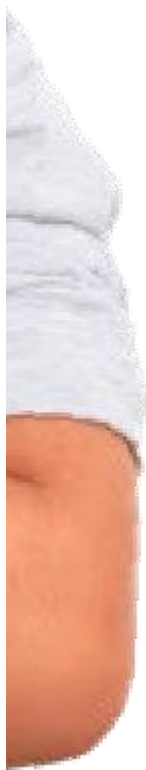
If your child has any health condition listed on page 8 but is not in one of the age groups being offered the vaccine in school, it is important that you contact your GP to arrange an appointment.

If you are not sure whether your child needs a flu vaccination or you need more advice, speak to your practice nurse, GP or health visitor.

When will the vaccine be given?

For 2 and 3 year olds, you should receive an invitation for your child to have it at their GP surgery in the autumn or early winter. Alternatively, you can contact them directly to make an appointment.

For school-aged children a vaccination session will be held at school generally during the autumn term. The school aged immunisation team will contact you via the school.



If your child is in an eligible group offered vaccine at school and has a health condition that puts them at increased risk from flu (see page 8), you can ask your child's GP surgery to provide the vaccine if you don't want to wait until the school vaccination session or if this is what you prefer.

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

As children with pre-existing medical conditions may be more vulnerable to complications of flu it is especially important that they are vaccinated. Children may not be able to have the nasal vaccine if they:

- are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours, they should be offered an injected flu vaccine to avoid a delay in protection
- have needed intensive care due to
 - asthma or
 - egg allergic anaphylaxis

(Children in these 2 groups are recommended to seek the advice of their specialist and may need to have the nasal vaccine in hospital)

- have a condition, or are on treatment, that severely weakens their immune system or have someone in their household who

needs isolation because they are severely immunosuppressed

- are allergic to any other components of the vaccine*

If your child can't have the nasal flu vaccine they should have the flu vaccine by injection.

If you are unsure whether your child should get the injected vaccine or the nasal vaccine please check with the school aged immunisation team or the nurse or GP at your surgery.

*See the website at www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/3296/pil for a list of the ingredients of the vaccine

Children who have been vaccinated with the nasal spray should avoid household contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems (for example those who have just had a bone marrow transplant) for around 2 weeks following vaccination.

Can the flu vaccine be given to my child at the same time as other vaccines?

Yes. The flu vaccine can be given at the same time as all the other routine childhood vaccines. The vaccination may be delayed if your child has a fever. Also, if a child has a heavily blocked or runny nose, it might stop the vaccine getting into their system. In this case, their flu vaccination can be postponed until their nasal symptoms have cleared up. Sometimes an injected vaccine may be offered instead.



Does the nasal vaccine contain gelatine derived from pigs (porcine gelatine)?

Yes. The nasal vaccine contains traces of a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the weakened vaccine viruses stable so the vaccine is able to work properly.

The nasal vaccine is easy to give and painless. Each child who has the nasal spray vaccine gets the best protection against flu. It is also considered to be the best at reducing the spread of flu. That way children protect one another and others who might be vulnerable to flu. For those who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products, an injected flu vaccine is available as an alternative. You should discuss your options with your nurse, doctor, or school aged immunisation team.

Where can I get more information?

Visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu for more information. Talk to your GP, practice nurse, your child's school nurse or your health visitor if you have any further questions.

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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: Can anyone break a world record?*

TAKEHOME

In the news this week



Can anyone break a world record?

The 2024 edition of the Guinness World Records has been released. This year, over 30,000 applicants submitted their achievements, but only 2,638 records were selected for the edition, which features more than 85% new and updated records. The annual collection of records has run since 1955, when it was first inspired by the question "What is the fastest game bird in Europe?". Its latest edition is themed around the Blue Planet, with a number of records celebrated, including those set by impressive marine creatures, adventurous sailors and record-breaking lakes, rivers and landscapes.

Things to talk about at home

- Do you know any world records?
- If you were to attempt a world record, what do you think you would try to do and why?
- What do you think the benefits would be of setting or breaking a world record?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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British Values



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Guinness World Records provides a fantastic opportunity to see the gifts, talents and interests other people living all over the world have. I understand and respect that not everyone is the same as me.

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A belief is something that affects our life choices and the way we live. Our gifts, talents and interests can influence our beliefs. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



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UN Rights of a Child



UN Rights of a Child



If we choose to attempt a world record, our parents or carers will guide and help us and make sure it is safe. Adults should do what is best for children.



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Parking



Just a reminder: please do not park across resident's drive ways or on the double yellow lines outside school as it is a safety risk for our children. Thank you.

Healthy snacks



*In **KS2** the children can bring a healthy snack to eat at break times. This includes: breakfast bars, brioche, fruit (fresh and dried), vegetable sticks, yogurts, cheese strings, bread sticks. We will offer any children who bring snacks such as chocolate and crisps an alternative of a piece of fruit. **Just a reminder that chocolate, crisps and drinks are not included!***

*Children in **EYFS and KS1** will still be able to have milk (at a cost of £6) and fruit each day.*

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

Music opportunities

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

TUESDAY... VOCAL GROUP 4.30PM - 5.50PM	WEDNESDAY WIDER OPPORTUNITIES BAND 4PM - 5PM	WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE WIND BAND 4PM - 5PM	TUESDAY... ROCK & POP BAND 4.30PM - 5.50PM
WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB 4PM - 5PM	WEDNESDAY YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA 5.15PM - 6.30PM	WEDNESDAY SINFONIA 5.15PM - 6.30PM	WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE STRINGS 4PM - 5PM

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Y6 Transition support



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YEAR 6 TRANSITION FREE ONLINE PARENT / CARER SESSIONS

If your child has an SEN or significant worries and is due to transition to secondary school in September 2024, we would love you to join us on our online sessions to share preparation tips and advice.

By 31st October 2023 you will have submitted a secondary school application to name your 3 preferred schools.

We are delighted to offer you some advice and support to be able to effectively plan the next steps of your child's journey.

Many of the strategies will work for most children who require that little bit of additional support.

Sessions will be delivered online through TEAMS directed to parents/carers (not to children); if you can attend all four it would be more beneficial.

For further information please email us on LASCstransitions@sthelens.gov.uk so we can send you a TEAMS link to the sessions

Session One - The Year Ahead	Friday 1 st December 2023 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Differences between Primary & SecondaryIndependence & PreparationTravel to schoolNext Steps
Session Two - Building Blocks	Friday 2 nd February 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What is a transition?Managing changeDeveloping independence
Session Three - A Helping Hand	Friday 22 nd March 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Managing worries & nervesEmotions ScalesLooking for the positives
Session Four - The Finish Line is in Sight!	Friday 10 th May 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Being PreparedOne Page ProfilesCommunicationPreparation & Practice

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!

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 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

Monday 16th-Friday 20th October - Scholastic Book Fair (in the hall). More details to follow.

Tuesday 17th October/Wednesday 18th October from 3.30-6.00pm- Parents' Evenings

Appointments will be available to be booked on School Spider nearer the time.



Parents' meetings



If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please can you do so after school or make an appointment by contacting Mrs. O'Brien in the office.

Macmillan coffee afternoons



Thank you all who attended one of our coffee afternoons - it was lovely to have the opportunity to meet each other and raise some money for the charity.

Uniform

We have lots of spare uniform. We will put it outside school (weather permitting) on Monday and Tuesday after school if anyone would like to make use of any.



And finally...



This week, our KS1 children listened to the story 'Words and your heart' by Kate Jane Neal in assembly. We talked about how the words we use to others can affect how we feel. Our children are very good at giving each other - and the staff - compliments, especially when we celebrate our PATHs pupil of the day. We had some visitors in school this week who gave us some lovely compliments about how calm our school environment is and how the children are all engaged in their learning - this made me - and the whole staff team - feel very proud.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Roberts



**What Have
You Done**

Today To Make You

**Feel
PROUD**