



November 1

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: 97.4%

Y1: 94.3%

Y2: 94.1%

Y3: 94.4%

Y4: 98.3%

Y5: 94.8%

Y6: 93%

The overall whole school attendance is 94.8%.

Well done to YR and Y4 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

All 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
Jen 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

Attendance Ladder

| Number of school days missed per year | Attendance % | Category | Star Rating |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 0-5 | 100% | Outstanding | 5 Stars |
| 6-10 | 98% | Very good | 4 Stars |
| 11-15 | 96% | Good | 3 Stars |
| 16-20 | 94% | Satisfactory | 2 Stars |
| 21-25 | 90% | Needs improvement | 1 Star |
| 26-30 | 85% | Unsatisfactory | 0 Stars |

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 closes 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: Jacob and Matthew

Y1: Isabella and Adeline

Y2: Arya and Monty

Y3: Scarlett and Ivy

Y4: Rihanna and Lexie

Y5: Tiah and Charlie

Y6: Andrew and Ruby

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 - Lexie (Y4) for inspiring others through her act of kindness in donating some of her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Challenge - Phoebe (Y5) for challenging herself to help the local community by doing a litter pick.

Achieve - Scarlett (Y3) for achieving well in her English lessons.

Nurture - Isla (Y4) for showing her nurturing qualities by helping her friend who was upset.



Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



Our Rights-Respecting Ambassadors met this week to prepare for their whole school assembly on the article of the month - Article 12: the right to be heard. They did an excellent job at sharing their knowledge of this article with their peers.



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: How important is to understand money?

TAKEHOME

In the news this week

How important is it to understand money?

A study, conducted by the government and backed by the Money and Pensions Service, has estimated that around 5.4 million children in the UK do not have the money skills they will need in adulthood. Less than half of children and teenagers aged 7 to 17 have received a meaningful financial education, according to the results. It also found that a third of children recall learning about money in school and finding it useful, and nearly a quarter received key elements of financial education at home.

Things to talk about at home –

- What is your first memory of money?
- Share your own experiences of money.
- What do you think is the best way to learn about money and why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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British Values



Individual Liberty
We can take responsibility for our money and make choices about how to spend or save it.

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Protected Characteristics

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Young people can understand money: earning, spending, saving, and budgeting. We should never be overlooked or treated unfairly because of our age.



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UN Rights of a Child



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Governments should provide money or other support to help children from poor families.



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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!

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| 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 MIND ORCHESTRA 5.15PM - 6.30PM | WEDNESDAY SINFONIA 5.15PM - 6.30PM | WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB 5.15PM - 6.30PM |

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

ST HELENS MUSIC SERVICE HUB
WEAVING MUSICAL CREATIVITY
Helping all our practitioners to thrive

01744 677946
music.service@st-helens.gov.uk
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO JOIN AND REGISTER TODAY

St Helens Music Service Hub logo, social media icons (Twitter, Facebook), and a QR code.

Sports opportunities

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 Dragon team!



Dates for the diary



Monday 13th November - Y5 Space workshop (in school) - no cost

Wednesday 15th November - Height and Weight checks for YR and Y6

Thursday 16th November - Please return any orders for Willow Printing by today.

Thursday 16th November - Relationships and Sex Education meeting - led by Mrs. Reid in Y2 from 3.30-4.15pm. More details below.

Friday 17th November - Children in Need. More details below.

Thursday 23rd November - Multiplication workshop for parents - led by Mr Leather and Miss Evans at 9-9.30 am and 2.45-3.15 pm. More details below.

Friday 24th November - Non-Uniform Day - donations for chocolates for the Christmas Bingo please!

Thursday 30th November - Christmas Journey workshop for Y2 at All Saints Church from 9.30-10.30 am. The children will be walking to and from school so will need a waterproof coat and appropriate shoes.

Wednesday 20th December 2023 - School closes for the end of the Autumn term.

Monday 8th January 2024 - School re-opens for Spring term 1.

We have lots of exciting events planned in school this half term as we head towards Christmas - dates and times are below.



Upcoming dates

Friday 24th November
Own Clothes Day – donation of chocolates for the Christmas Bingo

Thursday 30th November
Christmas Bingo


Friday 8th December
Own Clothes Day – donation of bottles for the Christmas Fayre

Saturday 9th December
Christmas Fayre – 11.30 am – 2.30pm

Monday 11th December
Foundation Stage (YN and YR) Nativity performance for YN families–
9.30 am

Tuesday 12th December
Foundation Stage (YN and YR) Nativity performance for YR families–
9.30 am

Wednesday 13th December



Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas performance for Y1 families– 9.30
am

Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14th December

Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas performance for Y2 families–
9.30 am

Christmas Film night (YN-6) 4.45-6.30 pm

Friday 15th December

Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) Carol Service for Y3 and Y4 families–
9.30 am

Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) Carol Service for Y5 and Y6 families–
2.00 pm

Monday 18th December

Pantomime –pm - in school

£3 per child (YN-6)

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Craft Event (see separate letter – coming soon)

Wednesday 20th December

Party Day – own clothes

End of Autumn term!

Children in Need



Children in Need is on Friday. To raise money, we will be asking the children to come in their own clothes for a donation of £1. Our Y6 Prefects will also be selling wrist bands for £1 which can be worn all next week.

We're there for you- BBC Children in Need



Pudsey Yellow Wristband

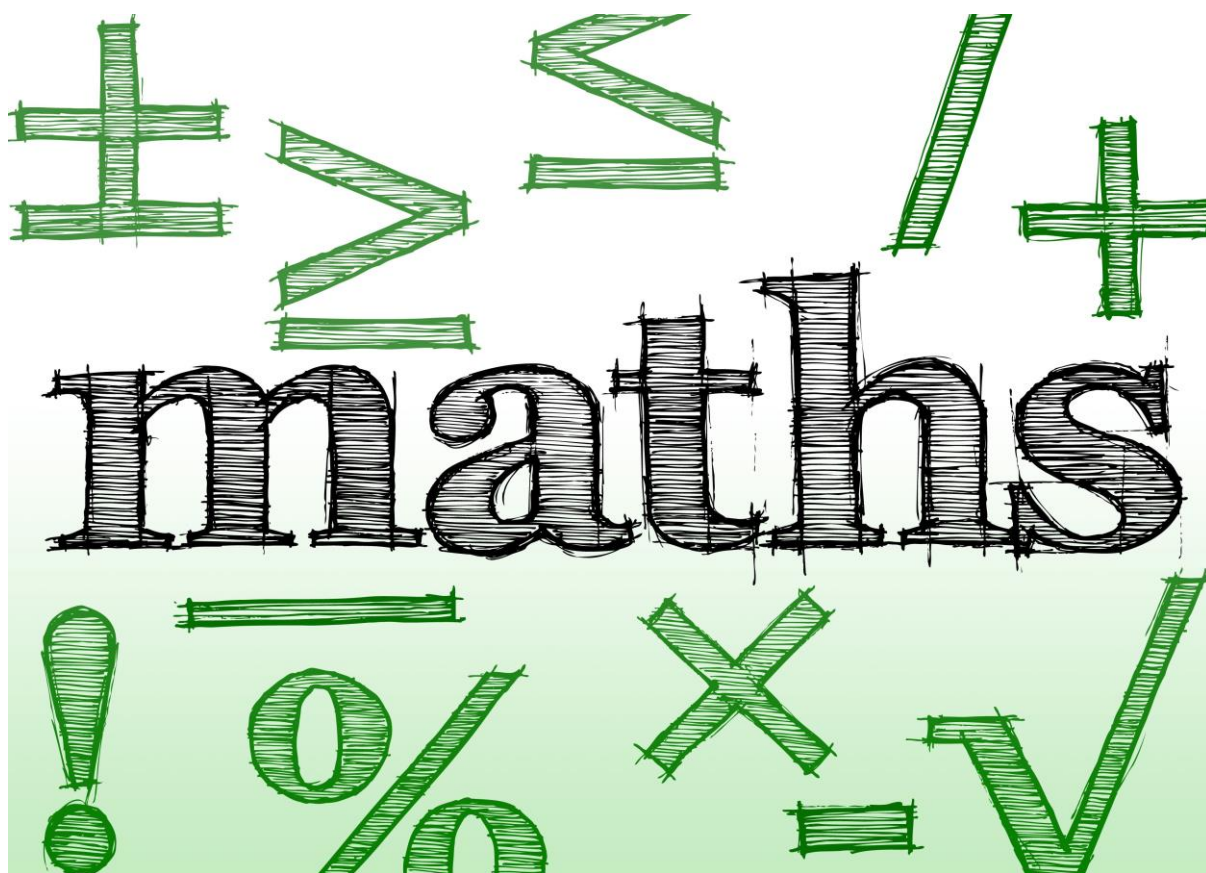
£1.00

Relationships and Sex Education

*As part of our PSHRE curriculum, children are taught about relationships and sex education. Mrs. Reid, our PSHRE Lead, will be delivering a workshop on **Thursday from 330-4.15 pm** in Y2 to talk to about the content of the curriculum and share the teaching resources we use. There will also be the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. This workshop is open to parents and carers of children from YN to Y6. Please let us know if you will be attending by clicking on the link below:*

<https://forms.office.com/e/i3R5du953J>

Multiplication workshop/activities



*Miss Evans and Mr Leather will be running a maths multiplication workshop **next Thursday (23rd)** at 9-9.30 am and 2.45-3.15 pm. This workshop is open to parents and carers of children from Y3 to Y6. Please let us know if you will be attending by clicking on the link below:*

<https://forms.office.com/e/v7eCBfeseu>

Remembrance Day



Our Y6 Prefects have sold poppies this week - the British Legion thank you for your kind donations. The children have gained a greater understanding of Remembrance Day by taking part in a special Picture News assembly this week. We held two minutes silence at 11 am today to pay our respects to those who have been affected by war and conflict. Mrs. Unsworth, our Chair of Governors, will take a poppy wreath to the Cenotaph in Earlestown on Sunday on behalf of our whole school community.



Gold Rights-Respecting School Status



Our story will feature in the local press soon.

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 enjoyed their favourite meal on Monday this week based on the votes placed before the holidays. A big thank you to Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Bretherton, Mrs. Charlson and Mrs. Morris - four members of our Governing Body - who joined the children for lunch today.





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

Taylor Park Boat House
4 Regents Road
WA103HX




SESSION DATE:
Wednesday 1st
November

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



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vibeuk.org



St. Helens Council




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 Benchball



Wednesdays Y3 & Y4 Cheerleading



Thursdays Y5 & Y6 Gymnastics



Community news

Would you know what to do in a First Aid Emergency?



FREE 1 day Emergency First Aid training for volunteers and members of community groups and charities

Places available:

Friday 24th November and Friday 1st December

Contact us on the details below to book your place!



Free places available for people aged 19+ living in the St Helens/Liverpool city region area

Contact us to find out more:

Call: 01744 676671 / 01744 677328 or text 07702 959814

Visit: www.sthelens.gov.uk/adultlearning

Email: adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk

Facebook: [StHelensACL](#)

Twitter: [STHLearning](#)





Planning to run Christmas craft activities for children?

**FREE Creative Inspirations workshop to give you
practical ideas for fun low-cost activities!**

Monday 27th November

9.30am – 12pm

at the Park Road Centre, WA9 1HE



Contact us on the details below to book your place!

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And finally...



The children have settled back in well after the half term break. There are lots of exciting things being planned for this half term and look forward to welcoming you in to school to see!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts
