



December 2

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: 98%

Y1: 93.6%

Y2: 96.9%

Y3: 95.6%

Y4: 90.7%

Y5: 92.4%

Y6: 92.5%

The overall whole school attendance is 94.2%. This is around National Average!!

Well done to YR and Y2 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 Lattmond - 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

Green	100%	Outstanding	★
Light Green	98%	Very good	★
Yellow	96%	Good	★
Orange	94%	Improvement	★
Red	92%	Needs attention	★
Dark Red	90%	Unacceptable	★
Black	85%	Unacceptable	★

Number of school days missed per year

What does my child's attendance mean?

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

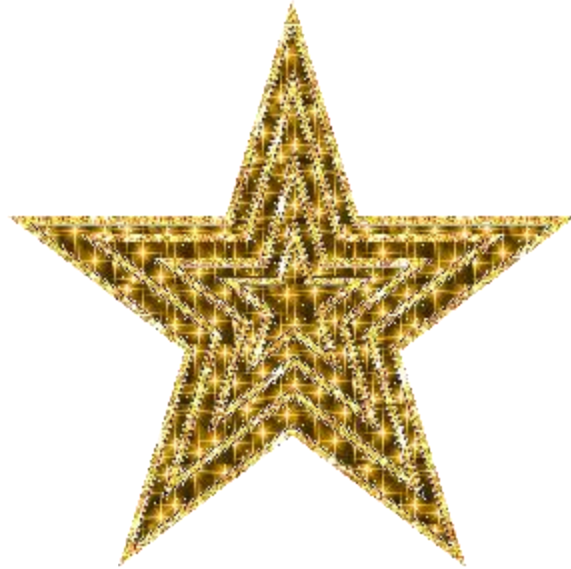
- Shopping
- Having to stay at home due to an unwell sibling or parent.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor night sleep

Absence from school **may** be authorised for:

- 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: Abigail and Noah

Y1: Neveah and Jelani

Y2: Taibah and Bobby

Y3: Evie E and Evie C

Y4: Kai and Daisy A

Y5: Talisha and Bobbie

Y6: Sophie and Lucie

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** - Yaqub (Y1) for being a super role model.*

***Challenge** - Kaitlin (Y3) for putting 100% into her home learning.*

***Achieve** - Bea (Y6) for being a kind friend.*

Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



Safety Squad

Thank you to our Safety Squad for their ideas about keeping the road outside school safe.



Picture News



As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News. This week's Picture News was all about the following question: What is it like to live through an uncertain time?

TAKEHOME

In the news this week



What is it like to live through an uncertain time?

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavík and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

Things to talk about at home

- Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- How do you imagine the people of Grindavík feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Rule of Law

Sometimes rules, such as not allowing people to stay in their homes, may be introduced in response to an event. They are put in place to help protect people and keep them safe.

Protected Characteristics

The Fagradalsfjall volcano in Iceland has affected the lives of Icelandic people living there. We should never be treated unfairly because of our colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnicity or national origins.

Sex	Sexual Orientation	Age
Disability	Gender Reassignment	Marriage and Civil Partnership
Pregnancy and Maternity	Race	Religion and Belief



UN Rights of a Child



Natural disasters can cause harm to people – their possessions, homes and lives. We have the right to get help if we have been hurt so we can get back our health and dignity.



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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... 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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musicserve@sthelens.gov.uk
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ST HELENS MUSIC EDUCATION HUB
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Illustration of children playing various instruments like a trumpet, guitar, and violin.

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



We will let you know next week!

Dates for the diary



Thursday 14th December - Our Brass Band and Choir will be performing at Heald Farm Court - letters have been sent home to the children who will be going.

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

Tuesday 28th 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

Christmas raffle

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To help with our fundraising, each class is selling tickets for a class Christmas raffle. Tickets are 20p each and the prize will be a tasty treat! Bring the money into class to buy tickets please!

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 (3.20-4.15pm) - **Science** - Mr Leather (Y5 and 6)

Tuesdays (3.20-4.15 pm)-**Book Club** - Mrs Reid (Y3 and 4)

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

Friday - (3.20-4.30 pm) - **Brass Band** - Mrs Chadwick (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

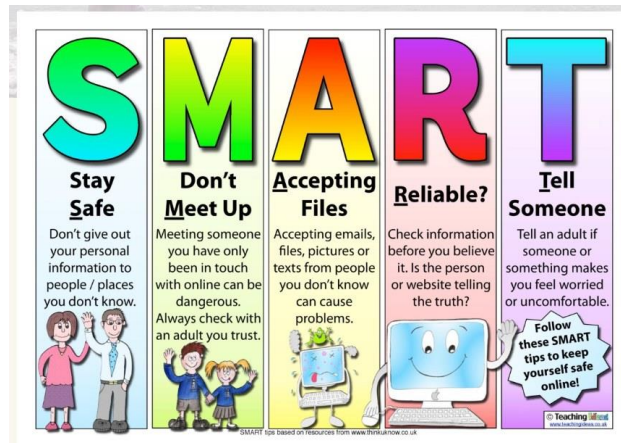


Thursdays Y5 & Y6 Gymnastics




Online Safety

Please see <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s> for support at home with online safety.



PATHS - quote of the month

Using PATHS (Promoting Alternate Thinking Strategies) across school is helping to teach our children about their feelings and how to manage them. Mrs. Reid is leading our school towards achieving model school status through the work the staff and children are doing together. This month the focus is on treating others how you would like to be treated. The children are also being encouraged to think of different ways to compliment the PATHS pupil of the day.



NOVEMBER

PATHS
Quote of the Month

Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if everyone followed the Golden Rule?

Let's show the world how to do it by treating others the way we want to be treated.

Recycling: unwanted textiles



Thank you to those who have already donated - the clothing has been collected! We have kept the donation box so if you are having a clear out before Christmas please bring your unwanted clothing to the office.

<https://www.recycle4school.org.uk/>

WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT



Twitter/ X



Lyme now has a Twitter/ X account! We will be posting photos about our school day on there so please follow us @SchoolLyme .

And finally...



🌐 UNCR Article 2

All children have these rights

As part of our learning around the value of 'Diversity', Miss. Evans led this week's assembly about article 2 of the UNCR: no discrimination. The children had the opportunity to find out about famous people who have differing needs and how they have succeeded in their chosen careers. We were so impressed with how many children could remember the protected characteristics!

Tomorrow is our Christmas Fayre (11.30 am-2.30 pm), we look forward to seeing you here to enjoy the festive atmosphere!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts
