



January 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: 97.7%

Y1: 98.6%

Y2: 95.9%

Y3: 96.7%

Y4: 96.4%

Y5: 91.0%

Y6: 98.6%

The overall whole school attendance is 96.3%. This is around National Average!!

Well done to YR, Y3, Y4 and Y6 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 Lymn 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 Lymn 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 OF 95%

Attendance Ladder

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

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

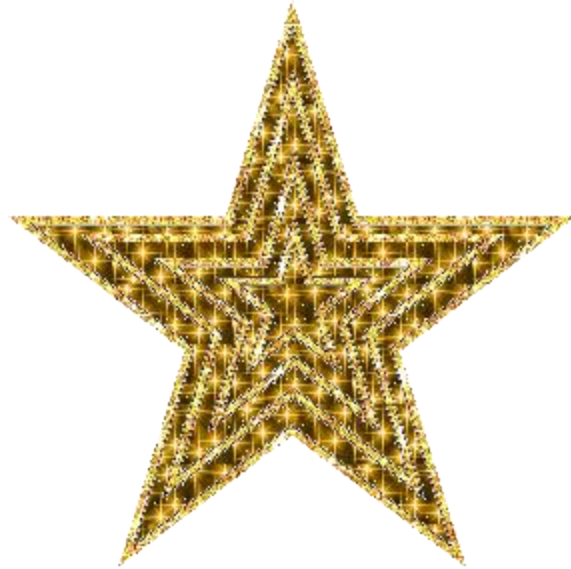
Absence from school will not be authorised for:

- 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

Spring Term Achievers



As this is the first week back after the holidays we will award certificates again on Monday.



Headteacher's Awards

Inspire
Challenge
Achieve
Nurture

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Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



Sports Council

Thank you to our Sports Council who have helped to choose the After School Sports Clubs for this half term.

More updates to follow.

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 rubbish?*

TAKEHOME

In the news this week



Are emojis an important part of communication?

13-year-old Teddy Cottle from Dorsetshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers. Teddy decided to write a letter to Apple requesting the design be changed, asking his classmates and French teacher, Lisa Ballew, to sign it. She suggested instead that it should become a petition and it was launched on petitiononline.co.uk.

- Things to talk about at home ...**
- > What do you know about emojis? Do you ever use them?
 - > Talk to someone else at home. Do they use emojis?
 - > If you could design a new emoji, what would it look like?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Mutual Respect and Tolerance
We are all different. Learning about each other can help us understand and respect one another. Emojis should represent our diverse world and be inclusive.

Protected Characteristics

We should all feel like we can be represented through emojis no matter who we are, where we live or what we believe.





UN Rights of a Child



No matter who we are, where we live, what language we speak, what our religion is, what we think, what we look like, if we are a boy or a girl, if we have a disability, if we are rich or poor, we should never be treated unfairly.



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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 - **they will also be going swimming on Monday this term***

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.

Sponsorship



A big thank you to Mrs. Vaughan for securing sponsorship from CBRE and IWS (International Workplace Solutions LTD) to enable us to purchase a new sports kit for our teams.

CBRE



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Y5 Swimming

I CAN!
Inspire
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8th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



Our Y5 children are starting their swimming lessons next Monday, 15th January 2024. They will be attending 8 sessions in total over the spring term.

When pupils are attending school swimming lessons correct swimwear must be worn at all times. Girls must wear a one piece swimsuit (no two piece at all) All those that can, must have their hair tied back.

Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts at least 3 inches above the knee (no Bermudas or long shorts as these can become dangerous when the pockets become full of water). They will also need a towel.

Any child attending the pool without the correct kit will not be allowed to swim as agreed in our School service level agreement.



Please ensure that the swimming kit is brought into school in a suitable waterproof bag and check your child brings it home after swimming so it's ready for the next week.

Children may bring swimming goggles but these must be named and are the responsibility of the children. They cannot be bought at the baths.

Please note: No toiletries can be used – deodorants, talc, shampoo etc.

The latest advice is that the exclusion of children with verrucas from barefoot activities - such as swimming, physical education or dancing is not justified.

Even the use of devices, such as plastic socks, to protect the feet is discouraged. The use of a waterproof plaster is sufficient.

Swimming is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum. All children should be able to swim 25 metres by the end of KS2. The ability to swim is an important life skill and can be a life saver!

Therefore we do not stop children from taking part in swimming lessons because of a verruca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Roberts'.

Head Teacher

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	WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE STRINGS 4PM - 5PM
WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB 4PM - 5PM	WEDNESDAY YOUTH WIND 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

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

ST HELENS MUSIC EDUCATION HUB
INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FORMER AT SCHOOL

Twitter: @sthelensmusic Facebook: @sthelensmusic

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!

Dates for the diary



Monday 15th January - Start of Y5 swimming session - see below

Thursday 18th January - Census Day - see message below about lunches

Monday 22nd January - Dental surveys (5- year-olds)

Tuesday 23rd January - Viking Day for Y4 (no cost)

Friday 9th February - End of the half term

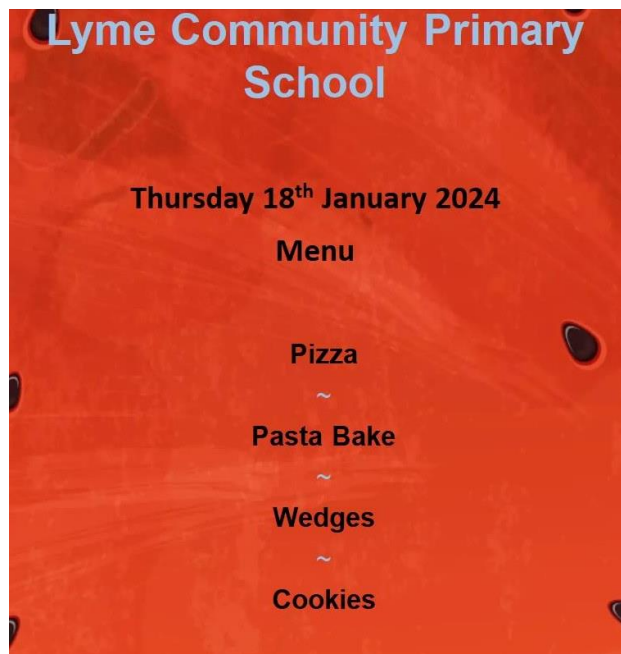
Monday 19th February - Start of Spring Term 2

Census Day

Next Thursday (18th January), our Cook is making the children's favourite meal from the menu; so we would like to encourage all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try our school dinners on this day. They are all entitled to Universal Free School Dinners, so there is no charge. If your child is in KS2 and is entitled to free school meals but currently has packed lunches we would like to encourage them to try one too.

Lots of children enjoyed the Christmas Dinner and have now switched to hot school dinners.

Please see the menu below.



After school activities

*Mondays (3.20-4.20pm) - **Rugby** (Y5 and Y6)*

Tuesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Benchball** (YN and YR)

Wednesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Basketball** (Y1 and Y2)

Thursdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Dodgeball** (Y3 and 4)

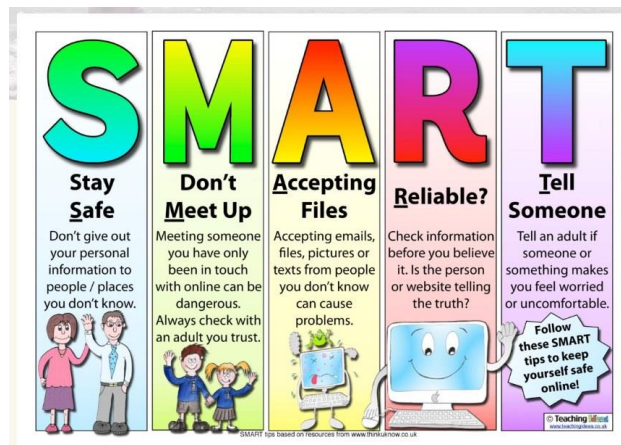
Magical Maths - Miss Burns (by invitation - letters to be sent out after the holidays)

Friday - (3.20-4.30 pm) - **Brass Band** - Mrs Chadwick (KS2)

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

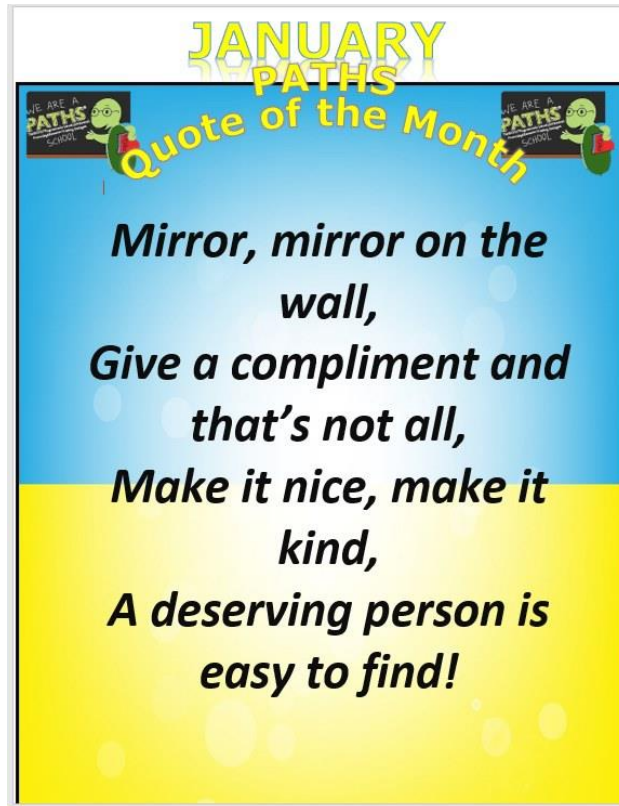
Online Safety

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 months the focus is on treating others fairly.



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...

It has been lovely to see everyone back in school after the holidays. Our value this half term is about positivity and encouragement. In our assemblies we have talked about different things we can do to help us to think on the positive side as well as mindfulness activities to support this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts
