



September 1 2024

Attendance



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*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.

*We need every child in every day!*

*A change for September: we will only be opening the school gates at **8.45 am** each morning when Mrs. Lammond, Miss. Evans and I will be then on the playground. **Please do not arrive before then.** Children in YN and YR will then go into their classrooms. We will ring the bell at 8.50 am as normal for the children in KS1 and KS2 to line up and the staff from each class will walk the children inside.*

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### **School Matters!**



## Home Learning

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*To help our children to consolidate their learning at home, we will be introducing weekly home learning activities alongside daily reading.*

### **Home Learning activities**

*Home Learning activities will be set in the child's Home Learning Book in KS2 and/or on Purple Mash. Home Learning books will contain a guide with strategies for learning the spelling set. All children in KS1 and 2 will have log on details to access activities on Purple Mash and spelling games on Spelling Frame. From Y2 to Year 6, the children will have access to Timestable Rockstars. Both Spelling Frame and TT Rockstars allow the children to collect points – class prizes will be given to those children accessing these sites.*

### **Reading**

*Reading books will be sent home on a Friday and collected in the following Thursday. Those children who are learning phonics through the FFT Success for All program (Foundation Stage, KS1 and some*

children in KS2) will receive a link at the start of the school year to access the FFT site – the book their child is reading in school will be written in their reading record on a weekly basis. Children in KS2 who are on book banded books will take a copy of the book home on a weekly basis. In addition to this, each child will have the opportunity to take home a library book – returning this when they are ready to change it. During Celebration Assembly on a Friday, those children who have returned their signed reading record are entered into their class draw to win a new book

***If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.***

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 spellings
Y4		Weekly maths activity	Weekly spellings
Y5			Weekly spellings
Y6			Weekly grammar activity

## Pupil Leadership updates

# LEADERSHIP



*Our children have been voting for the members of their class who will represent them in the pupil leadership groups we have in school - photos to follow next week!*

# 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: How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?

### TAKEHOME

## In the news this week

Over the summer, many protests took place in England and Northern Ireland. Some of these became violent and turned into riots, which caused a great deal of damage to cars and buildings. It is thought that a lot of the protesters involved were encouraged by misinformation spread online. Following the protests, communities in many towns, including Middlesbrough, organised clean-up efforts that united people from all faiths and races.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- > What does community mean to you? How would you describe your local community?
- > Can you think of a time when you have either helped or been helped by your local community?

### How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

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## Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Our behaviour, actions and words can affect others. It is up to us to decide what kind of impact we want to have within our communities and beyond.

## Protected Characteristics



Communities can consist of a diverse range of people from different countries and backgrounds. Everyone deserves to feel welcome and safe in their community.



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## UN Rights of the Child



The UN Rights apply to all children, no matter their race, religion, language, or any other differences. Governments must ensure that all children have access to their rights and are protected against discrimination.



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## Community news



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*Earlestown Athletic are currently looking for new players from school Year 3. Please contact Dave Tickle if you are interested.*

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## Music opportunities

**MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL 2024-25 FREE!**

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

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## Safeguarding

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### Rail Safety

*Please share the links below with your child about rail safety.*

*NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS1*

*NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>*

### Online Safety

*We will be continuing to talk to the children in school about staying safe online, please do the same at home.*

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## Healthy snacks



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*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.*

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

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## PE Reminders



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*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: Tuesday and Thursday*

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*Y1: Tuesday and Friday*

*Y2: Monday and Wednesday*

*Y3: Tuesday and Thursday*

*Y4: Wednesday and Thursday*

*Y5: Monday and Wednesday*

*Y6: Monday and Tuesday*

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Dates for the diary

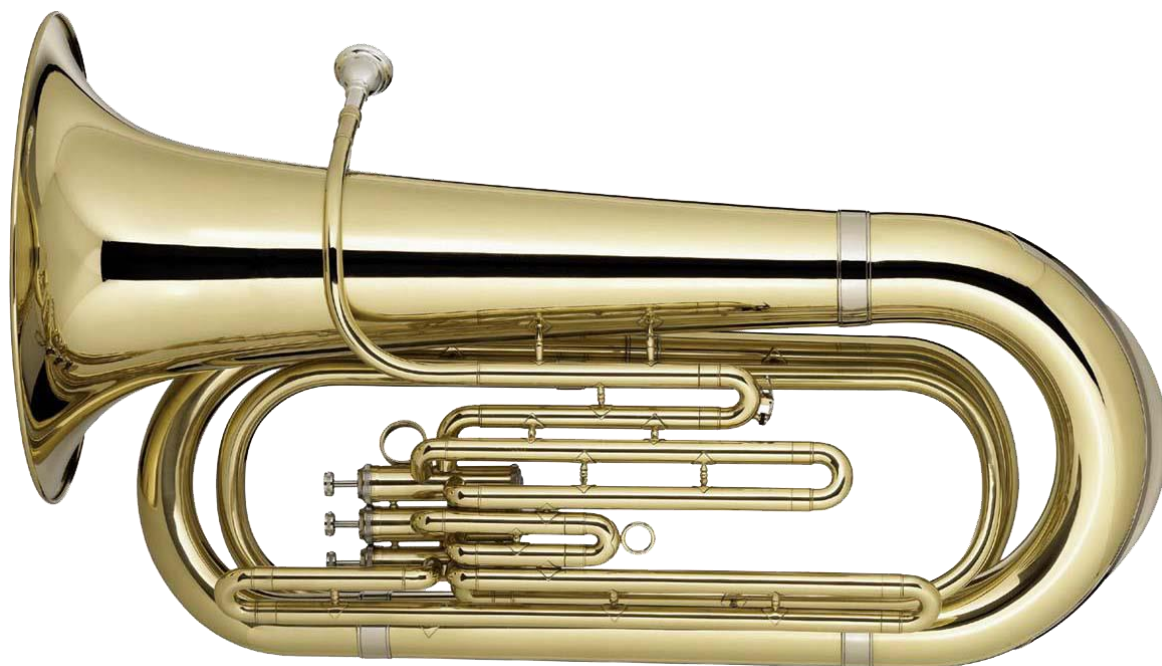


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*Dates for the diary will be shared in next week's newsletter.*

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## Brass Band



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*Mr. Chadwick will be starting his in school and after school tuition on Thursday next week.*

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## Uniform

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### **UNIFORM**

*School uniform is compulsory for full-time children in school. Nursery children do not need to wear uniform. All items of clothing should be clearly named. Uniform is as follows:*

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- *Red sweatshirt, jumper, or cardigan*
  - *White polo shirt (T-shirt with collar)*
  - *Grey skirt/trousers*
  - *Summer dresses are red gingham and shorts can be worn.*
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*School sweatshirts and fleeces may be purchased at any time from the office. Prices on request. School reading book bags are also available to purchase at any time, P.E. kits are available to order at certain times throughout the year.*

***No jewellery may be worn in school.***

*The P.E. kit is:*

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- *Plain white t-shirt.*
  - *Usual school sweatshirt*
  - *Plain red shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms.*
  - *Plain black pumps or trainers*
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*Children may come to school in their PE kits on the days they have games or after school sports clubs.*

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And finally...



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*It is lovely to be back in school for the start of a new year. The children have all settled back into their new year groups really well and made a really positive start to the year.*

*Next week we will be starting our 'Secret Student' reward system - looking for those children who are showing an 'amazing attitude', 'brilliant behaviour', 'perfect presentation' and 'marvellous manners' as we know our children try so hard with this. We will share our winners in our celebration assembly on Friday.*

*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Mrs. Roberts*

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