

September 4 2024

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.

We need every child in every day!

YR - 96.6%

Y1 - 96.3%

Y2 - 93.6%

Y3 - 90.4%

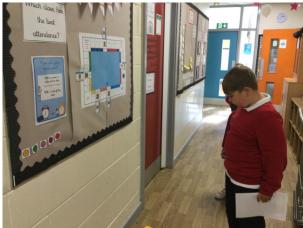
Y4 - 93.3%

Y5 - 98.5%

The whole school attendance target is 96%. Well done to YR, Y1 and Y5 who beat our attendance target this week! They all had 2 rolls of the dice: YR and Y1 will be having a popcorn treat next week and Y5 get a class vote on a 10 minute reward.

The overall whole school attendance is 94.5%.







School Matters!





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.



This week's achievers



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 - Cody and Elliot

Y1 - Esme and Qamar

Y2 - Millie and Oscar

Y3 - Jaxon J and Yaqub

Y4 - Phoebe and Joshua

Y5 - Alfie P and Rhian

Y6 - Mikaeel and Bobbie



Team points

This week's winners are the Phoenix team. They now have won for 2 weeks! Who will win the end of half term prize?



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 Friday who have demonstrated our school's I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge, Achieve, Nurture.

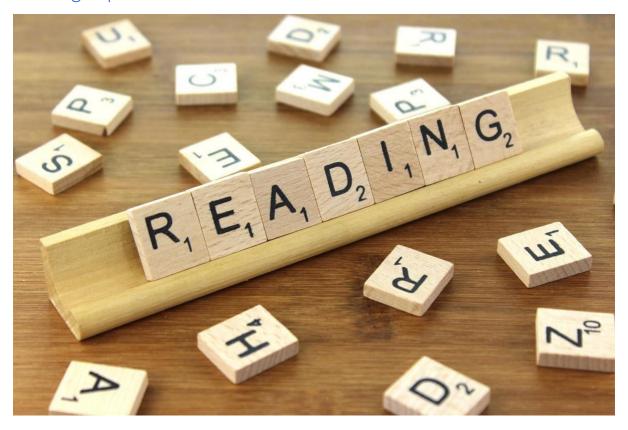
Inspire - Phoebe (Y4) for the way she approaches all her learning - she always listens, is always on task and always applies herself.

Challenge - Jenson (Y5) for never giving up and always getting stuck into challenges at our football tournament.

Achieve - George (Y6) for a losing zero Reward Time in Y6 due to making the correct choices and being a good role model.

Nurture - Kycen (Y3) for supporting her friend in our fitness PE sessions by modelling exercises.

Reading Superstars



Well done to this week's book winners for reading AT LEAST 3 times per week at home.



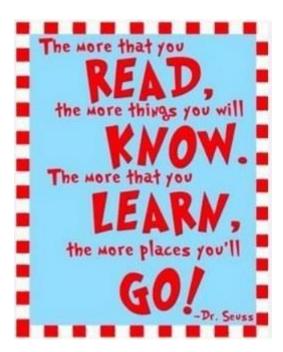












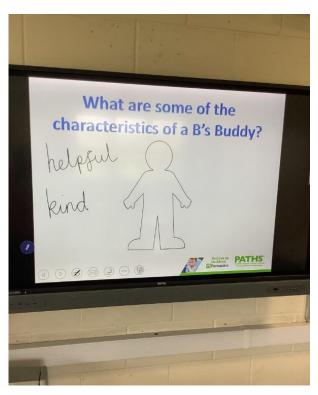
Pupil Leadership updates



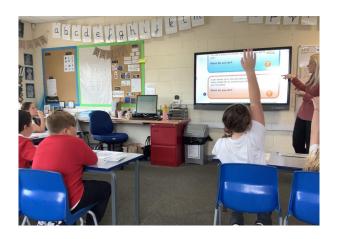
The Reading Ambassadors have met this week to discuss plans for the autumn term and have started to plan events linked to World Animal Day and World Smile Day which are both in October.



The B's Buddies are up and running and are enjoying their roles.









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:** Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?



In the news this week

The UK's first teacherless classroom, using Al (artificial intelligence) instead of human teachers, has opened. David Game College, a school in London, began its new course for twenty GCSE pupils in September. The pupils will learn using both Al platforms on their computers and VR (virtual reality)

Things to talk about at home.

> What do you imagine it would be like to learn without a teacher? What difficulties do you think might arise? What do you believe the benefits could be?

What qualities do you think make a good teacher? Ask others at home. Do you agree on all of the qualities?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss









Rule of Law

The Department for Education (DfE) is the department of the UK government responsible for education. They set policies, guidance and rules about how and what we learn.

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Protected Characteristics

Our religion or belief can affect what and how we are taught. We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion or belief.



















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UN Rights of the Child



Every child has the right to education. We should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible.



Community news



We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 16th October. We will then be donating things to the Food Bank in Earlestown. More information to follow next week.



We are still waiting for someone to fill the crossing patrol vacancy and are in close contact with the Council about this. If you are interested in the role, please see the advert which was sent out this week. Mel, from the Road Safety Team, has been into school this week to deliver an assembly about keeping safe on the road.



Music opportunities



Fundraising



Thank you to everyone who has entered the Bake Sale, bought a cake or a raffle ticket and supported this great cause. We will let you know how much we raise in next week's newsletter.









Safeguarding



- The school car park, is for staff only. Parents are not allowed to park or turn around in it.
- Please return all yellow contact forms and photo permission forms, these are imperative to keeping your details up to date.
- If your child(ren) are late, they must be signed in by an adult and not left to come into school by themselves.
- If someone different is collecting your child from school, you must contact the office so that the staff are aware when dismissing the children.
- Please do not park over resident's drive ways on Lyme Street as they need access at all times.
 - If you are picking children up from KS1 AND KS2 at home time, please wait on the KS2 playground after collecting children from Y1 and Y2 as it is causing an issue for staff when leading Y3,4, 5 and 6 out.

Online Safety

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



Healthy snacks



We are seeing increasing numbers of children bringing in snacks which are high in sugar. As healthy school, we ask that children in KS2 bring in 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 per year) and fruit each day.

Someone is coming to deliver a workshop about healthy packed lunches on Tuesday 8th October from 1.15 - 3.15 pm. Please let us know if you are coming: https://forms.office.com/e/UktTGFWQ55

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: Tuesday and Thursday

YR: Monday and Wednesday

Y1: Tuesday and Friday

Y2: Monday and Friday

Y3: Tuesday and Thursday

Y4: Wednesday and **Friday**

Y5: Wednesday - Y5 will be going swimming on Monday 16th until the end of this half term (letters have been sent home)

Y6: Monday and Tuesday

Please note the change to the Y2 PE days.



Well done to the Y5 football team who showed great team work in their football tournament at Rainhill High this week.





Lunch menu





Dates for the diary



Monday 30th September: Judo assembly (after school clubs will start in Autumn 2)

Wednesday 2nd October: Y3/4 Dodgeball tournament

: Student Council visit to the Town Hall

Tuesday 8th October: Healthy Packed Lunch workshop 1.15-3.15 pm

Thursday 10th October: World Mental Health Day ('wear something yellow')

Tuesday 15th October: Young Carers assembly

Monday 21st October: Flu vaccination team in (please complete consent forms)

: Scholastic Book Fair arriving - it will be here all week

Tuesday 22nd October: Open Day 2 for YN and YR parents (2025/26 intake) at 10 am

: Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm

Thursday 24th October: Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm

Friday 25th October: School closes for half term

Monday 4th November: School opens for Autumn term 2

After school clubs



Please book and pay on School Money.

Wednesday

- YR/Y1/Y2 Yoga and Mindfulness (3.20-4.20 pm)
 - Y4/Y5/Y6 Gardening (3.20-4.15pm)
 - Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Football (3.20-4.15pm)

Thursday

- YR/Y1/Y2 Arts, Crafts and Forest School activities (3.20-4.20 pm) FULL
 - KS2 Brass Band (3.20-4.20 pm)

Uniform

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:

- 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.

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:

- Plain white t-shirt.
- Usual school sweatshirt
- Plain red shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms.

Children may come to school in their PE kits on the days they have games or after school sports

Height/Weight checks - YR and Y6

This will be taking place at Lyme on Friday 29th November. Please see the information below.



Dear Parent/Guardian.

Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Height and weight measurements are used to calculate how many children are in each weight category; overweight, healthy weight or underweight. The data is collected and used nationally and locally to support public health initiatives, and to inform the planning and delivery of services for children. Your child's class will take part in this year's programme.

The checks are carried out by trained health care providers. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils

Maintaining the well-being of children in the NCMP
The wellbeing of children and families is very important. Individual results are not shared with your child or their school. The weight and height information is shared with you in the parent or carer feedback letter. It is your choice if you share the information with your child. The data will also be uploaded on to the GPs records for your child. If you are concerned about your child's growth, weight, body image or eating patterns, please seek further support from a school nurse or General Practitioner.

The information we collect and what it is used for is listed below:

- your child's date of measurement, sex and date of birth are used to calculate
- your child's weight category
 your child's name, date of birth and NHS Number are used to link your child's measurements in Reception and Year 6.
- your child's ethnicity and address are used to help understand some of the reasons for the difference and changes in child weight across England
 your contact details will be used to send you your child's feedback.

How your child's data is collected and processed as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
Local authorities have a legal duty to collect the NCMP data. They do this by following guidance from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (formally Public Health England). Local authorities are responsible for making decisions on how the data is collected and for making sure it is protected. Your local 0-19 team are contracted to deliver NCMP. The team collecting the data enter it into the NCMP IT system, which is provided by NHS Digital. The data may also be entered into a local child health information system.

How the data is used

The information collected from all schools in the area will be gathered together and held securely by St Helens Local Authority. We will store your child's information as part of their local child health record on the NHS's child health information database and share it with their GP.

No information will ever be published by NHS Digital or OHID that identifies your child.

 $\underline{\text{If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.}}\\$

Withdrawing your child from the National Child Measurement Programme

If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight please let us know using the contact details provided below.

Email: wchc.schoolscreeners@nhs.net Telephone: 01744 411277

St Helens 0-19 Team - Billinge clinic, Rainford Road, WN5 7PF

Children will not take part on the day if they do not want to, our School Screening team will visit your childs school for a second visit if they have not participated.

Yours faithfully,

Hilary Brooks Director of Children's Services

Flu immunisations

This will be taking place at Lyme on Thursday 21st November. Please complete the consent form using the QR code below. Paper copies are available from the School Office.



School Aged Imm nisation Service

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's annual flu immunisation is now due.

This immunisation is recommended to help protect your child against flu.

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Immunising your child will also help to protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Most children are offered a nasal spray immunisation which is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the immunisation last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

The nasal spray vaccine is the preferred vaccine. A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is enclosed and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is

The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine) as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or immunisations that contain porcine gelatine, an alternative flu injection is available. Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the

Please complete your child's flu form by scanning the below QR code or visit our website: https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/



You can choose which type of flu immunisation you want your child to receive. If you decide you don't want your child to receive their flu immunisation, we kindly ask you to still complete their form, as this will help us plan and improve the service and avoid you receiving further calls and reminders from the service

Alternatively, if you are completing a paper consent form, please return it to school within three days of receiving it. The team will enter the information you provide onto the system and confidentially dispose of your form at the end of the flu campaign.

If after completing your child's form you visit a GP for their flu immunisation or wish to amend their form, you must contact the immunisation team directly and not your child's school.

Chair: Rosie Cooper Chief Executive: Prof Joe Rafferty CBE

Please remember it's important to ensure your child has received two doses of MMR and their other routine immunisations. This will ensure they are fully protected against vaccine preventable

Please contact your local team if you require any help, support or have any queries who will be happy to help

Yours Sincerely

School Aged Immunisation Services

Additional Information for Childhood Immunisations

To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine. For a checklist of the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit: www.nhs.uk/vaccinations



Preschool immunisions Immunisations for young people



Liverpool Schools: 0151 295 3833 or email mcn-tr.yacandimms.team@nhs.net or email mcn-tr.knowsleyimmunisationteam@nhs.net or email mcn-tr.knowsleyimmunisationteam@nhs.net or email mcn-tr.sfenorimmunisationteam@nhs.net or email mcn-tr.sfenorimmunisationteam@nhs.net

Secret Students

Our children can achieve great things when we set high expectations for them.

Jeb Bush

We have shared with the children what our expectations are. All week we have been 'checking in' with our Secret Students and are pleased to say that they have all been awarded a special 'ICAN' badge in assembly. They will also be invited to hot chocolate and cake with myself and Miss. Evans next week. Well done to this week's FABULOUS students!

Perfect Presentation - Evie (Y5)

Amazing Attitude - Noah (Y2)

Marvellous Manners - Jaxon (Y3)

Parent Governor Vacancies



We have two parent governor vacancies at Lyme. The information has been emailed out to all parents and carers. The nomination form can be sent into school as a paper copy or emailed to the office: lymecp@sthelens.org.uk no later than Thursday 3rd October. If more than two people are nominated, there will be a parent vote.

Pupil Premium: Extra Funding for Your Child's School

Did you know that registering for Pupil Premium means that your child's school could get extra money?

Pupil Premium is additional funding that the Government gives to mainstream and special schools in England to help children from low income families. The Pupil Premium Grant must be spent to help eligible pupils reach their full potential, both academically and socially, and the school will decide how best to spend this.

How much is the Pupil Premium?

Schools will receive £1,480 for eligible primary-aged pupils.

Who is eligible for Pupil Premium?

Pupil premium is allocated to pupils from low income families and the eligibility check is identical to the Free School Meals eligibility check. Qualifying benefits are as follows:

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-based)
 - Child Tax Credit based on income below £16,190
 - The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Asylum Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' (this is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Families who receive any level of Working Tax Credit are not entitled to free school meals.

If you have submitted your date of birth and your National Insurance number on your child's admission form the school will automatically check for eligibility via a secure portal. This is updated throughout the year. Alternatively, please call in at the office and ask Mrs. O'Brien for an application form.

There are also Premiums available to children of Forces Families and Looked After Children. Please let us know if this may apply to your child.

School places

We have places available in our YR, Y1 and Y2 classes - please share this with your friends and family!

Tours of the school can be arranged by contacting the school office.

Rights-Respecting: Article of the month

Miss. Evans and the Rights-Respecting Ambassadors led an assembly this week about their role and article 12: the right to be listened to.

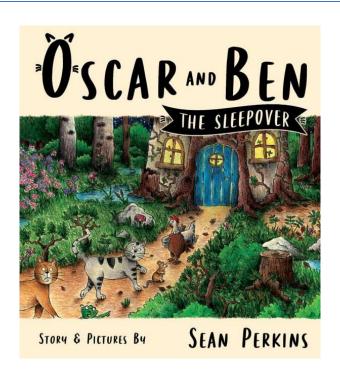


Children's Rights- Article 12
Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.



Author visit

Sean Perkins will be visiting school very soon to share his new book with EY and KS1- details to follow....



And finally...



Today is National Teaching Assistants' Day. We would not be the school we are if it wasn't for the amazing staff at Lyme who go above and beyond each and every day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Roberts