



October 1 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 - 93%

Y2 - 92.7%

Y3 - 90%

Y4 - 87.2%

Y5 - 96.5%

Y6 - 96.1%

The whole school attendance target is 96%. Well done to YR, Y5 and Y6 who beat our attendance target this week! They all had 2 rolls of the dice: YR and Y5 have moved around the board and Y6 get a class vote on a 10 minute reward.

The overall whole school attendance is 93%.

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.*

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Level 1

- Chills** at least 3 days from the onset of the illness with all other fever excluded
- Duration of fever** 48 hours after first fever episode
- Sore and swollen throat** including COVID-19 if no other signs of fever, immunisation up to date and no other symptoms. Follow the national guidance if they're tested positive for COVID-19
- Rashes** that have been checked and tested as not contagious after any medical advice
- Headache** 3 days after the start of symptoms
- Diarrhoea** 5 days after the start of symptoms
- Diarrhoea** they've had 6 or more episodes
- Unsettling cough** 28 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

- Headache** not all week
- Diarrhoea** not all week
- Headache** 2 days
- Diarrhoea** 2 days

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://go.nhs.uk>

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 - Hudson and Aqsa

Y1 - Theo C and Ben

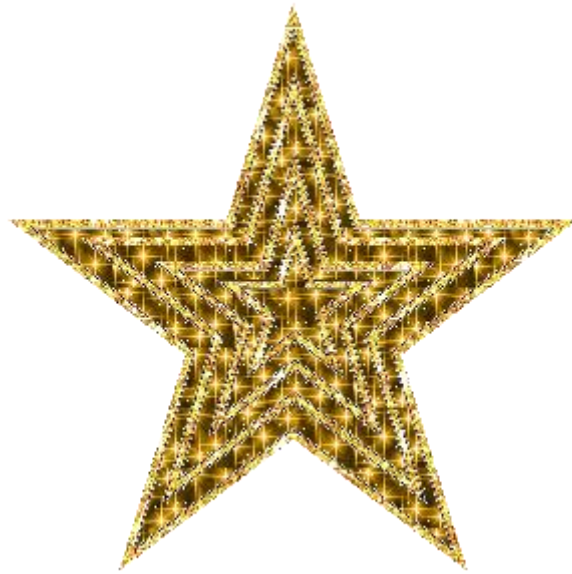
Y2 - Zadie and Jelani

Y3 - Elsie and Arya

Y4 - Kaitlin and Winter-Rose

Y5 - Kai-Xander and Daisy

Y6 - Lou-Lou and Vincent



Team points

This week's winners are the Phoenix team. They now have won for 3 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.***

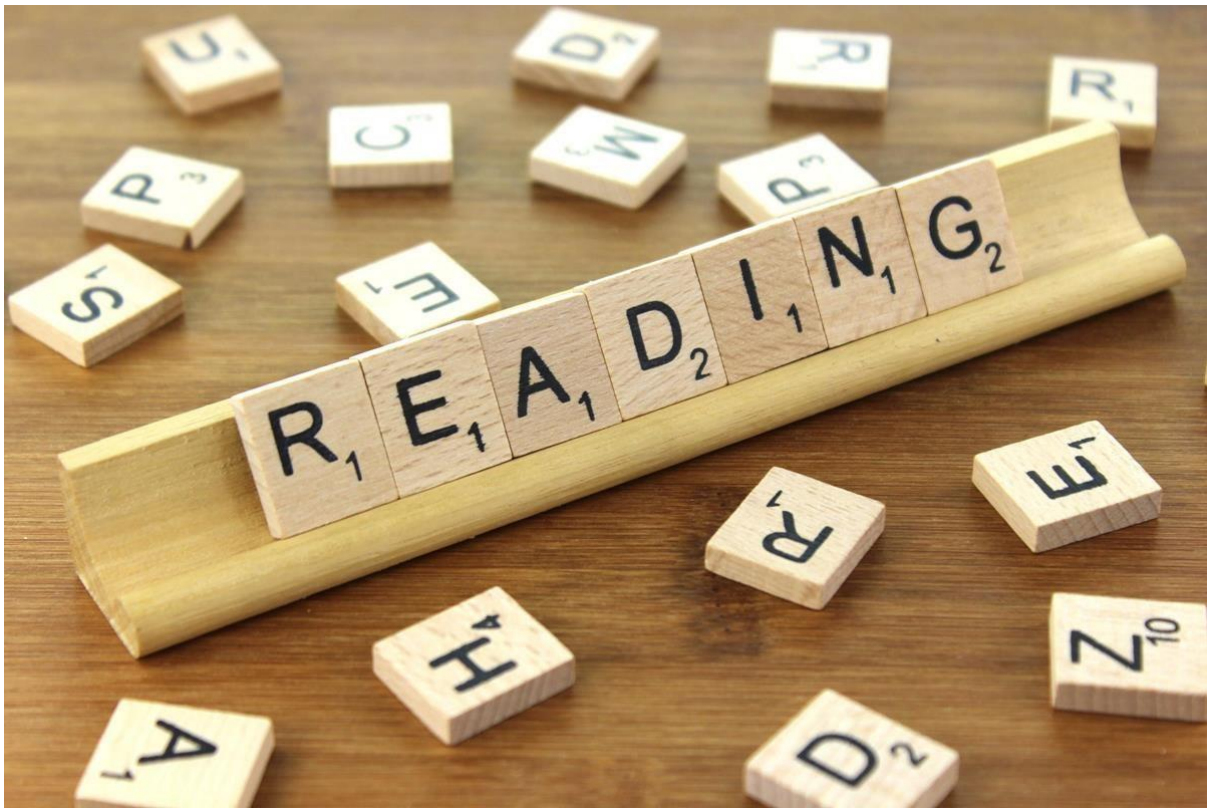
***Inspire** - Lexie (Y5) for always having the best interests of the school in mind by picking up litter, making posters, being supportive and kind to adults and her classmates and being an exemplary role model.*

***Challenge** - Rebecca (Y6) for challenging herself to write an amazing paragraph with accurate use of a variety of punctuation.*

***Achieve** - Ivy-Louise (Y4) for writing an excellent setting narrative.*

***Nurture** - Franky (YR) for telling another child he was glad he was back in school after being off ill.*

Reading Superstars

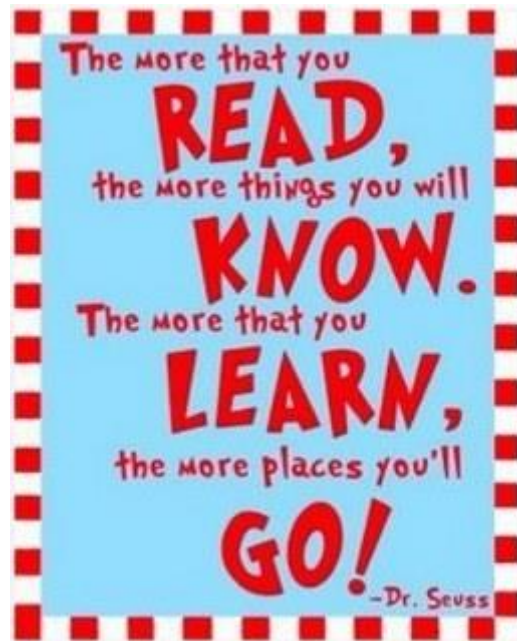


Well done to this week's book winners for reading AT LEAST 3 times per week at home.



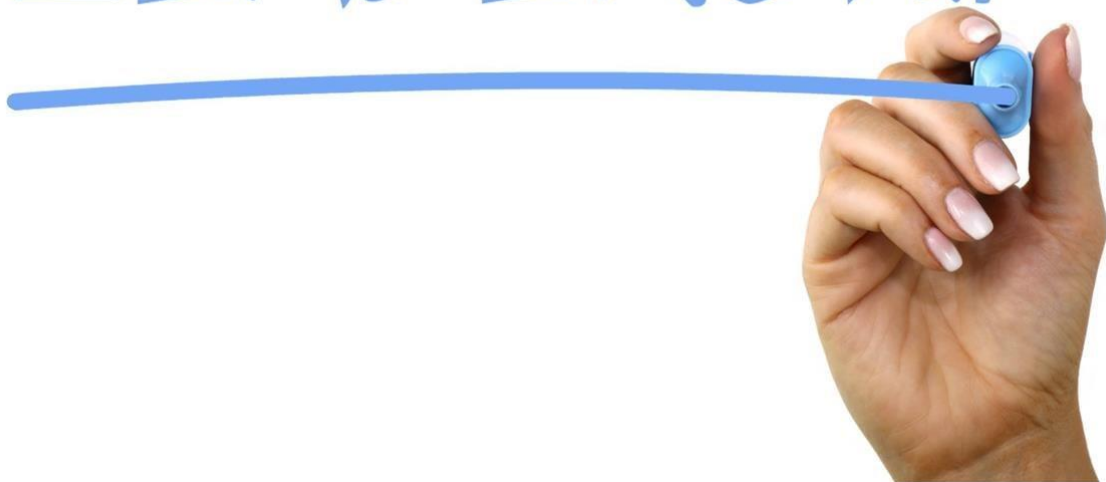






Pupil Leadership updates

LEADERSHIP



Our Student Council, Eco Team, Rights-Respecting Ambassadors, Reading Ambassadors and Online Safety Team have all met this week and have started to plan what they will be doing this year.

Student Council would like to do some fundraising and have some excellent ideas like a family quiz night and another sleepover!

Here are some of the ideas from the Reading Ambassadors:



ARTICLE 12: You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



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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 important is it to know about the author behind the book?**

TAKEHOME

In the news this week



How important is it to know about the author behind the book?

Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book vending machine at Leithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's '14 in Colour' reading lists. The reading lists, set up around four years ago, are updated each year and aim to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible in schools.

Things to talk about at home...

- Would you like to see a book vending machine in school? Do you think it would be popular?
- What types of books do you like to read, and who are some of your favourite authors? Ask others at home about their reading preferences.
- Do you feel it's important to know about the author of a book you read? Is it important to you to read books by authors from different backgrounds and with different experiences? What do others at home think?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Life is not the same for everyone. By listening carefully to the stories of others, we can understand and get to know one another better.

Protected Characteristics

The stories of Black people have been oversimplified or overlooked in the past. We should always support others to tell their own stories, whatever their race.

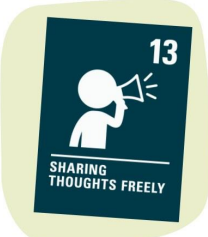
Sex	Sexual Orientation	Age
Disability	Gender Reassignment	Marriage and Civil Partnership
Pregnancy and Maternity	Race	Religion or Belief



UN Rights of the Child



Children have the right to share their thoughts and experiences freely. Governments must support this freedom of expression for children of all races.



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.



Music opportunities

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

TUESDAY... ROCK & POP BAND 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

ST HELENS TOWN HALL
MUSIC SERVICE
WE'RE MAKING MUSICAL CELEBRITY
HELLO AND BY PHONE OR IN PERSON
@sthelemusic @sthelemusicors
01744 677946
music@sthelens.gov.uk
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO JOIN AND REGISTER TODAY

An illustration at the bottom of the poster showing a group of diverse children playing various musical instruments like a trumpet, guitar, and drums.

Fundraising



Thank you to Mrs. Houghton who planned the event and to everyone who helped on the day - we raised £300 for a great cause.

Well done to the Bake Sale winners: Abigail (Y1), Alfie (Y4) and Harmony (Y5) and to Vincent (Y6) for winning the raffle.

Safeguarding



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- *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.*
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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/UktGFWQ5S>

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.

Y3/4 Dodgeball Tournament



Well done to our team who came 4th in the tournament this week. They played well as a team and had a great time.



Lunch menu

Summer Menu 2024

Week 1

Monday
Pasta Salad
Cherry Fizz (V)
Crisps & Rais
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo)
Raspberry Apple Smoothie

Tuesday
Beef Burger/Sausage/Slight Chicken
Super Hotdog (V)
Hotdog & Sausages
Fillet Jacket Potato (Sausage (V), Cheese (V), Baked Beans (V), Tuna Mayo)
Apple Crisp (V)

Wednesday
Pork Sausage Dinner
Sausage Dinner (V)
Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Carrot & Tomato, Gravy
Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo)
Chocolate Brownie

Thursday
BQ Chicken Pizza
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake (V)
Fillet Jacket Potato (Cheese (V), Sausage (V), Baked Beans (V), Tuna Mayo)
Fruit Salad

Friday
Breaded Fish Shapes
Crispy Nuggets (V)
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo)
Homemade Cake

Week 2

Monday
Ham & Sweetcorn Homemade Pizza
Sausage Roll (V)
Pasta, Broccoli & Carrots
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo)
Fruit & Ice-cream

Tuesday
All Day Breakfast
All Day Breakfast (Cottage Cheese, Quince, Soft Cheese, Beans, Tomato)
Fillet Jacket Potato (Baked Beans (V), Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo, Sausage (V))
Sausage & Potato Skillet

Wednesday
Chicken Dinner
Quinn Dinner (V)
Mash, Cauliflower, Carrots & Gravy
Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo)
Cook's Muffin

Thursday
Chicken Pie (Cook's Pick)
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake (V)
Fillet Jacket Potato (Chicken in Gravy, Cheese (V), Sausage (V), Potatoes)
Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables

Friday
Fish Fingers
Vegetable Fingers (V)
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo)
Sausage & Baked Potato Skillet

Week 3

Monday
Beef Hotpot
Tomato & Mozzarella Pasta (V)
New Potatoes & Broccoli
Choice of Sandwich (Cheese (V), Ham, Tuna Mayo)
Ice-Cream with Summer Berry Sauce

Tuesday
Pasta Salad
Two Cheese Pizza (V)
Pasta, Cheese & Sausage
Fillet Jacket Potato (Beef Burgers/Sausage (V), Cheese (V), Baked Beans (V))
Raspberry Shaggy

Wednesday
Sausage Dinner
Sausage Dinner (V)
Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables, Gravy
Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo)
Banana & Raisin

Thursday
Chicken Curry & Rice
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake (V)
Fillet Jacket Potato (Chicken Curry, Cheese (V), Sausage (V), Tuna Mayo)
Cook's Muffin

Friday
Fish Fingers / Salmon Bites
Battered Nuggets (V)
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo)
Fruit & Jolly

*Additional to the above: White & Brown Bread, *Vegetarian (V) and *Vegan (V) options available upon request. Choice of Milk, White & Plain (not shown) is available.
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The Big Events 2024 / 2025

11TH - 15TH NOVEMBER 2024

National School Meals Week 2024

A celebration for amazing school meals that saves time nationwide. The theme for **NAMW 2024** is **Meatless Meals** highlighting the positive influence a school meal can have for children on their academic achievements and social skills.

ACROSS DECEMBER 2024

Christmas Lunch

Our traditional favourite! A Christmas day all of its own enjoying Turkey and mince pies.

WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2025

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Back for 2024/2025! Celebrating the year of the snake showcasing how we embrace cultures from around the world.

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2025

SHROVE TUESDAY

The last day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent for the Christian holidays leading up to Easter Sunday.

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading.

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025

Holi

FESTIVAL OF COLOURS
Holi Festival, also known as the festival of colours is a Hindu globe event typically celebrating the victory of good over evil.

TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2025

SIMPLY VEG SHOWCASE

Simply veg is a campaign by veg power supporting children and families a life. The simple goal is to help families save up affordable, simple food every day.

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2025

Challenge Cup Finals Day

Taking place Saturday 7th June, it's a great chance for being rugby fanatical, we celebrate one of the biggest events of the season.
Who will be there?

Dates for the diary



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

Wednesday 9th October: Student Council to visit the Town Hall (letters to be sent home)

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

***Appointments can now be booked online**



Upcoming dates

Friday 22nd November
Own Clothes Day – donation of chocolates for the Christmas Bingo

Thursday 28th November
Christmas Bingo - arrival from 5pm/ start at 5.30pm

Friday 6th December
Own Clothes Day – donation of bottles for the Christmas Fayre

Monday 9th December
Foundation Stage (YN and YR) Nativity performance for YN families–
9.30 am

Tuesday 10th December
Foundation Stage (YN and YR) Nativity performance for YR families–
9.30 am

Wednesday 11th December
Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas performance for Y1 families– 9.30
am



Thursday 12th December

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

Friday 13th December

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

Saturday 14th December

Christmas Fayre – 11 am -2pm

Monday 16th December

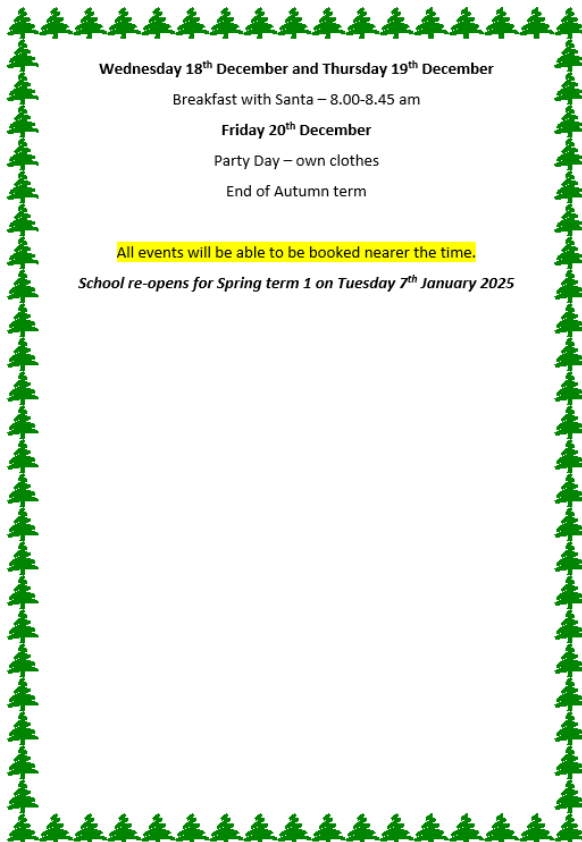
Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) Carol Service for Y5 and Y6 families–
2.00 pm

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Craft Event (see separate letter – coming soon)

Wednesday 18th December

Pantomime –pm - in school
£3 per child (YR-6)



Wednesday 18th December and Thursday 19th December

Breakfast with Santa – 8.00-8.45 am

Friday 20th December

Party Day – own clothes
End of Autumn term

All events will be able to be booked nearer the time.

School re-opens for Spring term 1 on Tuesday 7th January 2025

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)*
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Thursday

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

Amazing Attitude - Layla (Y4)

Marvellous Manners - Jacob (Y5)

Parent Governor Vacancies



We have two parent governor vacancies at Lyme. The information about the four candidates who have put their names forward have been emailed out and ballot paper have been sent home.

- *Only one ballot paper per family please.*
 - *You can vote for two people.*
 - *Ballot papers are to be posted in the sealed box at the main school office - ones handed to class teachers/placed in book bags will be returned home.*
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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.*
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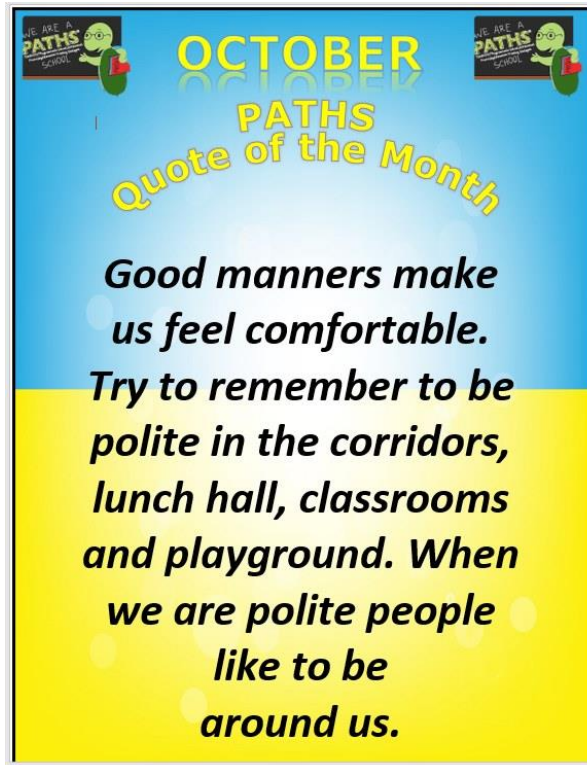
How do I apply for Pupil Premium?

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.

PATHS Quote of the month

Mrs. Reid led an assembly this week about the PATHS quote for October which is all about manners. We are hearing and seeing lots of respectful behaviour around school such as 'please', 'thank you', holding doors open - we so proud of all of our children.



Judo

Following our assembly on Monday, we are offering a Judo Club (led by an external provider) after the half term for KS2 children:

- *Tuesdays 3:20 - 4:20pm on 12th, 19th, 26th November, 3rd and 10th December (5 weeks)*
 - *Cost £18 per child for 5 sessions (this has been part funded by school)*
 - *Please make payment via parent pay. Your child will need shorts and t-shirt. Judo suits and mats are provided.*
 - *Please see link below to sign up to the club.*
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After Christmas, this will be for YR and KS1.



And finally...



Tomorrow is World Teachers' Day. In one of our assemblies this week we talked about what makes a good teacher and the children shared things about what makes the adults in their classes special. It was lovely to hear the compliments they shared about how they feel safe; how they help them to remember learning and the fun things they do in class.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Roberts
