



October 2 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 - 94.5%

Y1 - 91.7%

Y2 - 95.9%

Y3 - 96.8%

Y4 - 95.0%

Y5 - 97.7%

Y6 - 95.3%

The whole school attendance target is 96%. Well done to Y3 and Y5 who beat our attendance target this week! They had 2 rolls of the dice.

The overall whole school attendance is 95.1%.

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

- Diarrhoea** at least 3 days from the onset of the illness with at least two other criteria
- Duration of fevers** 48 hours after the last fever episode
- Sore and swollen throat including COVID-19** if they do not get better after 5 days from the onset of symptoms
- Headache** if they have been to school and have it at least 2 days after the last episode
- Stomach** 3 days after the last episode
- Cough** if they've had it for 10 days
- Wheezing cough** 48 hours after they started taking anti-inhalers

No

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

- Headache** within 24 hours
- Stomach** 2 days
- Diarrhoea** 2 days

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 - Roman and Teddy

Y1 - Florence and Beatrice

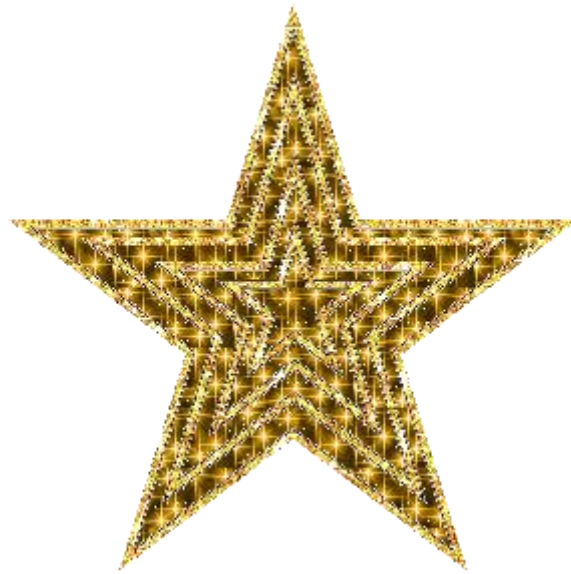
Y2 -Brooke and Reggie

Y3 - Adrian and Taibah

Y4 - Alfie C and Layla

Y5 - Jacob and Charlie B

Y6 - Spencer and Lola



Team points

*This week's winners are the Unicorns team. This is their first week of achieving the most points!!
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.***

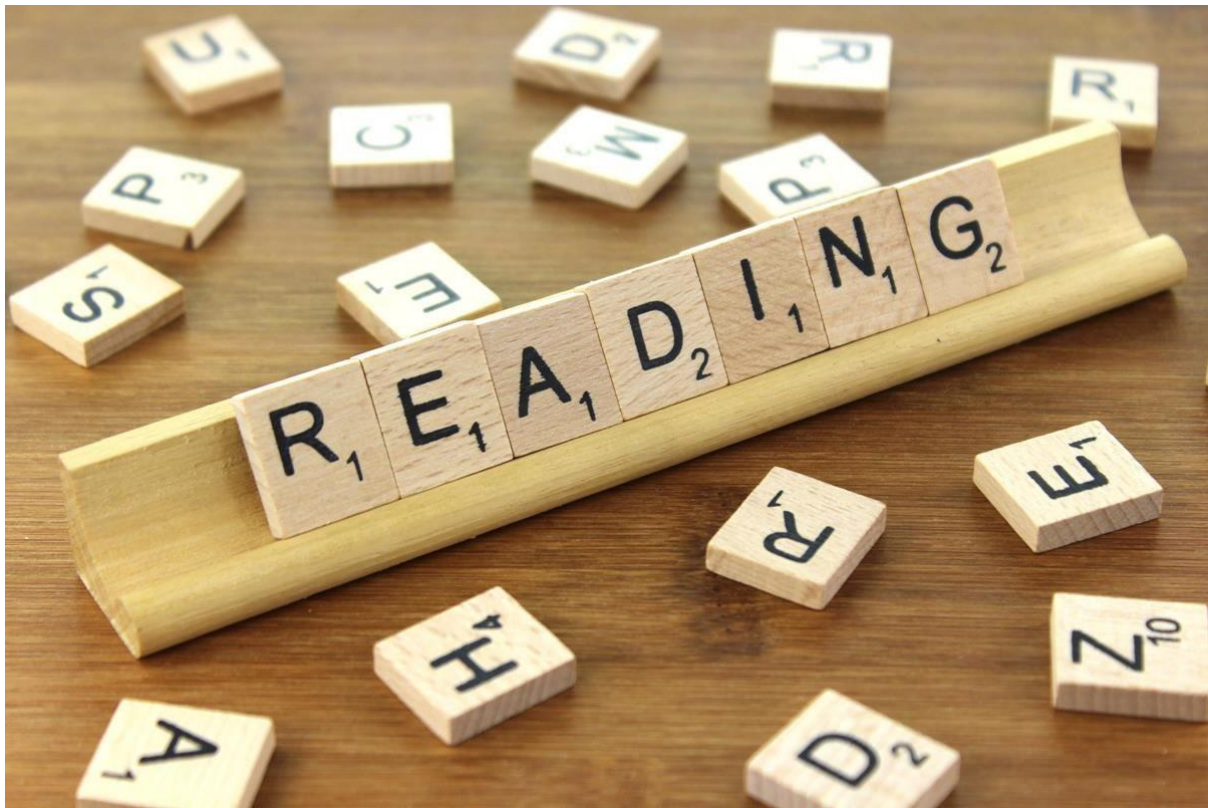
***Inspire** - Lola (Y6) for completing some independent research about historical figures from the black community for Black History Month.*

***Challenge** - Neveah (Y2) for challenging herself to complete all her flashcards about positive choices with Mrs. Bradbury.*

***Achieve** - Grayson (Y4) for achieving well in his writing - challenging himself to include five pieces of technical vocabulary in his writing about whales.*

***Nurture** - Lacey-May (Y5) for showing great kindness by making gifts for the Y5 staff.*

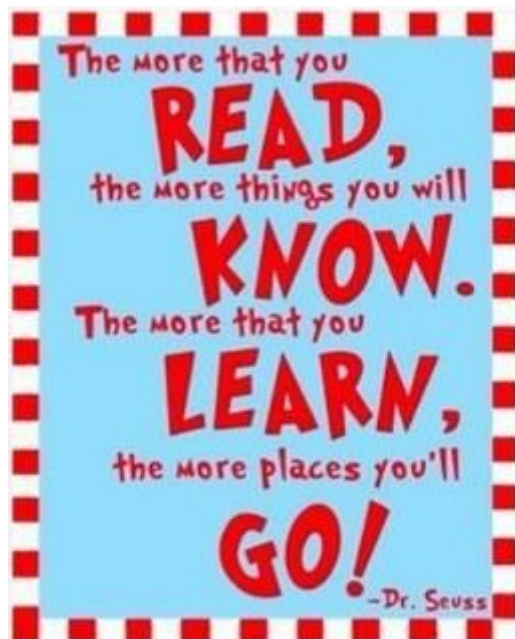
Reading Superstars



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

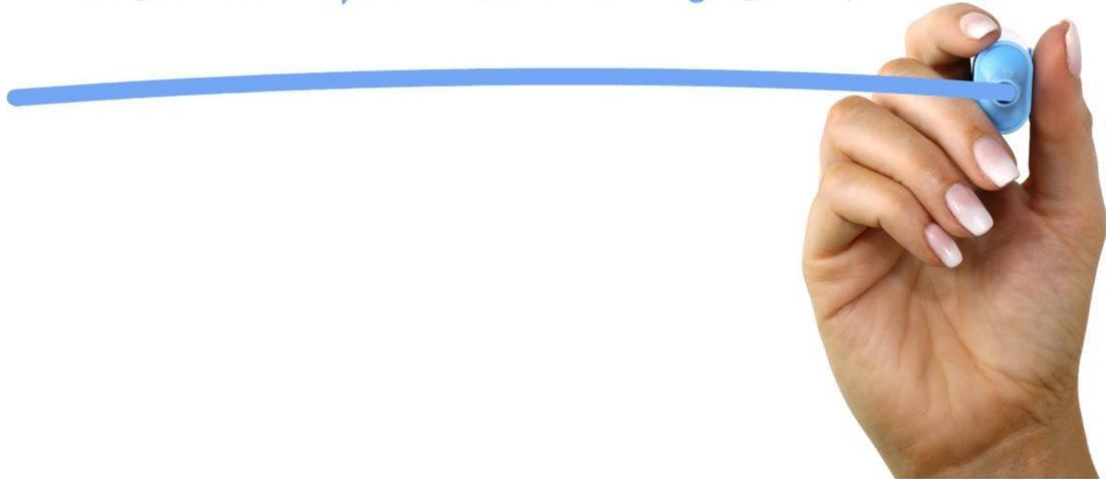






Pupil Leadership updates

LEADERSHIP



Our Sports Leaders and Prefects are doing an excellent job at supporting our younger children at lunchtimes.





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 are human interactions?

TAKEHOME



How important are human interactions?

In the news this week

E-commerce company Amazon, has told all staff they need to return to the office five days a week next year, ending the option to work from home. In a message to all workers, Chief Executive Andy Jassy said the company expected everyone to be in the office full time (apart from some exceptions) from 2nd January, 2025. Amazon's new policy is very different from the UK government's approach, which is to make flexible working a right for employees, as promised in a new law proposal, due to be announced later this year.


Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you believe Amazon's decision is fair? Talk to someone at home, do they agree?
- Do you think you might prefer working from home, or from a workplace with others? Why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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Individual Liberty

At the moment, all employees have the right to request flexible working. Being aware of our rights and freedoms in the workplace can provide us with balance, fulfilment and enjoyment.

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Protected Characteristics

Companies, like Amazon, have many employees. The law protects all employees from being treated unfairly at work.



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UN Rights of the Child



Children have the right to be protected from doing work that is dangerous or bad for their education, health or development. If children work, they have the right to be safe and paid fairly.



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Community news



AUTUMN FOOTBALL CAMP

EF92 ACADEMY
EST. 2020

MONDAY 28TH OCT
↓
FRIDAY 1ST NOV

9AM - 3:30PM
AGES 5 - 13
£20 DAY / £80 WEEK

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Newton-le-Willows FC and Steve's Football Academy are delighted to announce we will be running football holiday club days.

As a Newton-le-Willows FC member you are entitled to exclusive discount - simply send this flyer to Steve.

Boys and girls welcome - to book your place please contact Steve on 07492 091999

Please remember to bring boots, shin pads, packed lunch and a drink!



- ✓ FA QUALIFIED
- ✓ DBS ENHANCED
- ✓ 14 YEARS EXPERIENCE
- ✓ ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Monday 28th October



Sessions are 10:00-14:00 on King George V playing fields, Wharf Rd, Newton-le-Willows WA12 9XZ

Bike Right are doing 3 free Lean to Ride sessions on the 31st Oct. The location is Taylor Park St Helens.

Could you please send out the following link to parents to see if they would like to sign their child up for this, the minimum age required is 7.

<https://www.bikeright.co.uk/courses/child-group/>

SAINTS COMMUNITY FUN DAY

- Inflatables • Merseyside Police • Fire Service • Military • Games
- Food & Drink • Arts & Crafts • Wheelchair Rugby League • Boots

HERE AT THE TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM

- Wednesday 30th of October, 10am - 2pm
- Down in the Totally Wicked Stadium Concourse
- Plenty of Fun & Games

£3 KIDS | £8 ADULTS



SPOOKTACULAR!

TECH ~~OCTOBER~~ HALF TERM CLUB

Computer Explorers

Leading the way in providing tech-based activities that are both inspirational and educational!

ST HELENS

 **Rainford High School**
Higher Lane, Rainford, WA11 8NY

 **30th & 31st October**
Wednesday & Thursday

 **9am-3pm**
half days available

Providing fun, educational activities-
Wednesday- Digital Game Design & Minecraft
Thursday- Lego Robotics & Minecraft

BOOK! Visit the link or scan the code-
bolton.computerexplorers.co.uk



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Harvest Festival



We will be holding our **Harvest Festival on Wednesday 16th October**. Any donations of packet or tinned foods or toiletries would be gratefully received. Please send them to class with your child on **Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday** next week. We will then take them to the Food Bank in Earlestown. Thank you for your support.

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 COUNCIL MUSIC SERVICE
WEAVING MUSICAL CREATIVITY
PLEASE CALL OR PHONETRON AT 01744

01744 677946

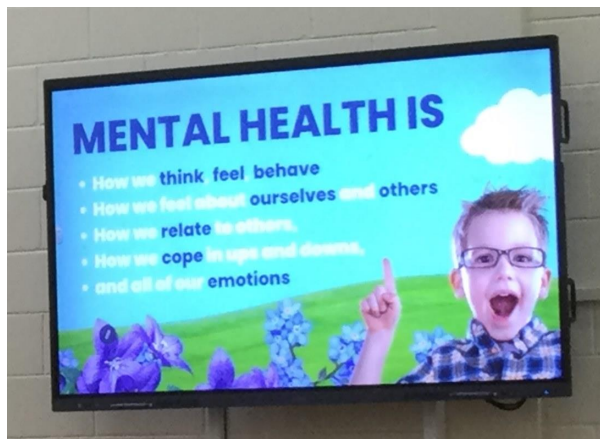
MUSICSERVICE@stheles.gov.uk
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO JOIN AND REGISTER TODAY

World Mental Health Day



This week Mrs. Reid led an assembly about the importance of looking after our mental health. We all took part in 'Yellow Day' to think about this and to raise money for Young Minds - a charity which supports children and young people. Thank you for your donations - £168 was sent to support this much needed cause.









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.



Rail Safety



Dear Parent / Guardian

Trespassing on the railway network is extremely dangerous and endangers not only the lives of those on the track, but also passengers, railway staff and the general public.

Many people - especially young people - fail to understand the danger they put themselves and others in, when they make the choice to stray onto the rail network.

There has been an increase in the number of incidents being reported by Network rail to the British Transport Police. Incidents we're seeing involve children and young people:

- Trespassing on the railway track between Earlestown and Sankey Viaduct and playing chicken with trains.
- Hanging around on station platforms, sat on the platform edge, crossing the tracks and walking off the end of platform.
- Throwing stones at trains.
- Placing objects on the railway lines.
- Using the railway as a playground.

I am sure you agree that all the above activities are extremely dangerous.

The British Transport Police and Network Rail are seeking the support of parents and guardians to highlight the danger and implications of these activities to help us reduce the number of young people putting themselves and others at significant risk.

To assist with the conversation there are several online videos available and range depending on the age group of your child.

Links to Videos <https://youtu.be/pWwFgH0UE>

[Home - Switched On \(switchedonrail.saftey.co.uk\)](#)

[Educational resources for children - Network Rail](#)

[Home - You vs Train \(youstrains.co.uk\)](#)

[Stay Safe with Thomas - Network Rail](#)

Key Messages

Trains are always running on the railway and can differ in times meaning that you can never predict when a train will pass. The Electricity is **ALWAYS** switched on around the railway.

Always **Stop, Look and Listen** before using a Level Crossing.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?

Trespassing on the railway is also a **criminal offence** which can involve your child obtaining a criminal record and a fine of £1000.

If you wish to report any information to us, please call us on Freephone 0800 40 50 40 or text the information to 61016.

Medicine

NHS Guidelines on giving non prescribed paracetamol or ibuprofen.

How often to give paracetamol

*Do not give your child more than 4 doses of paracetamol in 24 hours. You can give it every 4 to 6 hours. Follow the instructions on the leaflet that comes with the medicine. If your child is in pain, you can give them a dose of paracetamol every 6 hours for up to 3 days. This will help to relieve the pain safely without the risk of giving too much paracetamol. If you have any concerns about how much pain your child is in, contact your doctor straight away. **Never give paracetamol for longer than 3 days without speaking to a doctor.***

We are currently reviewing our policy around administering medication - we will keep you informed.

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.

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)***

Visit to the Town Hall



Miss. Evans and Mrs. Squires took our Student Council to the Town Hall this week to find out more about St. Helens, the local history of the area and the role of the council. They met the Mayor and enjoyed cakes in the parkour and a tour of the building. The feedback from the children was very positive - the particularly liked finding out more about where they live and getting to sign a special book in that 'will be there forever'!



The Big Events 2024 / 2025

11TH - 15TH NOVEMBER 2024

NATIONAL SCHOOLS SHOW WEEK 2024

A celebration for amazing school music that takes place nationwide. The theme for **NASW 2024** is **Kindie Meets** highlighting the positive influence a school music 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 trimmings.

WEDNESDAY 20TH 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

6 MARCH 2025

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 global event typically celebrating the victory of good over evil.

TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2025

SIMPLY VEG SHOWCASE

Simply Veg is a campaign by Veg Power supporting children and families alike. The simple goal is to help families serve up affordable, simple food they love.

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2025

Challenge Cup Finals Day

Having games Saturday 7th June. As a team famous for being right! Therefore, we celebrate one of the biggest events of the season.

Who will be there?

Dates for the diary

CALENDAR

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

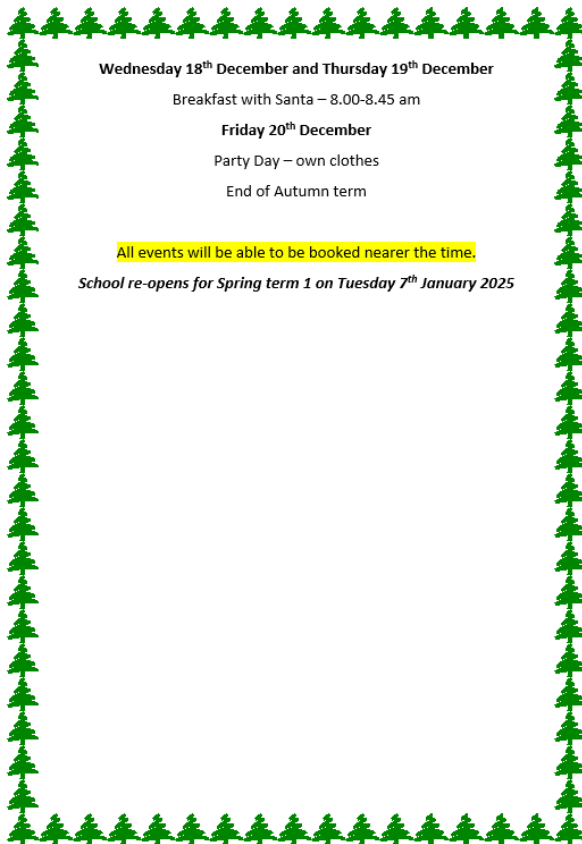
Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) Carol Service for Y5 and Y6 families–
2.00 pm

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 - Charlie (Y6)

Amazing Attitude - Bobby (Y3)

Marvellous Manners - Ella- May (Y2)

Brilliant Behaviour - Emmy (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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You have until Thursday 17th October at 4pm to 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.*
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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.

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.



Young Carers

**CARERS
TRUST**



A Young Carer is someone aged 6-18 who provides regular or ongoing care and emotional support towards a family member who is ill, disabled, has a mental health condition or misuses drugs or alcohol. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

At Lyme, we work closely with St. Helens Carers. Our Young Carers Champion here at school is Mrs. Bradbury.

Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.sthelensyoungcarers.org/>

On Tuesday, Miss. Butt, from the Young Carers will be delivering an assembly and workshops across school to talk to the children about this in an age-appropriate way. As this is the Mayor's chosen charity this year, she will be visiting school to take part in the assembly and some of the activities.

Black History Month



October is Black History Month. In assembly this week we talked about significant figures from the black community and the impact that has made. The children were asked to do some independent learning at home and bring it into school before we finish for half term to add to a display. We have already had lots of wonderful pieces of research brought in.

*Please use the website link below for some ideas:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zjwf8xs#zjxxfdm>*

And finally...



This week I have had the great privilege of being part of some of the lessons across school and have been so proud of each and every one of the children - they are engaged in their learning, challenging themselves and demonstrating the excellent behaviours we expect.

Please book in to see your child's class teacher to find out about the progress they have made in their new classes. Appointments are available on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October. Lynette, our cook, will be preparing some sample foods to encourage the children to try school dinners - this will be from 3.30-5 pm on both days. We will also have the Scholastic Book Fair open each night in the hall.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Roberts

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