



October 3 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 - 99.3%

Y1 - 98.9%

Y2 - 94.1%

Y3 - 92.7%

Y4 - 91.7%

Y5 - 96.5%

Y6 - 94.2%

The whole school attendance target is 96%. Well done to YR, Y1 and Y5 who beat our attendance target this week! They had 2 rolls of the dice.

The overall whole school attendance is 95.5%.

The Local Authority average attendance is 95.2%.

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 you do have fever or high temperature, sore throat or swollen glands, follow the national guidance if they're tested positive for COVID-19
- Headache** Mainly when lying down and worse at night, after they've rested adequately
- Headache** 3 days after the onset of symptoms
- Stomach** 3 days after the onset of symptoms
- Cough** They've had 4 or 5 consecutive coughs
- Scaly fever** 24 hours after they've started taking antibiotics
- Whooping cough** 48 hours after they've started taking antibiotics

No

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

Measles, rubella and chickenpox	Scarlet fever
Scarlet fever	Strep throat
Whooping cough	Whooping cough

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://www.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 - Charlotte S and Lewie

Y1 - Jason-Ellis and Tomas

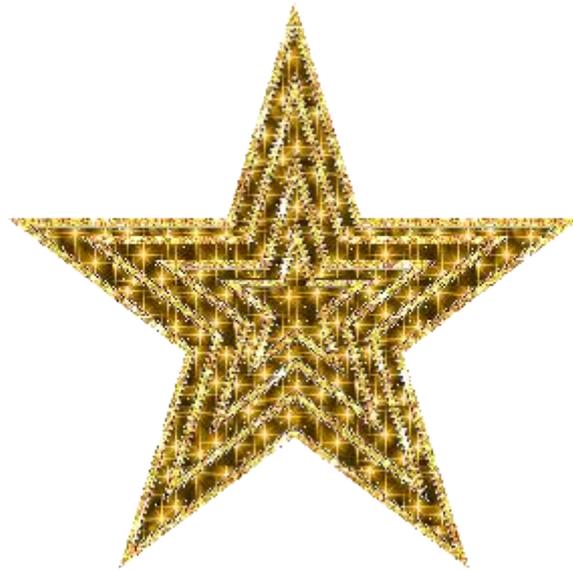
Y2 - Harry and Lenny

Y3 - Phoebe-May and Noah

Y4 - Lexie and Mia

Y5 - Lacey-May and Cooper

Y6 - Ellie and Dolly



Team points

This week's winners are the Dragon team. 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.***

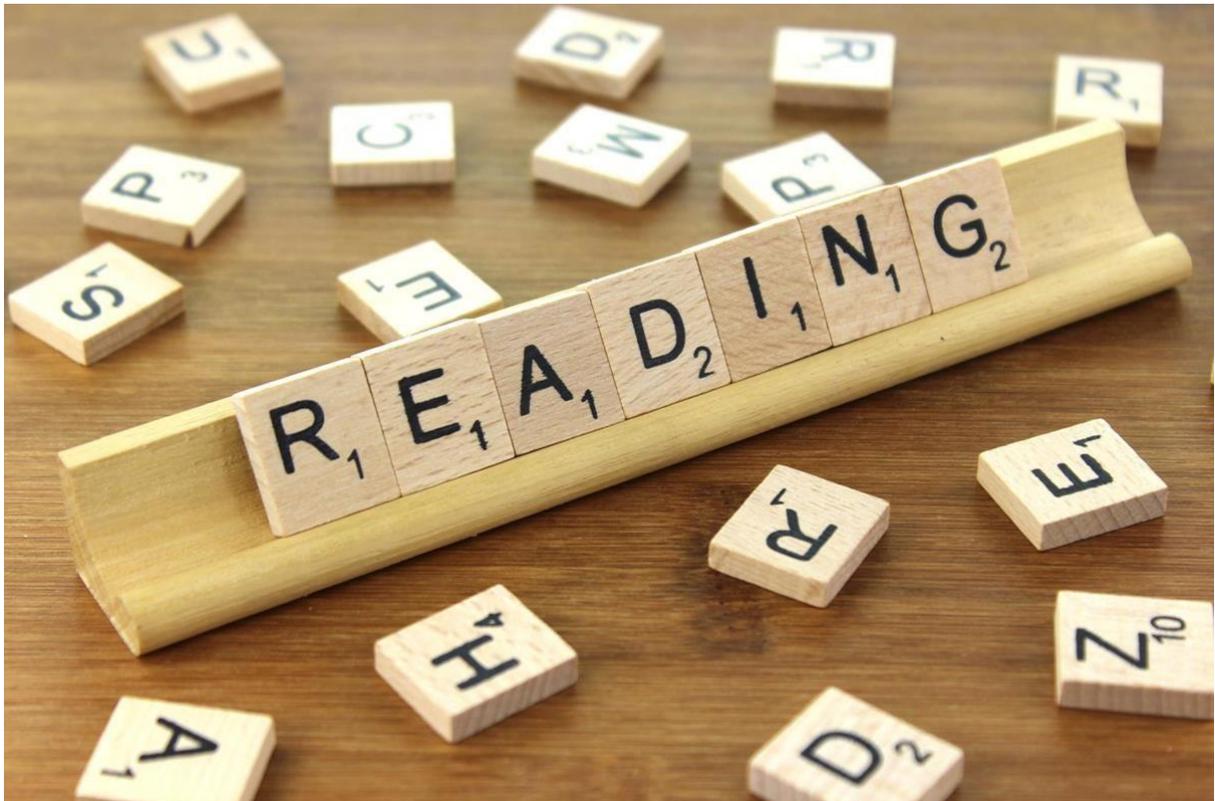
***Inspire** - Arya (Y3) for inspiring author Sean Perkins with a possible idea for a new book.*

***Challenge** - Ivy-Louise (Y4) for constantly challenging herself and always completing her home learning.*

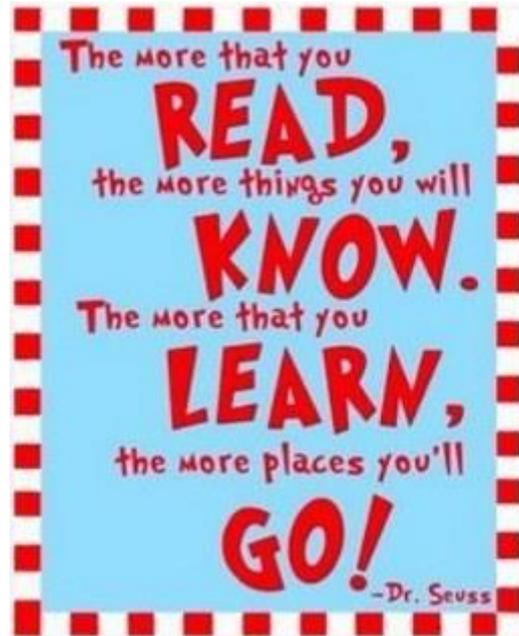
***Achieve** - Elliot (Y2) for making fantastic progress in Maths during our place value unit.*

***Nurture** - Ava (Y1) for looking after a friend in her class and supporting them.*

Reading Superstars

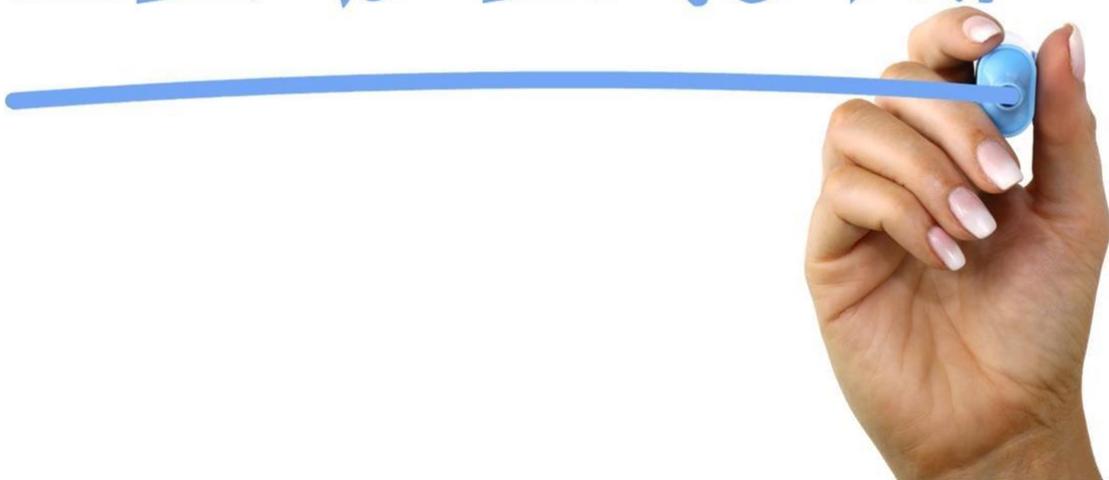


*Well done to this week's book winners for reading **AT LEAST 3** times per week at home.*



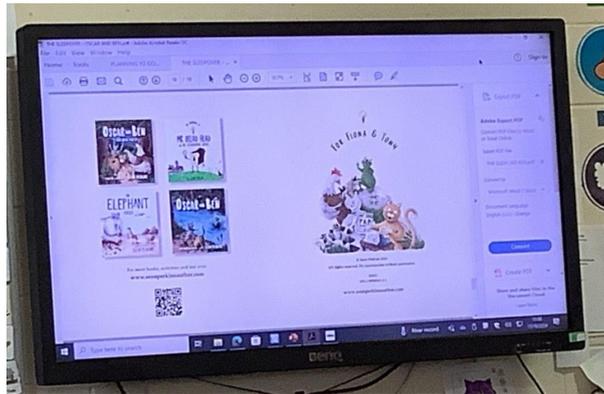
Pupil Leadership updates

LEADERSHIP



Our Reading Ambassadors were involved in the author visit by Sean Perkins this week. Our YR, Y1 and Y2 children enjoyed listening to his stories - and songs!





ARTICLE 12: You have the

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



right to
an opinion
and for it to be
listened to
and
taken
seriously.

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: **Why do people give gifts?**

TAKEHOME

ARTS



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts?
- Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Rule of Law

The ministerial code is a set of rules that exists to ensure ministers act in the best interests of the general public. Rules can guide us on how to uphold values such as honesty and integrity.

Protected Characteristics



UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer is British; this is his nationality. As leader of the government, he must ensure that people of all nationalities living in the UK are treated fairly.



UN Rights of the Child



Countries have their own rules and laws, alongside the UN rights. When acting in the interests of children, adults and governments must apply the laws or rights that best protect or benefit the child.



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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.

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



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ST HELENS

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Higher Lane, Rainford, W11 8NY

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

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

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Wednesday- Digital Game Design & Minecraft
Thursday- Lego Robotics & Minecraft



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Family support

Little Children, Big Feelings!
New Course starting 6th November 2024

Do you want to...

- help your child develop the skills they need to deal with challenges or change?
- learn how to support your young child to deal with big emotions in a calm, constructive ways?

1 session per week for 5 weeks
Reserve your place today!

Contact us to find out more:
Call or Text: Teresa Slee 07749709715 or call 01744 677328
Email: teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk
OR
Call our Admin team: 07702 959814
Email: adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk



Fundraising



Playing the school lottery

Your School Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK. All schools supported by the lottery will benefit the UK and its residents.

Play the lottery, support your school - it's that simple!

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6-digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

A full list of prizes below:

PRIZE TIER	AMOUNT
Jackpot	£25,000
1	30% of ticket sales

The tier 1 prize is guaranteed to be won each week.

Your schools

The lottery and its prizes are our way of putting the fun in fundraising. The real winners are the schools. From every £1 ticket sold 40p will go to schools in the UK! To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes – we've nearly DOUBLED the ticket percentage that goes to schools.

Even better, you can choose which school benefits from 40p of the ticket sales. You know (and you can see) that your money is going back into your community and your school will benefit from your contribution.



FIND YOUR SCHOOL

Each school runs its own lottery. This is how you know that all funds raised go to your local school and all prizes given out go back into your local community.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>

Good luck and have fun!

Harvest Festival



Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our Harvest Festival this week. We will be sending our collection to the Food Bank in Earlestown next week.

Reverend Chris led an assembly this week - the children heard all about the importance of sharing what we have.



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

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Young Carers Awareness Day



This week our children have been involved in some workshops with Tanya and Sophie from Young Carers. They led an assembly about the role of a young carer and then delivered a workshop in each class from Year 1 to Year 6 about how we care for each other. As the Mayor, Councillor Jeanette Banks, has nominated Young Carers as her charity this year, she joined us to talk about the importance of the work of this charity.

See our website for more information: <https://www.lyme.st-helens.sch.uk/page/young-carers/153048>



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



**BRITISH
TRANSPORT
POLICE**



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/pWVfFgH0ME>

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

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

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

[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)

Y6: Monday and Tuesday

Lunch menu

Summer Menu 2024

Week 1

Monday
Pasta Salad
Cheese Focaccia (V)
Crisps & Raisins
Choice of Sandwich (Pork, Chicken (V), Tuna Mayo),
Burgers (Beef, Veggie)

Tuesday
Beef Burger/Sausage Split Chicken
Super Hotdog (V)
Wings & Sweetcorn
Fillet Jacket Potato (Chicken (V), Cheese (V), Baked Beans (V), Tuna Mayo),
Apple Stick & Biscuits

Wednesday
Beef & Cheddar Pie
Pork Sausage Dinner
Sausage Mince (V)
Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Carrot & Parsnips, Gravy
Tortilla Wrap (Pork, Chicken (V), Tuna Mayo),
Chocolate Brownie

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

Friday
Beef & Cheddar Pie
Crispy Fish Shapes
Coated Nuggets (V)
Chips & Raisins
Choice of Sandwich (Pork, Chicken (V), Tuna Mayo),
Homemade Cake

Week 2

Monday
Ham & Sweetcorn Homemade Pizza
Sausage Roll (V)
Pasta, Broccoli & Carrots
Choice of Sandwich (Pork, Chicken (V), Tuna Mayo),
Fruit & Yogurt

Tuesday
All day Breakfast
All day Breakfast (V)
(Sausage/Quorn/Beef, Bacon, Eggs, Toast, Tomatoes)
Fillet Jacket Potato
Baked Beans (V), Cheese (V), Tuna Mayo, Sweetcorn (V),
Sausage Roll/Pudding

Wednesday
Chicken Dinner
Quorn Dinner (V)
Meat, Cauliflower, Carrots & Gravy
Tortilla Wrap (Pork, Chicken (V), Tuna Mayo),
Cookie Muffins

Thursday
Chicken Pie (Cooks Pot)
Cheese & Onion Bake (V)
Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables
Fillet Jacket Potato (Chicken (V), Gravy, Cheese (V), Sweetcorn (V)),
Bread Sauce

Friday
Fish Fingers
Veggie Fingers (V)
Chips & Raisins
Choice of Sandwich (Pork, Chicken (V), Tuna Mayo),
Brownie & Buttercream Sauce

Week 3

Monday
Beef Hotpot
Tortilla & Mashed Potato (V)
New Potatoes & Broccoli
Choice of Sandwich (Chicken (V), Pork, Tuna Mayo),
Ice Cream with Vanilla & Strawberry Sauce

Tuesday
Pasta Bolognaise
Two Cheese Pizza (V)
Pasta, Raisins & Sweetcorn
Fillet Jacket Potato (Beef Bolognaise, Sweetcorn (V), Cheese (V), Baked Beans (V)),
Mince Pie/Nuggets

Wednesday
Sausage Dinner
Sausage Dinner (V)
Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Gravy
Tortilla Wrap (Pork, Chicken (V), Tuna Mayo),
Brownie & Raisins

Thursday
Chicken Curry & Rice
Chicken Curry (V),
Cheese & Bean Focaccia Bake (V)
Sweetcorn & Raisins
Fillet Jacket Potato (Chicken Curry, Cheese (V), Sweetcorn (V), Tuna Mayo),
Cookie Muffins

Friday
Fish Fingers / Salmon Bites
Battered Nuggets (V)
Chips & Raisins
Choice of Sandwich (Pork, Chicken (V), Tuna Mayo),
Fruit & Yogurt

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 *Vegetarian options available. *V = Vegetarian. *Veg = Veggie. *Veggie = Vegetarian. *Veggie = Vegetarian. *Veggie = Vegetarian. *Veggie = Vegetarian.
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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 takes place nationwide. The theme for **NAMW 2024** is Mental Health 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 trimmings.

WEDNESDAY 27TH 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 COLORS

Holi Festival, also known as the festival of colours is a Hindu globe 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 a life. The simple goal is to help families serve up affordable, simple food they love.

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2025
Challenge Cup Finals Day

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

Dates for the diary



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) - *this will not be on next week due to Parents' Evening but will return on Thursday 7th and 14th November***
 - **KS2 - Brass Band (3.20-4.20 pm)**
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After school clubs for Autumn Term 2 be added to School Money on Monday and a separate letter will be sent out.

Secret Students



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 - Lexie (Y5)

Amazing Attitude - Callie (Y1)

Marvellous Manners - Adeline (Y2)

Brilliant Behaviour - Oliver Muldoon (Y3)

Parent Governor Vacancies



Thank you to everyone who voted in our election. Our new Parent Governor representatives are Mr. David Sheehan and Mrs. Sarah Brewster.

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.



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>

Parents' Evening



If you haven't made an appointment to meet your child's class teacher next week - Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th - please do so. Class teachers will allocate remaining appointments if one has not been made.

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.

If you think that your child/ren is/are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding, please complete a form while you in school.

And finally...



We have a busy week in school next week but are very much looking forward to seeing the children's creative ideas for our Pumpkin Parade!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Roberts

PTA Pumpkin Parade



Design/carve your own pumpkins and bring into school on Friday 25th October.

£1.00 entry fee.

Prizes to be won.

