



December 1

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.

The whole school attendance target is 96%.

YR: 96.3%

Y1: 95.4%

Y2: 94.8%

Y3: 95.0%

Y4: 90.3%

Y5: 95.5%

Y6: 96.4%

The overall whole school attendance is 94.8%. This is around National Average!!

Well done to YR and Y6 who have achieved at least 96% (our target).



*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.*

Attendance Policy Overview 2023-24

At Lynn Community Primary School, we aim to consistently work towards our goal of 100% attendance for all children. Every opportunity will be used to convey the importance of regular, punctual attendance to pupils, parents, and carers.

Our school is committed to providing the best possible quality of education to all learners. For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential.



'Attendance is EVERYBODY'S responsibility'

It is the responsibility of all members of our school community to maintain and monitor good school attendance.

REPORT IT FIRST DAY

If your child is going to be absent from school, please report this ASAP via the school office.

Key Attendance Contact at Lynn Community Primary School:

School Office: 01744 678350

Jon Lattimore - Pastoral Manager

Hayley Hewitt - Education Welfare and Engagement Officer

We attend school REGULARLY

We attend school PUNCTUALLY

We attend school READY to learn

Absence from school **may** be authorised if it is for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Unavoidable medical appointments
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET OF 95%

Attendance Ladder

Outstanding	100%	Outstanding	★
Very good	98%	Very good	★
Good	96%	Good	★
Satisfactory	94%	Satisfactory	★
Needs improvement	92%	Needs improvement	★
Below standard	90%	Below standard	★
Unsatisfactory	85%	Unsatisfactory	★

Number of school days missed per year

What does my child's attendance mean?

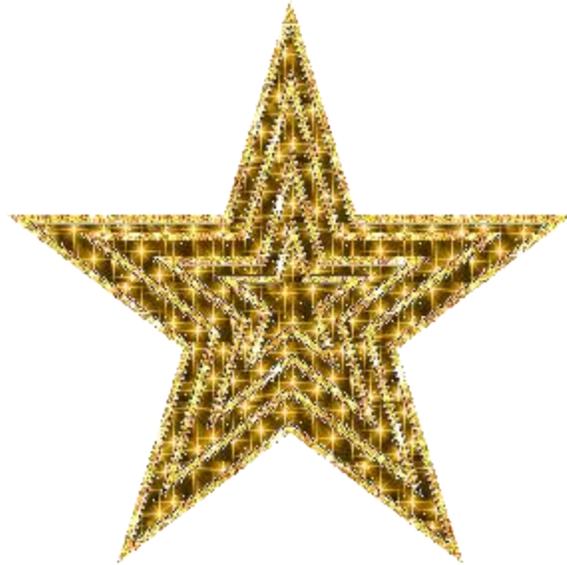
Absence from school **will not** be authorised for:

- Shopping
- Having to stay at home due to an unwell sibling or parent.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor night sleep

- Gates close at 9am
- Class registers close at 9am – after this it is a late mark
- School registers close at 9.30 am – after this it is an unauthorised absence

Special Achievers This Week





*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: Jason-Ellis and Lily A

Y1: Willow and Belle

Y2: Kyree and Mia

Y3: Reagan and Emily

Y4: Edina and Rhian

Y5: Noah Mc and Charlie

Y6: Max G and Ria

Headteacher's Awards

Inspire **C**hallenge **A**chieve **N**urture

*I will be awarding children across the school with a special certificate in our Celebration Assembly on a Monday who have demonstrated our school's **I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge, Achieve, Nurture**. This week the following children received the awards:*

Inspire - Arya (Y2) for inspiring others with her answers during the diversity workshop.

Challenge - Evie E (Y3) for always challenging herself in class.

Achieve - Ella (Y1) for achieving well with her learning.

- Neveah (Y1) for trying really hard to write her name.

Nurture - Freddie (Y1) for always being kind and helpful towards others.

- Max G (Y6) for being an excellent Prefect and supporting the children in EY and

KS1 at lunch times.

Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



Safety Squad

Thank you to our Safety Squad for their ideas about keeping the road outside school safe.



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: Who is responsible for Antarctica?*

TAKEHOME

In the news this week



Who is responsible for Antarctica?

Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows. Polar explorer and environmentalist, Robert Swan, has been so concerned about the radical changes to Antarctica that he founded the 2041 Foundation, with the aim of ensuring the preservation of Antarctica through the promotion of recycling, renewable energy, and sustainability to combat the effects of climate change. The charity, 2041 School, encourages young people to learn more about the initiative.

Things to talk about at home

- Share any prior knowledge you have about Antarctica. Is it a place you would like to visit? Why?
- Do you believe individuals have a part to play in protecting places such as Antarctica or should world leaders do more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



British Values



Individual Liberty

I am responsible for my actions. It is important to remember they can have an impact on people, places and things. We can choose actions that can help preserve and protect Antarctica.

Protected Characteristics



Protected Characteristics



Robert Swan's beliefs about the importance of protecting and caring for Antarctica form part of how he lives his life. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



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UN Rights of a Child



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As part of our education, we should be taught to live peacefully and protect the environment.



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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: Friday

YR: Tuesday

Y1: Monday and Wednesday

Y2: Monday and Wednesday

Y3: Wednesday and Thursday

Y4: Wednesday and Friday

Y5: Tuesday and Thursday

Y6: Tuesday and Thursday

We have had a number of child wearing their own clothes on PE days - please ensure they are wearing the correct clothing - thank you.

Music opportunities

MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL
2023 - 24 FREE!

TUESDAY... VOCAL GROUP 4.30PM - 5.50PM	WEDNESDAY WIDER OPPORTUNITIES BAND 4PM - 5PM	WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE WIND BAND 4PM - 5PM	TUESDAY... ROCK & POP BAND 4.30PM - 5.50PM
WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB 4PM - 5PM	WEDNESDAY YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA 5.15PM - 6.30PM	WEDNESDAY DINFOMA 5.15PM - 6.30PM	WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB 5.15PM - 6.30PM

ST HELENS MUSIC FOR ALL HUB
INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY
PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO
@sthelemusic @sthelemusicuk
01744 677946
musicserve@sthelems.gov.uk
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO JOIN AND REGISTER TODAY

Illustration of children playing musical instruments: trumpet, guitar, drums, and violin.

Jewellery

Please can you make sure that your child does not come to school wearing earrings (if they are newly pierced, they can be covered up), bracelets or necklaces. Thank you!

Winning Team



The winning team this week are the Dragon team!



Dates for the diary



Thursday 14th December - Our Brass Band and Choir will be performing at Heald Farm Court - more details to follow.

Wednesday 20th December 2023 - School closes for the end of the Autumn term.

Monday 8th January 2024 - School re-opens for Spring term 1.

We have lots of exciting events planned in school this half term as we head towards Christmas - dates and times are below.

PLEASE NOTE: The Christmas Bingo will now be on TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER not Thursday 30th November as originally stated.



Upcoming dates

Friday 24th November
Own Clothes Day – donation of chocolates for the Christmas Bingo

Tuesday 28th November
Christmas Bingo

Friday 8th December
Own Clothes Day – donation of bottles for the Christmas Fayre

Saturday 9th December
Christmas Fayre – 11.30 am – 2.30pm

Monday 11th December
Foundation Stage (YN and YR) Nativity performance for YN families–
9.30 am

Tuesday 12th December
Foundation Stage (YN and YR) Nativity performance for YR families–
9.30 am

Wednesday 13th December



The Christmas Journey - Y2

We had a lovely time yesterday learning about the Christmas story. We had a look around the church and saw Baby Jesus in a crib. We found out that Jesus was born in a barn. Reverend Chris told us a story using talking animal puppets. *By Gracie and Yaqub*

See the website for more photos!







Christmas Tombola



If you have any items you can donate to our tombola for the Christmas Fayre e.g. toiletries, gift sets, it would be very much appreciated! You can hand them in at the office - thank you!

Christmas raffle

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To help with our fundraising, each class is selling tickets for a class Christmas raffle. Tickets are 20p each and the prize will be a tasty treat! Bring the money into class to buy tickets please!

Bingo



Thank you to all who supported our Bingo night on Tuesday - we raised an amazing £564.63 towards our new sound and light system!

After school activities

*Mondays (3.15-4.5pm) - **Crafts** - Mrs. McDermott and Gill (Year 1 and 2)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4pm)- **Magical Maths** - Miss Burns (by invitation)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4.15pm) - **Science** - Mr Leather (Y5 and 6)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4.15 pm)-**Book Club** - Mrs Reid (Y3 and 4)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4pm) - **Choir** - Mrs Lawrenson (KS2)*

*Friday - (3.20-4.30 pm) - **Brass Band** - Mrs Chadwick (KS2)*

Coach Laura will also be offering a variety of sports clubs - see below.

Please pay for all clubs on School Money - £12.50 per half term.

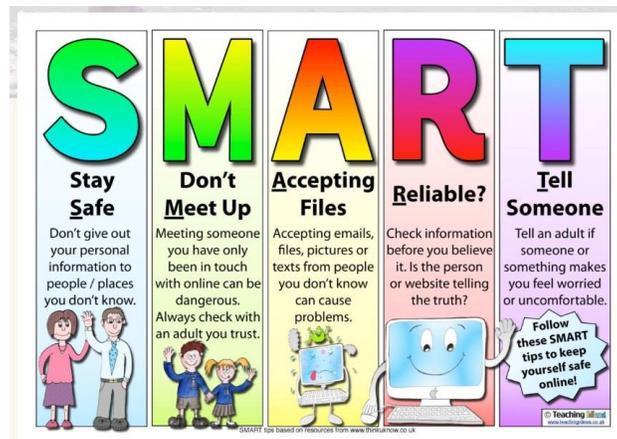
After School Sports Clubs - from Monday 6th Nov to Thursday 14th Dec.

Please book via the Schoolmoney app. There are limited places available.

Mondays	YN & YR	Dance	
Tuesdays	Y1 & Y2	Benchball	
Wednesdays	Y3 & Y4	Cheerleading	
Thursdays	Y5 & Y6	Gymnastics	

Online Safety

Please see <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s> for support at home with online safety.



The poster features the word 'SMART' in large, colorful letters, each corresponding to a safety tip. Below each letter is a brief explanation and an illustration. A speech bubble at the bottom right encourages following the tips.

S Stay Safe Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know. 	M Don't Meet Up Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust. 	A Accepting Files Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems. 	R Reliable? Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth? 	T Tell Someone Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable. 
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Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

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PATHS - quote of the month

Using PATHS (Promoting Alternate Thinking Strategies) across school is helping to teach our children about their feelings and how to manage them. Mrs. Reid is leading our school towards achieving model school status through the work the staff and children are doing together. This months the focus is on treating others how you would like to be treated. The children are also being encouraged to think of different ways to compliment the PATHS pupil of the day.



Recycling: unwanted textiles



Thank you to those who have already donated - the clothing has been collected! We have kept the donation box so if you are having a clear out before Christmas please bring your unwanted clothing to the office.

<https://www.recycle4school.org.uk/>

WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT



Twitter/ X



Lyme now has a Twitter/ X account! We will be posting photos about our school day on there so please follow us @SchoolLyme .

Childcare choices

Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life

Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs. But some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for.

The [Childcare Choices website](#) brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare schemes together and get the most out of it.

And from next year even more help is on the way:

- From **April 2024**, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare.
- From **September 2024**, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old.
- From **September 2025**, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children – from September 2024, parents are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as **'wraparound care'**.

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the [Childcare Choices website](#) to check what offer you might be eligible for and sign up to our newsletter to get the latest updates about the childcare support expansion.



1 - Please see the information attached.

Road Safety



A polite reminder: please do not park on the yellow lines directly outside the school gates or turn cars round in this area so that we can keep everyone safe. Thank you.

<https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families>

Community events



St Helens Santa Dash 2023

DATE: SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023
TIME: 11AM START
VENUE: VICTORIA PARK, WA10 2UE
CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE!

ST HELENS

What do I need to know?

HOW FAR? The route is 4km long.

DO I HAVE TO RUN? Absolutely not - this is a fun, family-friendly event. You can walk, jog or skip your way round.

HOW DO I REGISTER? You can register online by scanning the QR code to the left, or visit: <http://bit.ly/sthelenssantadash2023>

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR? Safe footwear is a must, then whatever you feel comfortable and are able to walk/jog in. Fancy dress is welcomed.

HOW MUCH IS IT TO ENTER? £5 for adults and £2 for children aged 5-18 years. Children under 5 are welcome free of charge. Every paying participant will receive a Santa hat to wear on route, plus a medal when you finish. If you would like a Santa hat and medal for a child under 5, you are welcome to pay the £2 if you wish. If you have any further questions, please phone the Active Lives & Sports Development Team on 01744 675403 or email markhursts@sthelens.gov.uk

And finally...



In assembly this week we read a story called 'Just Ask', by Sonia Sotomayor as part of our learning about diversity and inclusion. The children heard stories about others who have different needs and how we can 'just ask' to make ourselves more aware. Lots of the children shared thoughtful things in the assembly; the main message was about respect and treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts
