



December 3

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: 94.7%

Y1: 93.9%

Y2: 99%

Y3: 96.7%

Y4: 90%

Y5: 93.8%

Y6: 92.1%

The overall whole school attendance is 94%. This is around National Average!!

Well done to Y2 and Y3 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

All Lyme 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 Lyme Community Primary School:
School Office: 01744 678350
Jen Lattwood - 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

Attendance Ladder

Number of school days missed per year	Attendance %	Quality
0-5	100%	Outstanding
6-10	98%	Very good
11-15	96%	Good
16-20	94%	Satisfactory
21-25	90%	Needs improvement
26-30	85%	Unsatisfactory

Absence from school will not be authorised for:

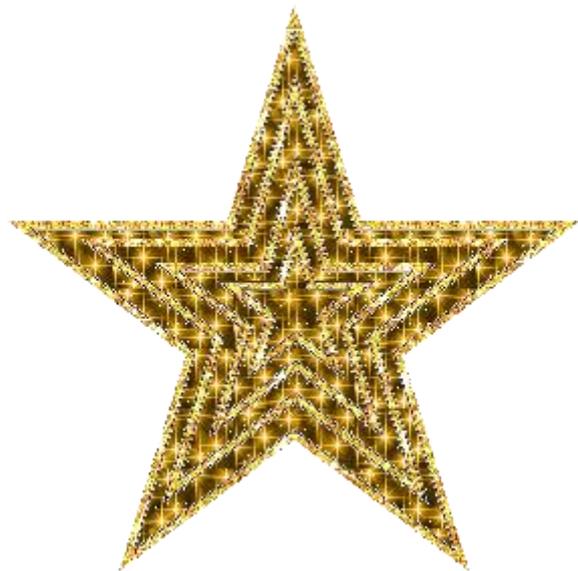
- Shopping
- Having to stay at home due to an unwell sibling or parent.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor night sleep

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

Autumn Term Achievers



At the end of every term we will be awarding certificates for children who are shone in all the areas of the curriculum. This is a great opportunity to share with the children the skills they need to succeed in different subjects. Well done to the term's award winners!





1 - Geography



2 - PE (Physical Education)



3 - History



4 - Art



5 - Music



6 - MFL: French



7 - Science



8 - RE (Religious Education)



9 - Writing



10 - Reading



11 - Maths



12 - Computing



13 - Design Technology



14 - Phonics/Spelling



15 - PSHRE (Personal Social Health and Relationships Education)

Headteacher's Awards

Inspire
Challenge
Achieve
Nurture

A special mention to Alfie in Y3 who was inspired to make a volcano at home after watching Picture News in class - well done!

Artsmark

Thank you to Mrs. Lawrenson, our Arts Lead, for successfully leading our school to achieving reaccreditation of the Artsmark Silver Award.



Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



Thank you to our Sports Council who have helped to choose the After School Sports Clubs for next half term.

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: What is rubbish?***

TAKEHOME

In the news this week



British litter-pickers have become world champions in the litter-picking World Cup (also known as the Spoons World Cup) after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in the Japanese capital to win the first-ever contest of its kind. The British team, made up of Sarah Parry and brothers Alexander and Jonathan Winstop, beat teams from 20 other nations from around the world. Spoons is named after a combination of 'sport' and 'spoon', the Japanese word for rubbish. Each team is equipped with protective gloves, metal tongs and waste bags, and allocated an area of five square kilometres (nearly two square miles) in the busy Shibuya district of Tokyo, to collect as much litter as possible.

Things to talk about at home

- Share your experience of litter in your local area. Is it a problem? Have you ever been litter-picking?
- What do you believe rubbish is? Ask others at home. Do you all think the same?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Individual Liberty

We can choose what we do with our rubbish. Some of our choices and actions can have a more positive impact on the environment and our health than others.

Protected Characteristics

The way we dispose of our waste can form part of our beliefs: our life choices or the way we live our life. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



UN Rights of a Child



We have the right to clean water, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. Disposing of rubbish in the correct way can help to do this.



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 WIDE 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 SINFONIA 5.15PM - 6.30PM	WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE STRINGS 4PM - 5PM

ST HELENS MUSIC EDUCATION HUB
WEAVING MUSICAL GENIUS
@sthelensmusic
01744 677946
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO JOIN AND REGISTER TODAY!

Illustration of children playing musical instruments.

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!

Polite reminders



A polite reminder to stand away from the school gates with dogs and when smoking - thank you.

Dates for the diary



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

Prize winners!



Thank you to everyone who took part in the games and raffle we have held in school this month.

Name the Gingerbread: Millie YN

Where's the Grinch? Willow Y1

Where's Santa? Oliver Y2 and Jaxon J Y2

How many sweets are in the jar? Cooper Y4

How many presents are in the sack? Taylor Y6

Raffle winners:

Food hamper: Kaitlyn Y3

Chocolate hamper: Emily Y3

£10 voucher for Tanya's Treasures: Parker Y6

£10 voucher for Tanya's Treasures: Callie YR

£20 Play Centre voucher: Henry Y5

Bottle of Baileys: Mrs. O'Brien

Mulled wine and mug: Molly Y5

Beer Pong: Isabella Y1

Prosecco Pong: Noah Y2

Bedtime Gift Bag: Esme YR

Hot Chocolate Hamper: Jake Y4

Jungle Play Centre voucher: Lewie YN

EY Nativity

Our Early Years children did a brilliant job of retelling the Christmas story in their nativity performance; 'Baarmy Bethlehem'.





KS1 Nativity

We all really enjoyed KS1's nativity 'Born in a Barn' - fabulous singing, dancing and acting!



KS2 Carol Concert

Our KS2 children sang beautifully for their families on Friday. We also had a performance from our Cheerleading after school club group. We hope it got everyone in the festive spirit!



Christmas Craft Event





Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre! We raised over £1000 to add to our fundraising pot for a new sound system in the hall.







Heald Farm Court

Members of our Choir and Brass Band performed some Christmas Carols for the residents of Heald Farm Court on Thursday. Everyone commented on their excellent singing and playing. Well done to Aleksander for his solo piece!



After school activities

*Mondays (3.20-4.20pm) - **Rugby** (Y5 and Y6)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Benchball** (YN and YR)*

*Wednesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Basketball** (Y1 and Y2)*

Thursdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Dodgeball** (Y3 and 4)

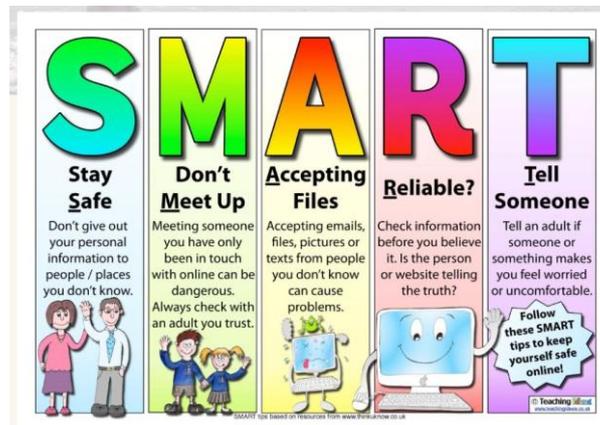
Magical Maths - Miss Burns (by invitation - letters to be sent out after the holidays)

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

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

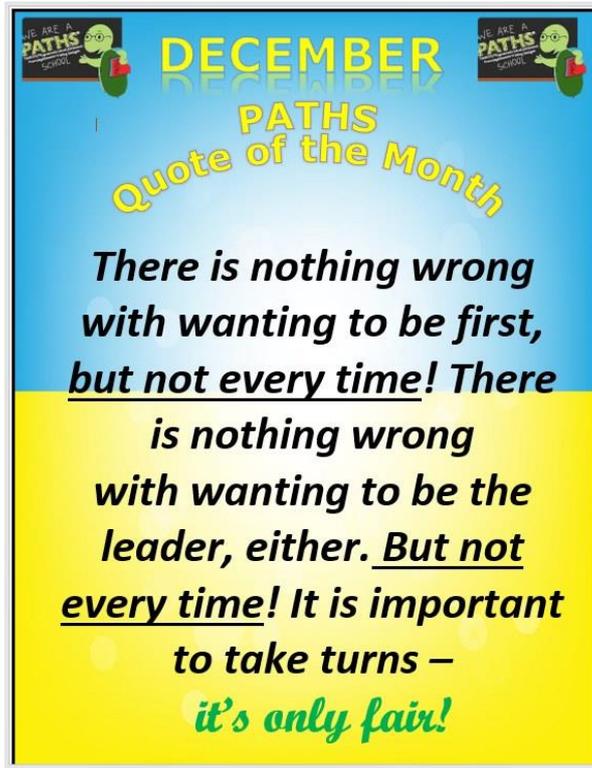
Online Safety

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



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 fairly.



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 .

Thank you



A big thank you to Terry Maguire and Business for Youth for their very kind donation of additional parking signs for outside school.

*BFY have a **FREE** grotto on Saturday - check their Facebook page for more information.*





Staffing

A warm welcome to Mrs. Vaughan who will be with us for four days a week from January. She will still be teaching in Year 3 but on a Tuesday and Wednesday with an additional two days teaching in Year 1 on a Thursday and Friday.

Also, welcome to Miss. Lomas who will be working across EYFS and KS1 from January.

And finally...

It has been a busy and fun-filled term! Thank you for all your support.

A HUGE thank you to all the amazing team at Lyme who go above and beyond every single day for our school community.

Have a lovely Christmas and we will see you on Monday 8th January 2024.

Mrs. Roberts
