



March 2

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: 96.2%

Y1: 96.8%

Y2: 95.5%

Y3: 94.7%

Y4: 93.8%

Y5: 94.2%

Y6: 96%

The overall whole school attendance is 95%

Well done to YR, Y1 and Y6 who have achieved our 96% 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 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

Jon Lammond - 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

REGULAR ATTENDANCE LEADS TO HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

Attendance Ladder

Green	Yellow	Red	Outstanding
98%	96%	94%	92%
90%	88%	86%	84%
82%	80%	78%	76%
74%	72%	70%	68%
66%	64%	62%	60%
58%	56%	54%	52%
50%	48%	46%	44%
42%	40%	38%	36%
34%	32%	30%	28%
26%	24%	22%	20%
18%	16%	14%	12%
10%	8%	6%	4%
2%	0%	-2%	-4%

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

Our exciting Classopoly attendance game will be starting on Monday - all classes from YR to Y6 will get to move around the board if the attendance is 95% - one roll of the dice/ 96% - two rolls of the dice. There are different class prizes to be won!





Spring Term 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 :)*

This week's winners:

YR: Junior and Arabella

Y1: Millie and Olivia K

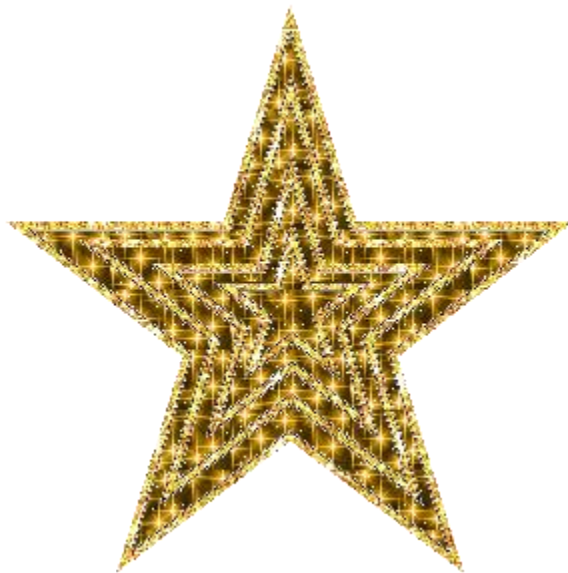
Y2: Gracie and Phillipa

Y3: All of Y3 for their fantastic class assembly!

Y4: Ava and Kai

Y5: Mikaeel and Toby

Y6: Billy and Taylor



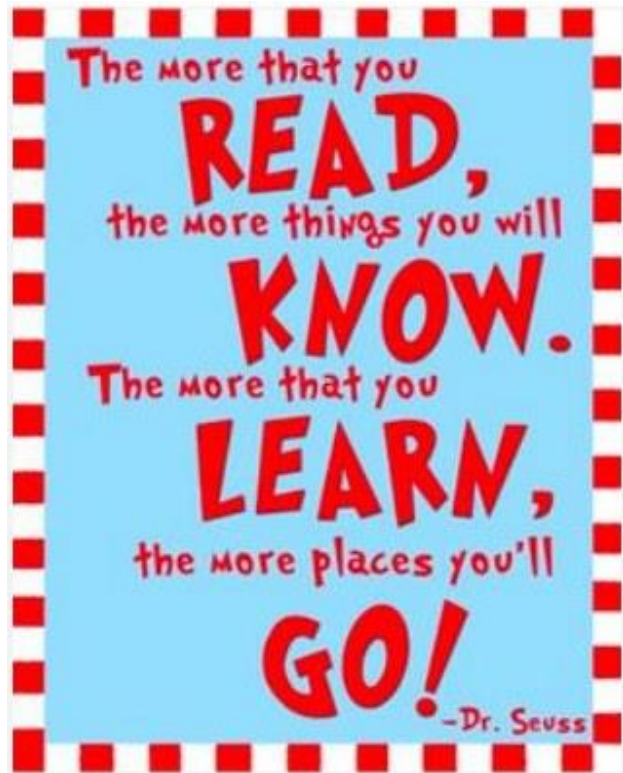
A special mention to Koby and Mollie from Y5 who brought things in from home linked to their History topic on World War 2.



Reading Superstars



*Well done to our book winners this week - reading **AT LEAST 3 times a week** at home.*









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 Monday who have demonstrated our school's I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge, Achieve, Nurture. This week the following children received the awards:

Inspire - Sophie (YR) - inspiring others with her excellent independent writing.

Challenge - Winter (Y3) - challenging herself to do her very best in her reading and writing.

Achieve - Ryder (YN) - fantastic phonics learning.

Nurture - Isabella (Y1) showing kindness to everyone.

Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



*Our **Eco Team** are planning a Gardening Club in the Easter holidays - see the letter below which has been sent out. There is no cost for Eco Team members. If you have any resources (gardening tools, compost, seeds, plants) you can donate, please let us know!*

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13/03/24

Dear Parent/Carers,

Myself and the Eco team are excited to be running a gardening club during the Easter holidays. The club will run on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd April from 9 – 1. The cost **per child per session** will be £10 and can be paid on School Money.

The children will be learning lots of skills for gardening as well as cleaning up our pond area and planting new flowers (including fruits and vegetables) in our planters and preparing them for each class to maintain as part of their curriculum.

We hope to see you there!

Miss Kathryn Evans

Deputy Headteacher

Gardening Club

I give permission for my child to take part in Gardening Club on Tuesday 2nd April/Wednesday 3rd April/
Both and have paid the amount of £..... on School Money.

I will collect them from school at 1pm. ☐
They have permission to walk home. ☐

Name:

Class:

Signed:



*Ad part of our World Book Day celebrations last week, our **Reading Ambassadors** helped Mrs. Reid to organise a special treat for the winners of the most creative, recycled costume competition. Each winner received a 'golden ticket' inviting them to the library for hot chocolate, cookies and the chance to look at some of our new books.*











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: Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?

TAKEHOME

Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?

In the news this week

Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

Things to talk about at home –

- Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

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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Rule of Law

Sometimes bans can be put in place, which means something is officially or legally prohibited (disallowed). Rules and laws are there to help protect us and keep us safe.

Protected Characteristics



Our religion or belief can affect if, how and when we choose to use digital technologies.
We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion or belief.



UN Rights of a Child



Different countries have different rules and laws. If the laws of a country protect us better than the UN Rights of a child, then those laws should be used.



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 - they will also be going swimming on Monday this term

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.

Winning Team



The winning team this week are the Unicorn team.



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

**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

**TUESDAY...
ROCK & POP BAND**
4.30PM - 5.50PM

ST HELENS MUSIC EDUCATION HUB
INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY
PILGRIM LANE ARTS CENTRE ST HELENS

01744 677946
music.service@sthelens.gov.uk
SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW TO JOIN AND
REGISTER TODAY

Jewellery

Please can you make sure that your child does not come to school wearing earrings, bracelets or necklaces. Thank you!

Earrings

Earrings are not permitted. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot take them out, they are to wear plastic replacements (we have some in school).

Uniforms



Please can you make sure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform each day - no sports wear except on PE days.

UNIFORM

School uniform is compulsory for full-time children in school. Nursery children do not need to wear uniform. All items of clothing should be clearly named. Uniform is as follows:

- ❖ Red sweatshirt, jumper, or cardigan
- ❖ White polo shirt (T-shirt with collar)
- ❖ Grey skirt/trousers (**Please note:** Trousers should be the tailored type and **NOT** jeans or leggings. **Please also note:** The school colour is **GREY - NOT BLACK**).
- ❖ Summer dresses are red gingham and shorts can be worn.

School sweatshirts and fleeces may be purchased at any time from the office. Prices on request. School reading book bags are also available to purchase at any time, P.E. kits are available to order at certain times throughout the year.



The P.E. kit is:

- Plain white t-shirt.
- Usual school sweatshirt
- Plain black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms.
- Plain black pumps or trainers



Children may come to school in their PE kits on the days they have games or after school sports clubs.

Dates for the diary



Monday 19th February - Monday 25th March - Y4 and Y5 Hummingbird Project (in school)

Tuesday 19th March - Y5 visit to St. John's Church for 'The Easter Journey'

Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 26th March - Intra-sports competition (PE kits for ALL classes)

We will also be having several Easter events - please see below.

Easter events



Our Student Council and PTA have organised a number of events:

Monday 18th March - Thursday 28th March

Easter raffle tickets on sale - class prizes

Friday 22nd March

Own Clothes Day - donations of Easter eggs please!

Wednesday 27th March


9.15 am: YN and YR Easter Bonnet Parade


KS1/2 Easter craft afternoon - a separate letter has been sent out (see below)

Doors open at 5.30 pm - eyes down at 6 pm: Easter Bingo

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Monday 11th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from the success of the Christmas Craft event, on **Wednesday 27th March** our Student Council will be helping to run our **Easter Craft event**. It promises to be a lovely afternoon for families to take part in together - our Student Council will be selling refreshments during the afternoon. If you would like to take part with your child, please choose the two items you would like to make and return the slip to school by **Friday 15th March** to allow us time to order the crafts. The cost of two craft activities is £5 – payable on School Money.

To take part in the event, your child must be accompanied by an adult.

The times will be as follows:

1.30-2.25 (EY and KS1 children)

2.30-3.20 (KS2 children)

If you have children in both groups, you can choose which time to come – please tick the box on the slip so we know how many people to expect!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kathryn Evans
Deputy Headteacher

Easter Craft event

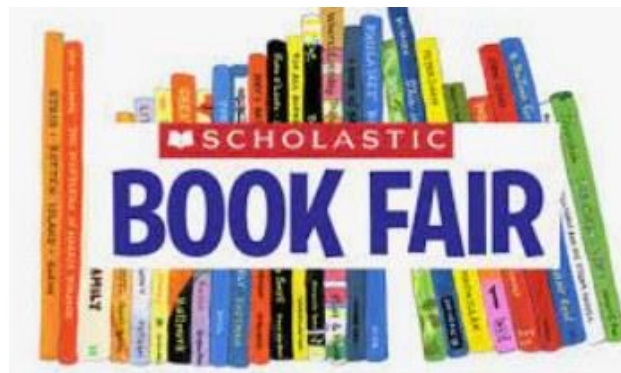
Child's name: Class:

Time attending if more than one child: 1.30-2.25 ☐ / 2.30-3.20 ☐

Easter Bracelets	
Easter Basket Kit	
Easter Egg Sequin Kit	
Easter Card Kit	
Make an Easter Bunny Kit	
Easter Magnets Kit	

All children taking part in the activities are to be collected from the playground at the usual home time.

Book Fair



*Scholastic Books Fair will be running after school from **Thursday 21st March until Wednesday 27th March**. Come along and buy a book - all funds raised are used to choose additional reading materials for school.*

Class assemblies



Come along and see your child's class assembly and find out what they have been learning:

Y1 - The Seasons - Wednesday 22nd May at 2.30 pm

Y2 - Musical showcase - Tuesday 9th July - time TBC

Y4 - The Ancient Egyptians - Wednesday 22nd May at 9.15 am

Y5 - Ancient Greece - date TBC in July

Y6 - Summer production - date TBC

SEND workshop



*Miss. Burns has organised a parent workshop on **Supporting Children with SEN: Sensory Needs and SEND and The Local Offer / Graduated Approach** for **Wednesday 20th March at 2.30 pm** in The Hub. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.*

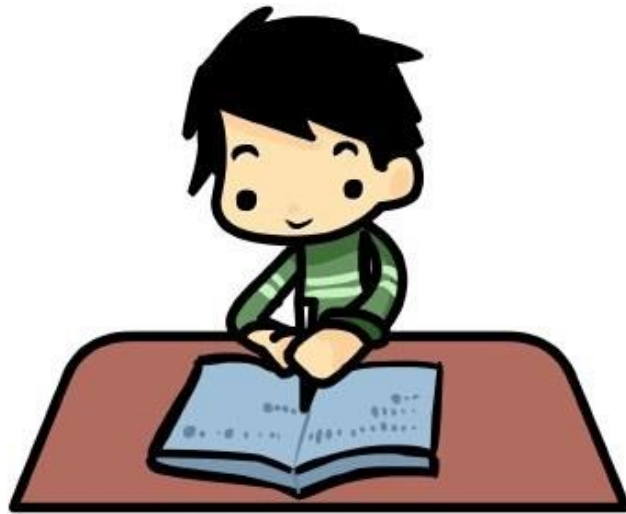
Please let us know if you would like to come: <https://forms.office.com/e/9EakRuQjnU>

Phonics meeting for Y1 parents/carers

Phonics

*Mrs. Reid will be leading a meeting about preparing your Y1 child for the phonics screening test which takes place in June. The meeting will take place on **Thursday 18th April at 3:30 pm** in the Y2 classroom. Please let us know if you can make it: <https://forms.office.com/e/wtvHPrsiXA>*

Home learning



Thank you to all families who are supporting their children with their home learning activities and reading - it really does make a big difference to their achievement in school.

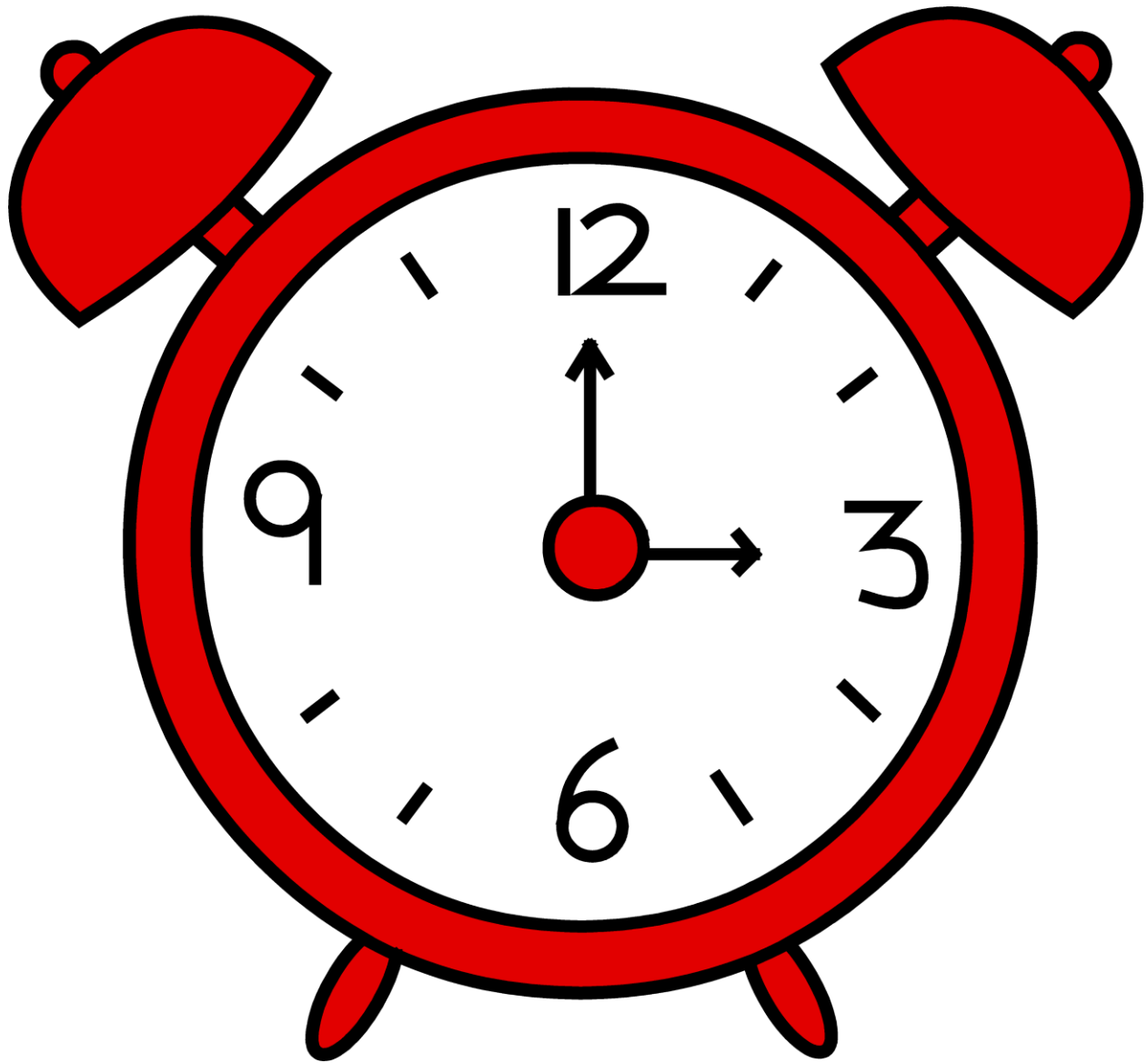
Miss. Evans is running a home learning club at break time on a Thursday for children in KS2 to complete theirs if they haven't done so at home.

TT Rockstars



Well done to those children who are regularly using TT Rockstars!! Miss. Evans will be awarding one prize per class for the most improved score (the most coins earned) between now and the end of term.

After school activities



*Mondays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Fitness** (YN and YR)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Basketball** (Y5 and 6)*

*Wednesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Tag rugby** (Y3 and 4)*

*Wednesdays (3.20-4 pm) - **Book Club** (YR) - Mrs. Reid has sent letters out*

*Thursdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - **Multi sports** (Y1 and 2)*

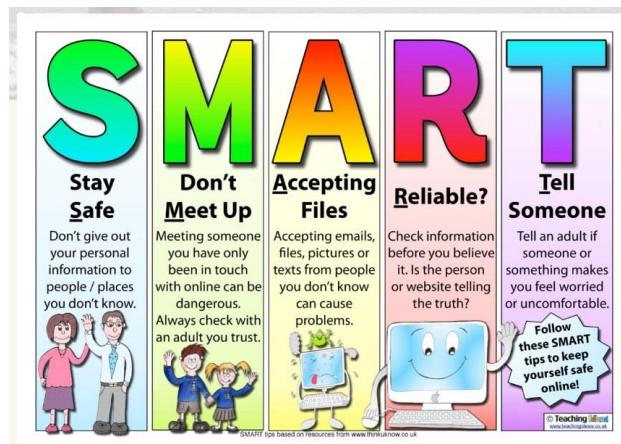
Friday - (3.20-4.30 pm) - **Brass Band** - Mr. Chadwick (KS2)

The above sports clubs will start this Monday - the 26th February.

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

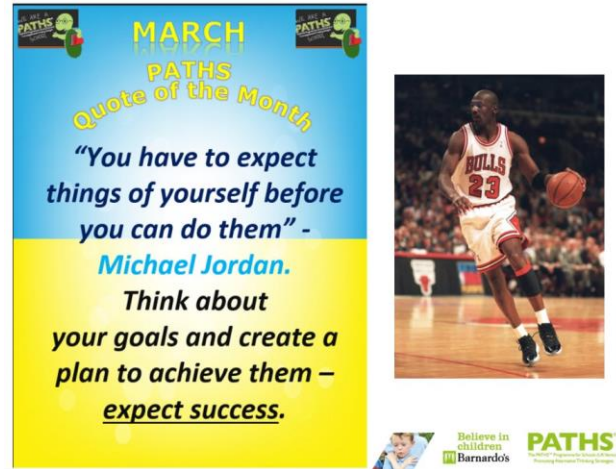
Online Safety

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. This month the focus is about achieving our goals.



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 .

Polite reminders

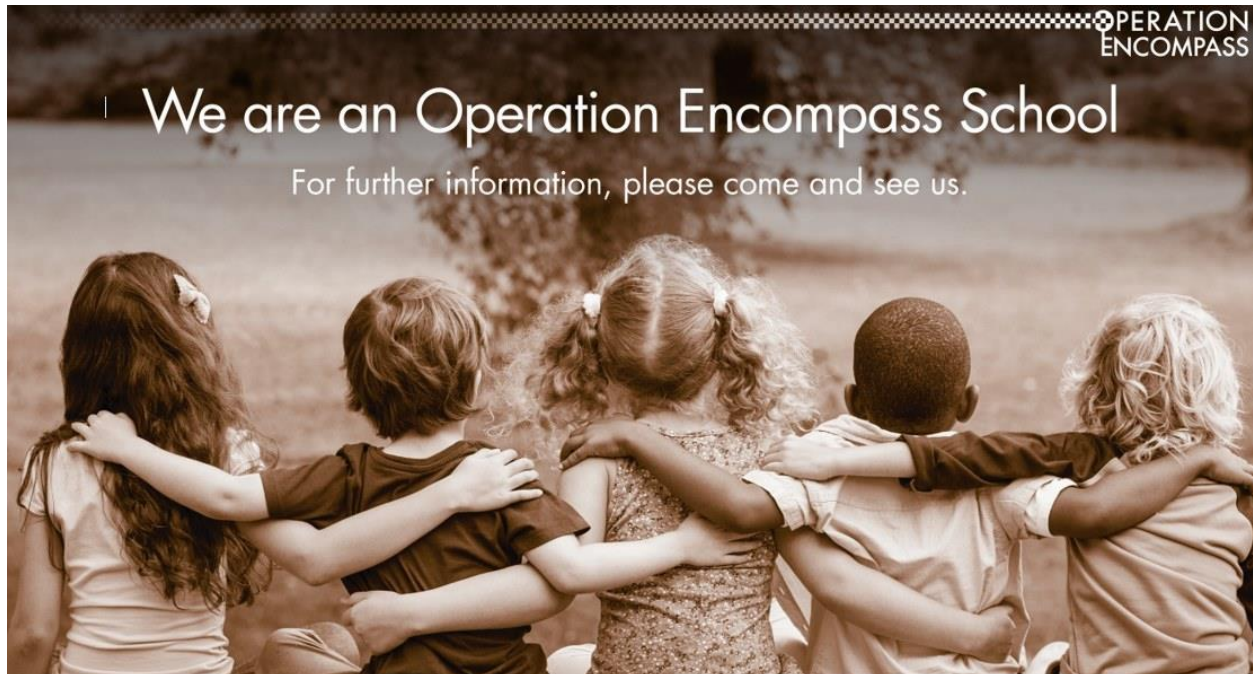


Just a reminder that children under the age of 16 cannot pick up children from school or ASC. If it is a different adult than usual picking your child up from school, please can you let school know.

*If your child requires medication to be administered it **must** be handed in and the office by an adult and a slip completed. Children should not have it stored in their bag or bring it into class. This is so that we can ensure it is stored and administered safely.*

Thank you.

Operation Encompass





Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.


As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Lammond have received training around this, please speak to them for more information, advice or support.





Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

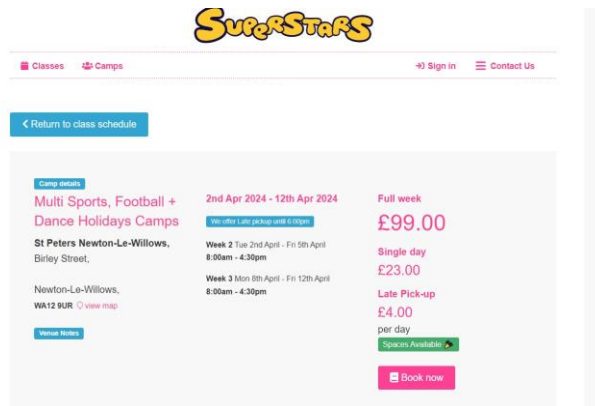
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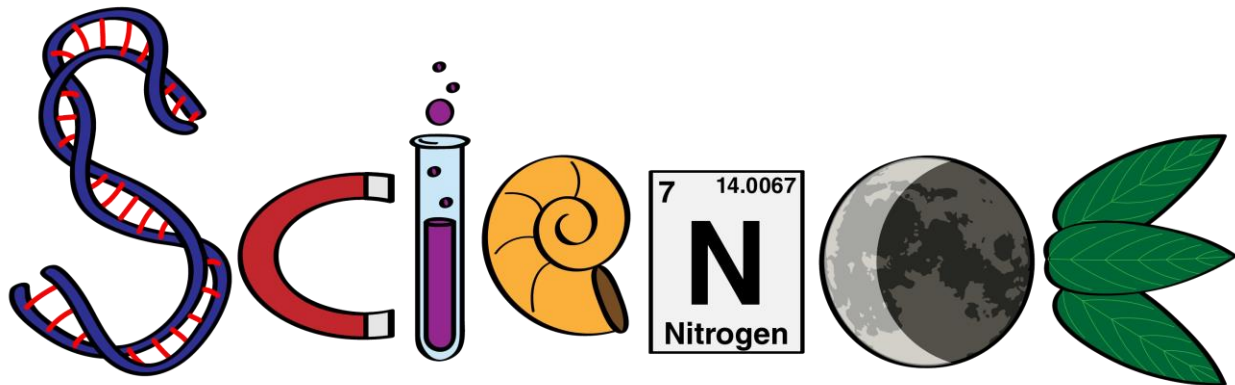
Community events



Easter holiday club: <https://superstars.classforkids.io/camp/722>



Science competition



As part of British Science week, Mr. Leather has launched a competition - see the poster. He has talked to the children about different ideas in assembly - use the following website to find a wide range of different Scientists <https://pstt.org.uk/unique-resources/a-scientist-just-like-me/>

Enter Our
Inspirational Scientists
Competition 2024

Amazon vouchers for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners



Poster, report, storyboard
or 3D models please.

Create at home and bring back to school for 28th
March. Good Luck!

Early Years visit from the Police and Fire service



Over the last few weeks our YN and YR have enjoyed the experience of meeting members of our local police and fire service. A big thank you to PCSO Craig and Firefighter Phil!











Year 3's Roman experience



Over the past two weeks our Year 3 have visited The Dewa Centre in Chester to learn more about their History learning - What did the Romans do for us? This included spending time in the museum and re-enacting the role of a Roman soldier. They shared their learning through a brilliant assembly to parents this week.





Parents' Evening



*We have set up the booking form online to choose a date and time to come and have a chat with your child's class teacher at Parents' Evening. **Appointments are available on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March from 3.30 pm-6 pm.** We look forward to seeing you to have the opportunity to share your child's progress this term. If you have not yet booked an appointment, your child's class teacher will give you a time available. Please contact the office if you are unable to make it.*

Our Catering Team will be serving items from our school dinner menu between 3.30 and 5.15 pm - please join us in the hall to try something!

School Nurse drop-ins



Our School Nurse, Carol Lancaster, will be in school on Tuesday 19th March at 11 am if you would like to call in and talk to her about anything.

And finally...

COMIC RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who bought a red nose to support Comic Relief - we will let you know how much was raised.

We have been very busy in school so far this year and are really looking forward to welcoming you next week to celebrate the learning your child has been doing!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts

