



# October 1

## Attendance



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*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: 98.8%

Y1: 94.8%

Y2: 95.3%

Y3: 96.5%

Y4: 96.1%

Y5: 87.3%

Y6: 98.2%

*Well done YR with the best attendance again! Also, well done to all the classes who have achieved at least 96% (our target).*

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*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.*

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**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%	95%	90%	95%
96%	92%	85%	Very good
94%	88%	82%	Good
92%	86%	80%	Good
90%	84%	78%	Good
88%	82%	76%	Good
86%	80%	74%	Good
84%	78%	72%	Good
82%	76%	70%	Good
80%	74%	68%	Good
78%	72%	66%	Good
76%	70%	64%	Good
74%	68%	62%	Good
72%	66%	60%	Good
70%	64%	58%	Good
68%	62%	56%	Good
66%	60%	54%	Good
64%	58%	52%	Good
62%	56%	50%	Good
60%	54%	48%	Good
58%	52%	46%	Good
56%	50%	44%	Good
54%	48%	42%	Good
52%	46%	40%	Good
50%	44%	38%	Good
48%	42%	36%	Good
46%	40%	34%	Good
44%	38%	32%	Good
42%	36%	30%	Good
40%	34%	28%	Good
38%	32%	26%	Good
36%	30%	24%	Good
34%	28%	22%	Good
32%	26%	20%	Good
30%	24%	18%	Good
28%	22%	16%	Good
26%	20%	14%	Good
24%	18%	12%	Good
22%	16%	10%	Good
20%	14%	8%	Good
18%	12%	6%	Good
16%	10%	4%	Good
14%	8%	2%	Good
12%	6%	0%	Good

Number of school days missed per year

What does my child's attendance mean?

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

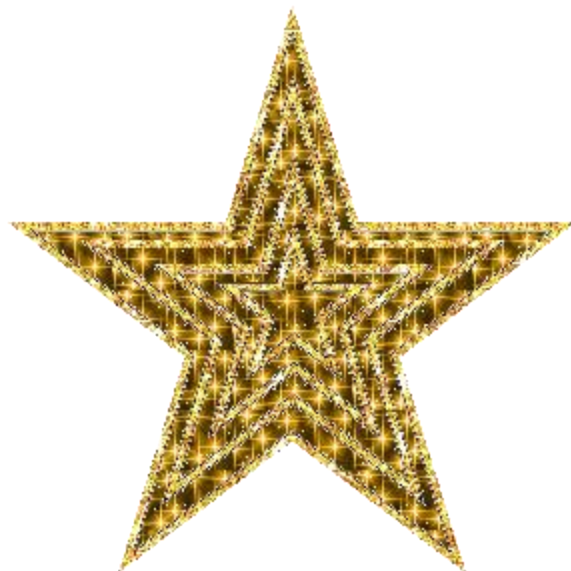
- Shopping
- Having to stay at home due to an unwell sibling or parent.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor night sleep

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

- 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





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*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 :)*

*A special mention to our Nursery class who have really impressed Coach Laura with their skills this week!*

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## Headteacher's Awards

**I**nspire  
**C**hallenge  
**A**chieve  
**N**urture

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*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** - Ruby (Y6) for being recognised at the football tournament of being such a good team player by encouraging others: an inspirational role model.

**Challenge** - Reggie (Y3) for challenging himself in his French lessons every week.

**Achieve** - Jelani (Y1) for his achievement in writing: his sentences in his English lessons were excellent.

**Nurture** - Alex (Y2) for showing his nurturing qualities in PE by supporting his class mates.

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## Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



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Our Sports Council met with Mr. Leather this week, they are carrying out a survey in their classes to find out which sports clubs they would like Coach Laura to offer next half term. They are looking forward to taking part in training this half term so that they can become Playground Leaders. This will involve ordering new resources and leading activities and games at break and lunch times.



*Watch this space for the action plans from our other groups!*

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Special assembly: Young Carer's Trust



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*On Tuesday, Eleni Foskett (Outreach Support Officer from the St Helens Young Carers Centre), delivered an assembly for our KS1 and KS2 children. She talked to them about what a young carer is and how the charity supports them. This was a good opportunity for the children to think about different roles others may undertake in their families.*

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## ST HELENS YOUNG CARERS CENTRE

### WHO ARE WE?

We are a local charity.  
We offer a wide range of support to help Young Carers aged 6 – 20 years.  
Our aim is to reduce the caring role for the Young Carer and help them to better cope with their caring responsibilities.  
We want to create opportunities so that Young Carers can maintain a healthy social life, feel supported whilst in school/college and have the chance to pursue their own aspirations!



### CONTACT/FOLLOW US

Call us: 01744 677279  
Email us: [info@sthelenscarers.org.uk](mailto:info@sthelenscarers.org.uk)  
Facebook: St Helens Carers Centre  
Twitter: @StHelYoungCarers  
Instagram: @sthec

"I LOVE IT AT YOUNG CARERS, IT'S ONE OF THE PLACES I REALLY ENJOY GOING TO AND TALKING, I HAVE LOVED MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND HAVE LINKED IN WITH THEM OUTSIDE OF THE SESSIONS TOO!"

- A quote from one of our Young Carers

### YADS

Young Adult Carers Group (16+)  
For those Young Carers who will be going into adult services, we run a group that helps them to meet new friends, learn new skills and help them in areas, such as, CV writing, employability skills, confidence building, budgeting etc and can apply for grants on their behalf too!

### WHO IS A YOUNG CARER?

A Young Carer is someone aged 6 – 20 years.  
They provide regular or ongoing care and emotional support to 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.

A Young Carer may complete tasks, such as, cooking, cleaning, personal care, administering medication etc.

### FUNDRAISING

Fundraising We are an independent charity, we rely heavily on raising money to support our Young Carers.

If your school/organisation/Company would like to get behind us and support our fundraising efforts, please get in touch on 01744 677279 and we will do whatever we can to support your initiative.



## Contact forms




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*If you haven't returned your child's contact form, please can you do so by Monday. We must have at least two contacts in case of an emergency. Thank you.*

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## Home Learning



*To help our children to consolidate their learning at home, we will be introducing weekly home learning activities alongside daily reading.*

### Home Learning activities

*Home Learning activities will be set in the child's Home Learning Book in KS2 and/or on Purple Mash. Home Learning books will contain a guide with strategies for learning the spelling set. All children in KS1 and 2 will have log on details to access activities on Purple Mash and spelling games on Spelling Frame.*

*From Y2 to Year 6, the children will have access to Timestable Rockstars. Both Spelling Frame and TT Rockstars allow the children to collect points – class prizes will be given to those children accessing these sites.*

## Reading

*Reading books will be sent home on a Friday and collected in the following Thursday. Those children who are learning phonics through the FFT Success for All program (Foundation Stage, KS1 and some children in KS2) will receive a link at the start of the school year to access the FFT site – the book their child is reading in school will be written in their reading record on a weekly basis. Children in KS2 who are on book banded books will take a copy of the book home on a weekly basis. In addition to this, each child will have the opportunity to take home a library book – returning this when they are ready to change it. During Celebration Assembly on a Monday, those children who have returned their signed reading record are entered into their class draw to win a new book*

*If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.*

## Picture News



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*As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News.  
This week's Picture News is all about the following question: How does change happen?*

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# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK. Commemorations will feature Black women, who have made outstanding contributions to many areas including music, literature, fashion, sport, business, politics, and health care.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- > Share what you already know and understand about Black History Month in the UK.
- > This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'. What are some of the ways that you think we could do this?



How does change happen?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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# British Values



## Democracy

In the past, some people have been ignored because of their colour. Everyone has a voice and the right to be heard.

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## Protected Characteristics



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Nobody should ever be overlooked, ignored or treated unfairly because of their colour.



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# UN Rights of a Child



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We all have rights no matter who we are, where we live, what we look like or what we think. We should never be treated unfairly for any reason.



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## PE Reminders



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*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

## Music opportunities

**MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES  
AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL**

**2023 - 24 FREE!**

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

**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

**01744 677946**

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REGISTER TODAY

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## Sports opportunities

**GIRLS RUGBY IS COMING TO STORM!**

**Girls Y4, Y5 & Y6**  
**Saturday mornings**  
**10-11am**  
**Newton Sports Club**  
**Contact the inbox for more details**

## October half term activities

**Autumn '23**



Our **ComputerXplorers** Holiday Tech Clubs

**ComputerXplorers** leads the way in providing technology-based activities that are both inspirational and educational. Our unique brand of hands-on programmes are always full of fun and interaction. We encourage children to find out what's behind the technology, building in collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and confidence along the way!



**AUTUMN TECH CLUB**

**ST HELENS**

**Rainford High School**

Higher Ln,  
Rainford, WA11 8NY

**Wed 1st &  
Thurs 2nd November**

9am-3pm (half days available)

Morning sessions include Coding &  
Game Design with a seasonal **MINECRAFT** afternoon challenge!

Scan the QR or follow the link for full information  
& bookings:

**[bolton.computerxplorers.co.uk](https://bolton.computerxplorers.co.uk)**



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AGED 5-13

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## Jewellery

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*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!*

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## YR places - September 2024

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*You must apply for a primary school place a year before your child can start school. Applications **open in September and close on 15 January**. Your child will be 3 or have just turned 4 when you apply. You'll need to apply then even if you want your child to start part-way through the year. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place> for more information.*

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## Winning Team



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*The winning team this week are the Phoenix team again!*

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## Before and after school



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*Please can ensure that your child does not play on the trim trail equipment before or after school.*

*If you are collecting children from Y1 or Y2 classrooms, can we politely ask you to wait on the KS2 play ground if you are picking up older children so that the KS2 teachers can lead their classes out safely.*

*Parents collecting children from the KS2 playground, please can you stand back from the gates so that the staff can clearly see the children going to who is picking them up.*

***Finally, to make sure that we are safeguarding all our children, if someone new is picking up your child from school, please can you make the class teacher aware prior to home time - thank you.***

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## Dates for the diary

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***Monday 16th-Friday 20th October*** - Scholastic Book Fair (in the hall). More details to follow.

***Tuesday 17th October/Wednesday 18th October from 3.30-6.00 pm-*** Parents' Evenings

*Appointments can now be made on School Spider.*

***WC Monday 23rd October - Harvest Festival (Details to follow in next week's newsletter)***

***Thursday 26th October - Disco for KS1 and KS2 (More details to follow next week)***

***Friday 27th October - School closes for half term***

***Monday 6th November - School opens for the start of Autumn term 2***

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## Parents' meetings



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*If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please can you do so after school or make an appointment by contacting Mrs. O'Brien in the office.*

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## Uniform

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*We have lots of spare uniform. Due to the unpredictable weather, we have not been able to put it out at the end of the school day. We will set it out in the hall during the afternoons/evenings of parent and teacher meetings if anyone would like to make use of any.*

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And finally...



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*Yesterday was World Teacher's Day. Every member of staff at Lyme is amazing - they work tirelessly to ensure that our children are inspired, are challenged, achieve and, most importantly, are nurtured. We have had more visitors into school this week who have all commented on the warm atmosphere they felt when they came in - this is testament to the environment created by the whole team.*

*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Mrs. Roberts*

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HAPPY  
WEEKEND