



February 4

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: 93.9%

Y1: 98.6%

Y2: 98.6%

Y3: 92.9%

Y4: 95.7%

Y5: 96.5%

Y6: 99.2%

The overall whole school attendance is 96.5%.

Well done to Y1, Y2, Y5 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 SUCCESS

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: Naylea and Lily P

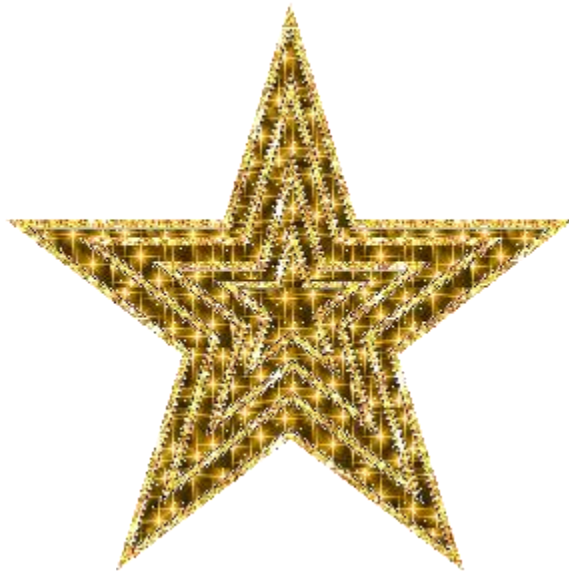
Y1: Oscar A and Ollie

Y2: Oliver and Savannah

Y3: Ivy-Louise and Grayson

Y4: Lacey-May and Lexie

Y6: Jacob T and Pippa



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 - Oliver (Y2) for inspiring others through his achievements for his football team.

Challenge - Tyler (Y5) for challenging himself in his swimming lessons.

Achieve - Isla (Y4) for a positive attitude to her assessments.

Nurture - Vanessa (Y2) for showing kindness to her friend at lunch time.

Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



Our Singing Stars have met this week to learn some new songs to lead on the playground at break and lunch times.



Our Online Safety Ambassadors have worked together to create a poster to support their classmates with staying safe online. They will be sharing it in assembly next week and displaying their poster around school.

Be safe and kind online

When your child is online make sure they are safe and not talking to anyone that they do not know.

When your child is down about something or someone on the internet, do these things:

1. Make sure they are calm.
2. Talk to them about the situation.
3. Block and report the user or game if they/it is being inappropriate.
4. Leave the chat or game and never touch them ever again until the situation has been moderated properly.
5. If your child is being bullied online make sure you leave straight away and do not let your child speak to them again.

Remember that the age limit for apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat are 16+ so if your child is using it, you need to remember to check it regularly. If your child is using Snapchat, make sure they have their location off because if their friend or their phone gets hacked then they can always be tracked down.

Children are being unkind and not nice to each other. Shockingly, as a result, they haven't wanted to come to school. As parents, please could you monitor your child's use of these apps and regularly check their messages to prevent this from happening again.

Stay safe and thanks for reading our letter.

The Online Safety team.

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: How can you make your voice heard?

TAKEHOME

How can you make your voice heard?

In the news this week

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

Things to talk about at home –

- Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Democracy

As part of a democracy, we have the right to protest. It is one of the ways a group of people can show when they strongly agree or disagree with something and have their voices heard.

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Protected Characteristics

Our beliefs affect our everyday lives and how we choose to live. If we feel strongly about something and the effect it is having on our lives, we can use our voices. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.

 Sex	 Sexual Orientation	 Age
 Disability	 Gender Reassignment	 Marriage and Civil Partnership
 Pregnancy and Maternity	 Race	 Religion and Belief

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UN Rights of a Child



We have the right to share freely with others what we learn, think and feel. We can do this by talking, writing, drawing or any other way unless it harms other people.



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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 - **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...
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
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)

Wednesday 6th March - Police visit to EY

Thursday 7th March - Y3 trip to The Dewa Centre, Chester

Friday 8th March - World Book Day event - please see below

Friday 8th March - YR Mothering Sunday assembly - please see below

Wednesday 13th March - Y3 class assembly at 9.15 am

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.

YR Mother's day assembly



*Our Reception children would like to invite their mum/nan/grandma to join them on **Friday 8th March at 2.45 pm** in the hall for a Mothering Sunday celebration. Once their have finished, they will return to class to collect their bags and coats and will be dismissed from the classroom as usual.*

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 - separate letters will be sent out

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

World Book Day



*Next week is World Book Day. We will be celebrating on **Friday 8th March**. Our Reading Ambassadors sent out some ideas for costumes on the newsletter a few weeks ago - there are some examples on the poster. They would like to see home-made costumes please!*

In addition, they are running a special World Book Day competition - design a potato character! They will be judging entries next Friday afternoon.

Each child will be bringing home their World Book day token - we hope they manage to choose a book that captures their interest!

For more information see <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

DIY WORLD BOOK DAY IDEAS

Our reading ambassadors have decided that they would like to embrace the theme of sustainability this World Book Day.

Can you recycle an old costume?

Make your own from recyclable materials

Why not visit your local charity shop?

Keep it simple and make it fun!

Here are some ideas.



Design a potato story book character

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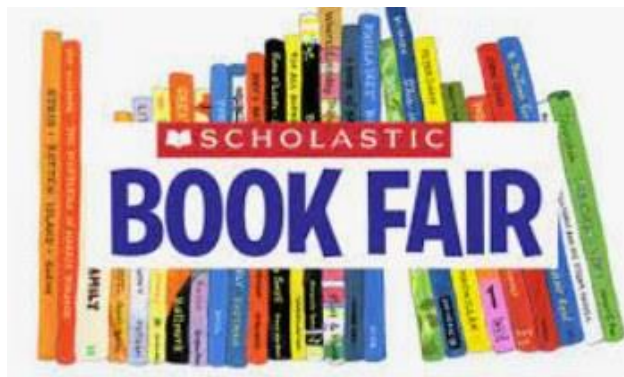
World Book Day

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS...



All entries to be in school by Friday 8th
March!

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:

YR - Mother's Day - Friday 8th March at 2.45 pm

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

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

Y3 - The Romans - Wednesday 13th March at 9.15 am

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

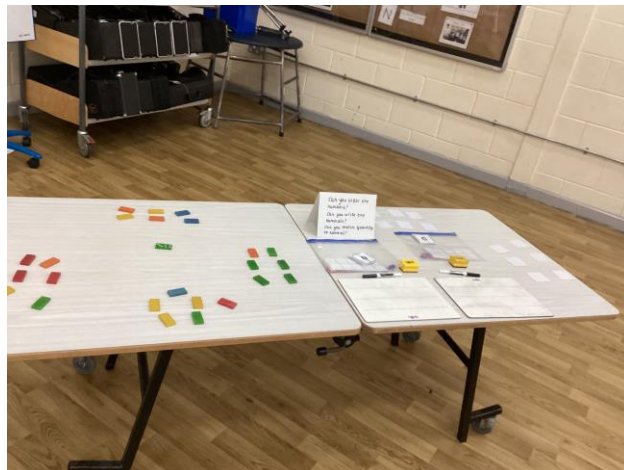
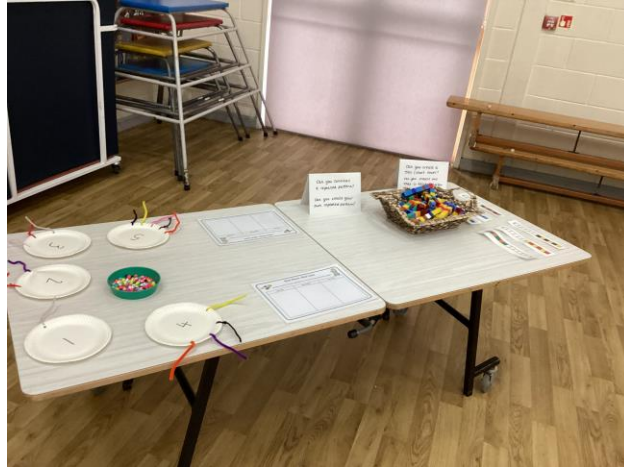


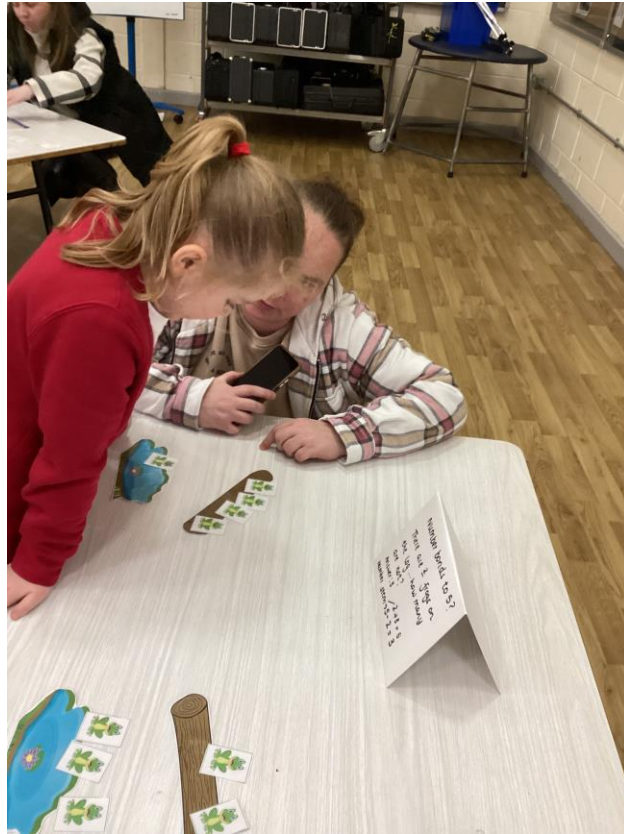
*Miss. Burns has organised a parent workshop on **Supporting Children with SEN: Sensory Needs and SEND and The Local Offer / Graduated Approach** for **Wednesday 20th March at 2.30 pm** in The Hub.
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.*

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

Early Years Maths

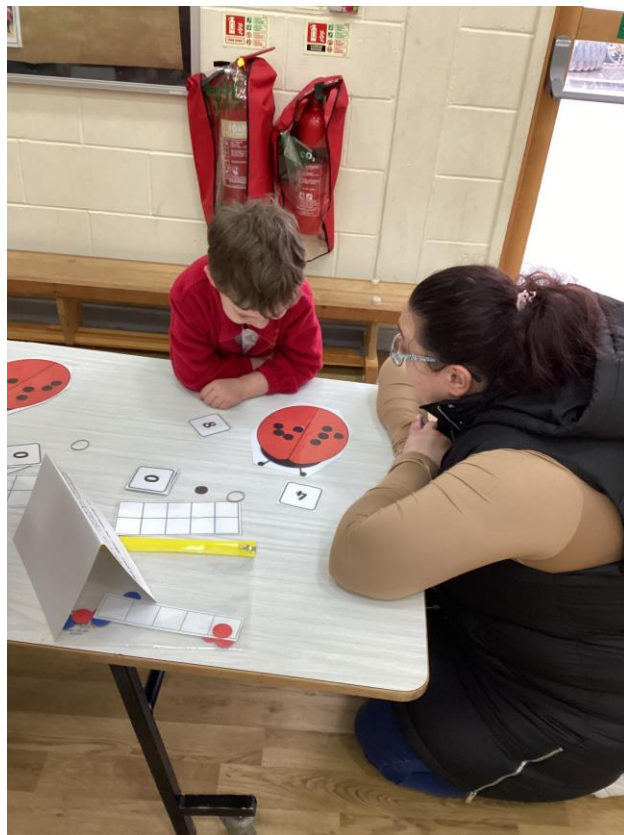
Thank you to all the parents who came to the Early Maths workshop this week. If you couldn't make it, the presentation is on the website.









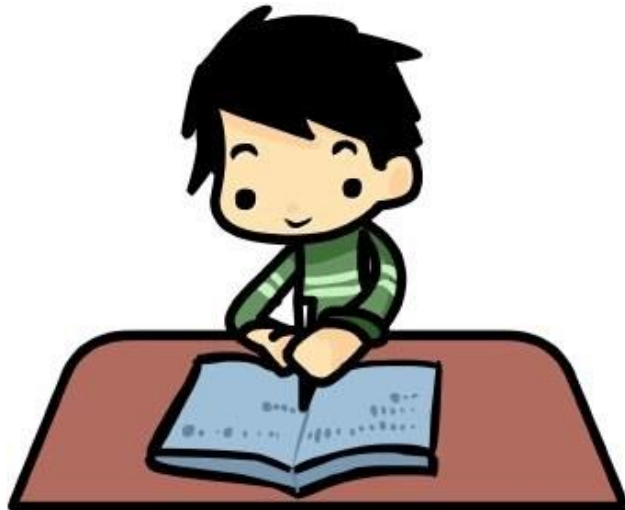








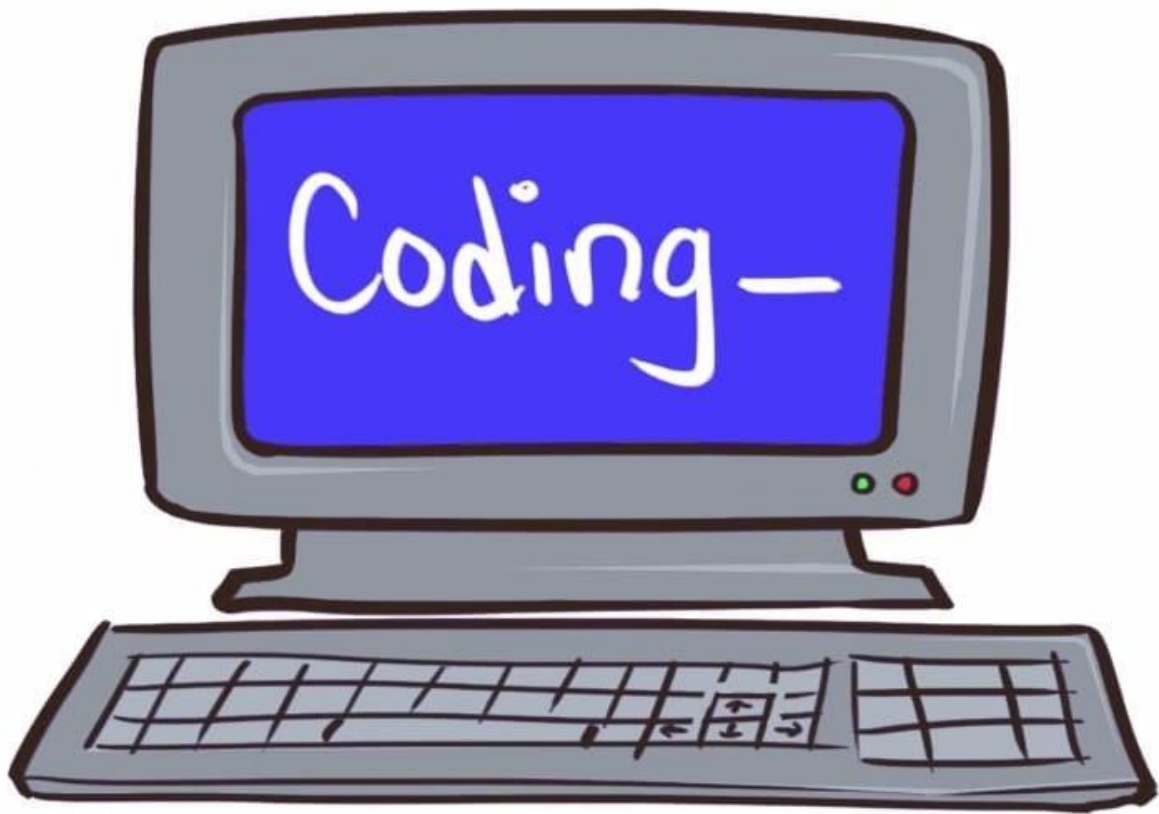
Home learning



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 Friday for children in KS2 to complete theirs if they haven't done so at home.

Y6 Cyber Crime workshop



Two members of Merseyside Police's Cyber Unit were in school earlier in the week as part of their learning about online safety. Y6 listened attentively and asked thoughtful questions.



Wraparound childcare

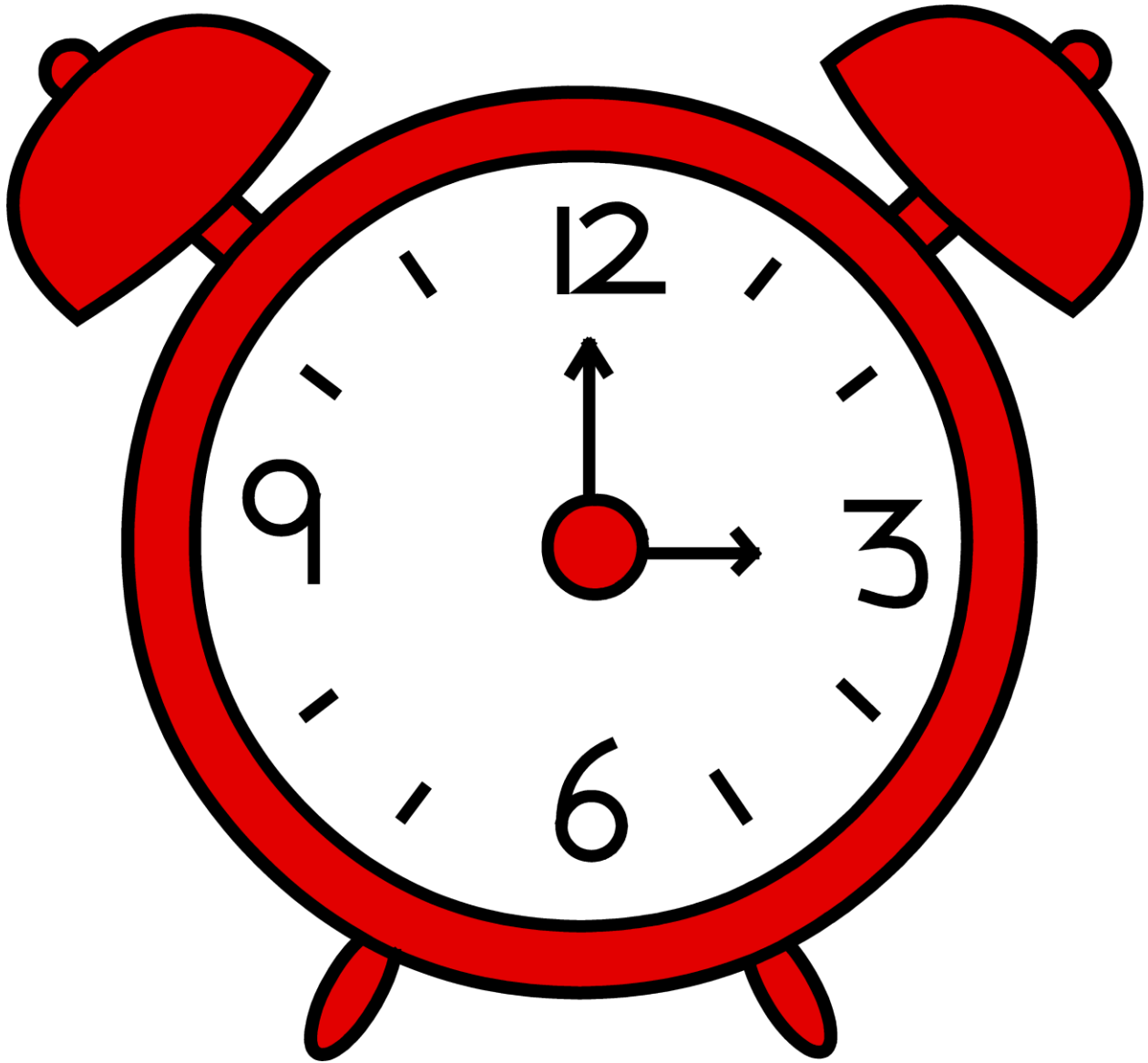


St. Helens Local Authority would like to find out your views about wraparound care:

We are looking to discover parents needs, experience and views of wraparound childcare. If you're a parent living in the borough who can tell us more, please complete our quick survey!

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/4ULD6H/>

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)*

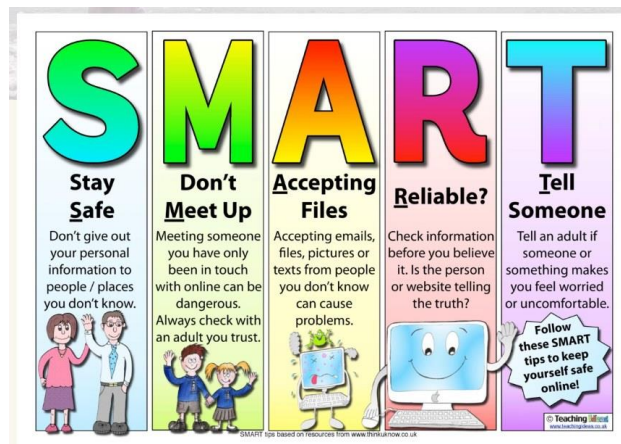
Friday - (3.20-4.30 pm) - **Brass Band** - Mr. Chadwick (KS2)

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 giving each other compliments.



Ramadan/Eid-ul-Fitr



Our KS1 and KS2 assemblies this week were about the Islamic month of Ramadan - which starts on March 11th this year - and the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr. The children talked about how it is important to learn about faiths to help us to be more understanding of others. Mikaeel from Y5 volunteered to talk about his own experiences and the other children asked him some questions about what fasting was like - he told them about the sense of pride at the end of the month on what he had achieved. In our KS1 assembly he was joined by Yaqub and Khairia who talked about what Ramadan was like for them in their families.





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.

Can parents/carers collecting children from the KS1 playground please move off the playground once they have collected their so that the KS2 staff can bring their classes to the gate - children are only to be collected once the teacher has dismissed them, not be taken out of the line before the KS2 gate.

Thank you.

Measles



The UK Health Security Agency has noted a significant increase in measles infections in England in 2023, resulting in the highest number of cases seen in 4 years. Both London and the West Midlands have reported large outbreaks over the course of the last year, most recently in Birmingham and the West Midlands, which saw 216 measles cases in the last three months alone, widely surpassing the total number of cases seen in the whole of England between 2020 and 2022.

Measles is a highly contagious illness, easily passed on through coughs and sneezes and is particularly dangerous in shared public spaces, such as colleges and universities. Even brief contact with an infected person can be enough to catch the disease if you have not been vaccinated.

It is therefore important that you familiarise yourself with these symptoms:

The first symptoms of measles include::

- ***High fever***
- ***Sore, red watery eyes***

- *Coughing*

- *Aching and feeling generally unwell*
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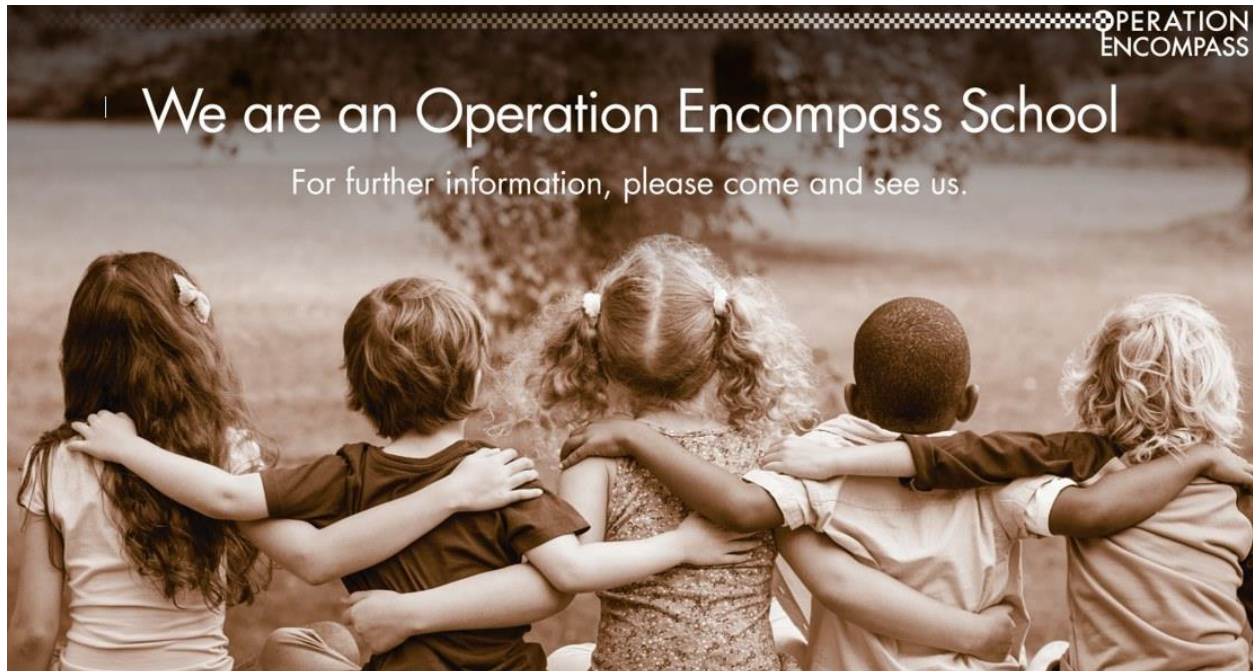
After a few days, symptoms include:

- *Small white spots may appear inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips*
 - *A blotchy red brown rash, which starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body.*
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If you think you or your child may have measles, telephone your GP surgery or ring NHS 111 (or online at <https://111.nhs.uk>). As measles can spread to others easily, call your GP surgery before you attend if you do need to be seen.

If you would like to learn more about how to spot signs and symptoms of measles, please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>.

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 right.

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.

www.operationencompass.org

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Community events





Supporting
Your Community



EASTER EGGS WANTED

Our Easter Bunny is currently in need of some Easter eggs to help less fortunate families in St.Helens.

Donations can be dropped of at the following donation points:

- Teardrops Hub, 110 Crab Street, St.Helens, WA10 2DJ
Monday - Friday (9:30am - 4pm) and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings (6:30pm till 8:30pm)
- Tesco, St.Helens Linkway Store (Katie's Project Trolley)
- Mellor and Black Enchanted Tea Gardens, 22 Duke Street, WA10 2JP

THANK YOU!

And finally...



*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.*

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!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts
