



March 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: 93.9%

Y1: 90.4%

Y2: 97.9%

Y3: 95.3%

Y4: 92.2%

Y5: 97.4%

Y6: 94.2%

The overall whole school attendance is 94.3%.

The Local Authority average for last week was 94.4%.

Well done to Y2 and Y5 who have achieved our 96% target.

School Matters!




*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

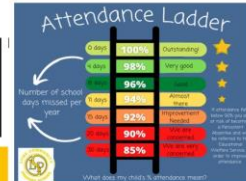
We attend school READY to learn

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

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

REPORT ATTENDANCE CHANGE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Attendance Ladder



Green	100%	Outstanding
Light Green	98%	Very good
Yellow	96%	Good
Orange	94%	Almost good
Red	92%	Improvement needed
Dark Red	90%	Needs attention
Black	85%	Unacceptable

Number of school days missed per year

What does my child's attendance mean?

Achieving 100% attendance is a fantastic achievement. We encourage all parents to ensure their child is present in school every day to ensure the best possible educational outcomes.

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

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: Kodah and Theo C

Y1: Belle and Willow

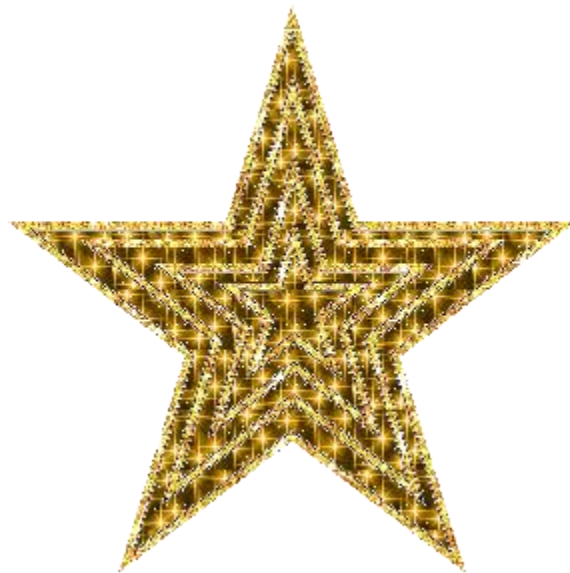
Y2: Mia and Ivy

Y3: Alfie and Mia

Y4: Wyatt and Phoebe J

Y5: Miss. Hope's swimming group and Kian

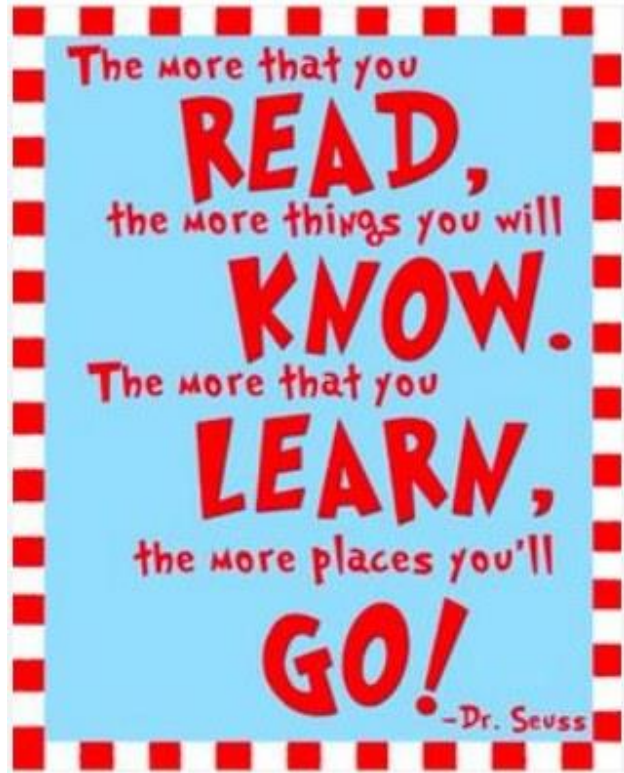
Y6: Lili Sk and Andrew



Reading Superstars



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







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** - Milly (Y1) for inspiring others by being a great role model.*

***Challenge** - Garry (Y2) for challenging himself with his 2 x tables.*

***Achieve** - Yaqub (Y2) for super spellings in his phonics lessons.*

***Nurture** - Millie (YN) for her kindness to her friends.*

Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



Our Sports Ambassadors have planned the after school clubs for next half term - see details below.

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 the best way to handle disappointment?

TAKEHOME

In the news this week



What's the best way to handle disappointment?

Many families travelled to Glasgow for an event that claimed to channel the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. On its website, Willy's Chocolate Experience, guaranteed chocolate fountains, performances by Dimple Loompas, and interactive experiences, with tickets priced at £25 per person. Visitors were greeted by rows of large empty tables and walls of black fabric separating different, almost empty, spaces. Upon facing crowds of disappointed ticketholders, organisers decided to cancel the two-day event after the first morning.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think visitors to the experience might have felt when they realised the experience differed from what they expected?
- Can you think of a time when something didn't go well, even though you tried or thought it would? How did you deal with it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



British Values



Individual Liberty

There are times in our lives when we will feel disappointment. We can choose how we respond to it. It is important to remember we are responsible for our actions.

Protected Characteristics

Our religion or beliefs affect the places we choose to visit. They may also impact how we overcome disappointment. We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion or beliefs.

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



UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to rest, relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities. Visiting places can help us do this.



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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 Griffin 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

ST HELENS MUSIC SERVICE HUB
INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY
PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE
@sthelensmusic @sthelensmusic

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

A colorful illustration at the bottom of the poster shows a group of diverse children playing various musical instruments like a trumpet, saxophone, guitar, and drums. There are also musical notes and a treble clef symbol.

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



We have noticed that a number of children are wearing tracksuit bottoms when it is not their PE day. Please can you make sure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform each day - no sports wear except on PE days. This includes trainers - black only as per the School Uniform Policy.

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'

Thursday 28th March (please note the change of date) - Intra-sports competition (PE kits for ALL classes)

Thursday 28th March - Schools closes for the end of Spring Term.

Monday 15th April - School re-opens for the start of Summer Term

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

I CAN!
Inspire
Challenge
Achieve
Nurture

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Article 29
Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

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

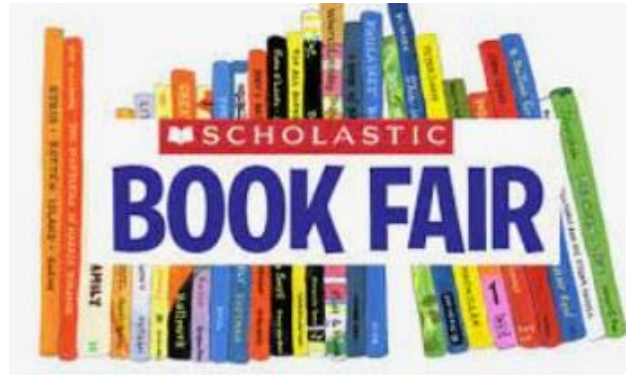
Easter Craft event

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

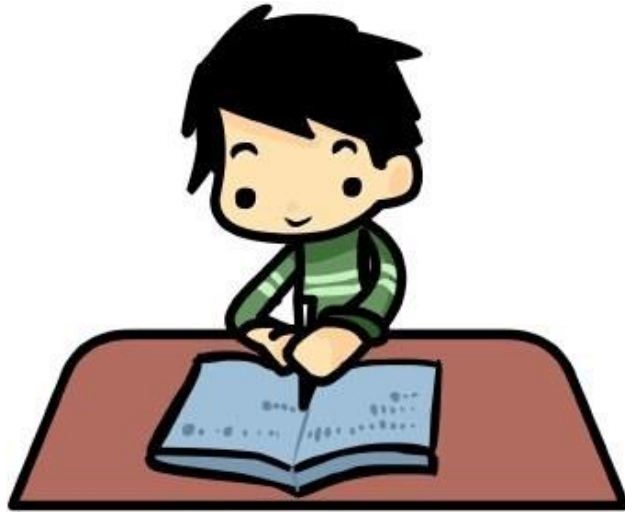
Y6 - Summer production - date TBC

Phonics meeting for Y1 parents/carers



*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.

School dinners



Thank you to our Catering team who served some example dishes from our Winter menu during Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Thursday. They had many positive comments about the food. We to are very pleased to say that they have just had a visit from Food Standards Agency and have been awarded 5 stars again!

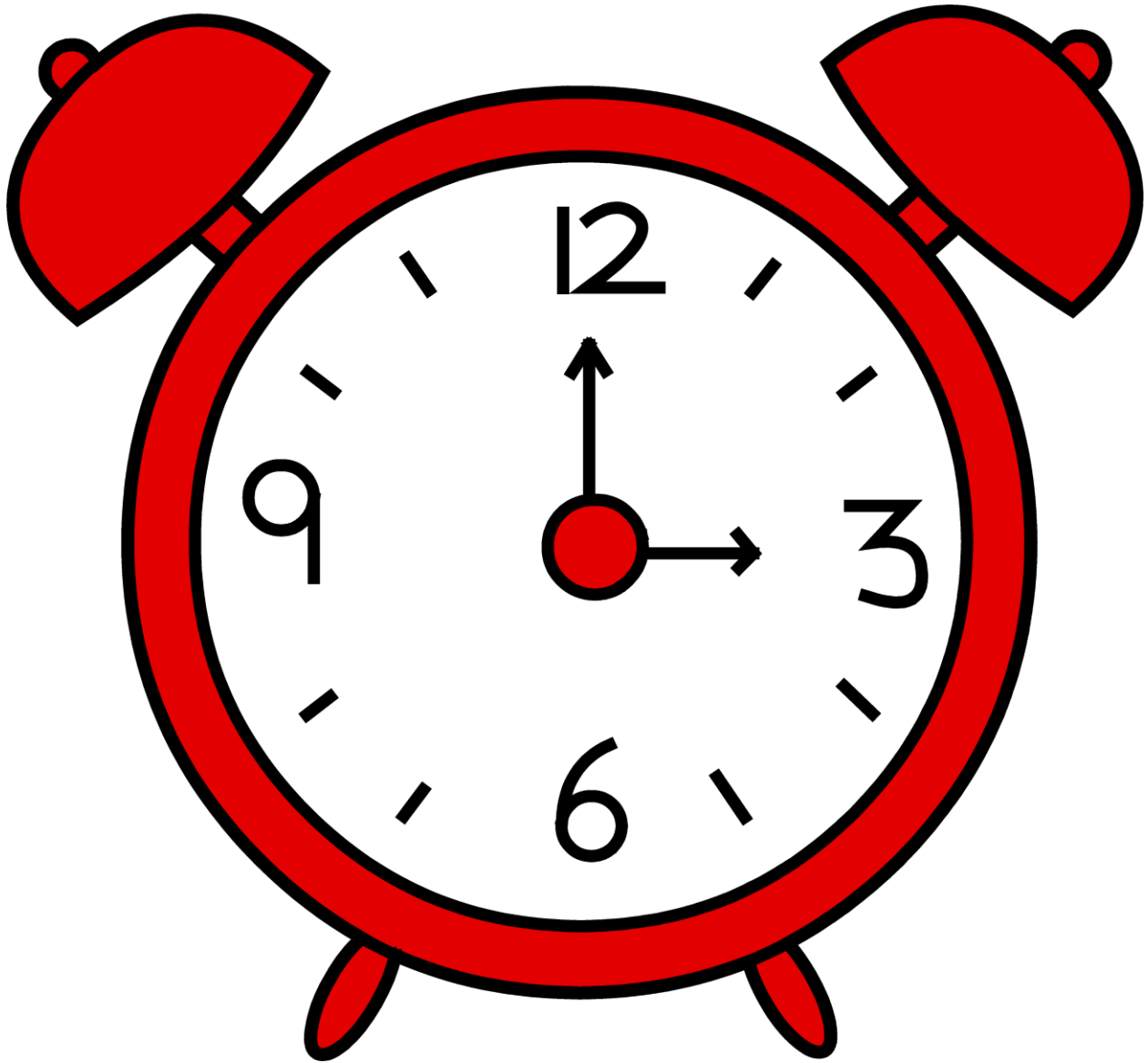


TT Rockstars



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) - Dance (Y1/2)

Tuesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - Tag Ruby (Y5/6)

Wednesdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - Handball (Y3/4)

Thursdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - Multi sports (YN/R)

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

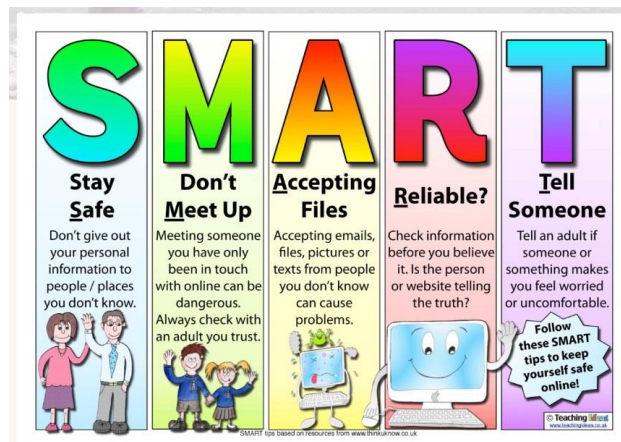
Please pay for all clubs on School Money - £12.50 per half term.

Y5 swimming

*Monday 25th March will be the last swimming session for Y5. During this lesson, the children will be developing their water safety and rescue skills. **They are still to wear their usual swimming kit but will need to bring a t-shirt and shorts with them to wear in the pool.***

Online Safety

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



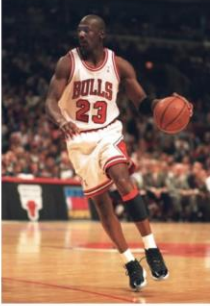
PATHS - quote of the month


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.

MARCH
PATHS
Quote of the Month


"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them" - Michael Jordan.

Think about your goals and create a plan to achieve them – expect success.





Believe in children
Barnardo's

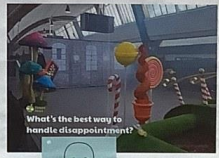


Year 2 have linked this week's Picture News to their PATHS learning.

(PICTURE NEWS IN Y2)

Take some deep breaths.
 Go outside and get some fresh air.
Olivia

Self-calming skills



What's the best way to handle disappointment?
 Disappointed
 PATHS

Ask for your money back.
Mia

Say how you feel and why.
Vanessa

Make a new plan.
Alex

Look for solutions.

It's OK to be disappointed.

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 relationship, 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.

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

Community events



FREE HOLIDAY FUN & FOOD!

across St Helens Borough!

Fun activities and free meals for kids!

2 - 12 April 2024
[sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun](https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun)

ST HELENS
#STHELENSTOGETHER

Families with children 4-14 years in receipt of free school meals. Programme funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

1 - <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/HAF-Easter>



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

SuperStars

Classes Camps Sign in Contact Us

[Return to class schedule](#)

Camp details

Multi Sports, Football + Dance Holidays Camps

St Peters Newton-Le-Willows, Birley Street, Newton-Le-Willows, WA12 9UR [view map](#)

2nd Apr 2024 - 12th Apr 2024

[We offer Late pickup until 6:00pm](#)

Full week £99.00

Single day £23.00

Late Pick-up £4.00 per day

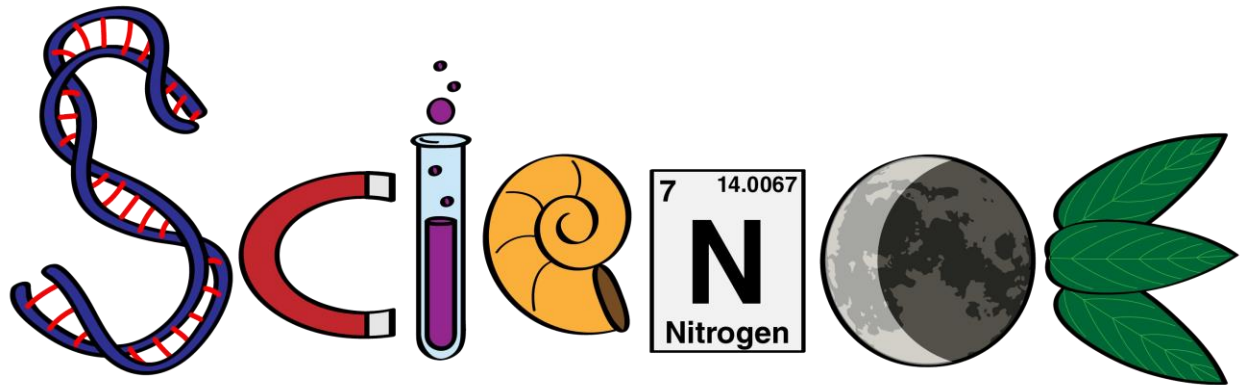
[Spaces Available](#)

[Book now](#)

Week 2 Tue 2nd April - Fri 5th April 8:30am - 4:30pm

Week 3 Mon 8th April - Fri 12th April 8:30am - 4:30pm

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/>

The Ogden Trust School Partnership

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!

Parents' Evening



Thank you to everyone who came to meet with their child's class teacher this week - it really does make such a difference to school to know we have had the opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

Comic Relief

COMIC RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who bought a red nose last Friday. We sold £278 worth of noses - all profits will go to Comic Relief.

Business for Youth



Thank you to the volunteers from Business for Youth who have been in today. They have have worked with members of the local police team to distribute Easter eggs - the children will bring them home on Thursday.



Intra-sports competition



Congratulations to last half term's winners - Y4 - who scored the most points in the fitness challenges.

*This half term's competition is Handball. Mr. Leather will be running this throughout the day on **Thursday 28th March** with all children from YN to Y6 being involved. PE kits to be worn please.*

Nursery places



We have Nursery places available for September 2024 - please spread the word! Visits to school can be arranged by contacting Mrs. O'Brien in the office. We are also able to offer Breakfast and After School Club provision.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/nurseryadmissions>

Maintained nursery units/schools

The local authority processes applications for maintained nursery units/schools in St Helens. A maintained nursery is managed by a governing body and is usually on the site of a primary school.

If you wish to apply for a Private, Voluntary, or Independent Playgroup/Nursery, or a neighbouring local authority's nursery, you need to contact them directly.

Your child can access 15 hours' free nursery care each week for 38 weeks each year the term after their third birthday. In maintained nurseries these hours are normally divided up into morning or afternoon sessions on five days per week. The school will contact you with details of the session times for your child after a place has been allocated by the local authority.

Some primary schools offer two-year-olds places; please check with the school you are interested in.

30 hours' funded childcare

Some working parents are eligible for up to 30 hours of funded childcare/early education per week (for three to four-year-olds). You can check whether you are eligible for 30 hours' free childcare via the [Childcare Choices](#) website.

You should contact your preferred nursery to find out if they will be offering 30-hour places and whether there is any availability.

Applying for January, April and September nursery admission

You can apply for admission the term after your child's third birthday. If your child was born on or between:

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- *1 September and 31 December, you can apply for January admission.*
 - *1 January and 31 March, you can apply for April admission.*
 - *1 April and 31 August, you can apply for September admission.*
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And finally...



A BIG thank you to Abdullah, Yaqub and Mikaeel's mum who has sent in a variety of different food dishes for the staff as part of her family's Ramadan celebrations. Ramadan Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts
