



March 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: 92.7%

Y1: 91.5%

Y2: 98.3%

Y3: 86.8%

Y4: 93.5%

Y5: 98.8%

Y6: 93.3%

The overall whole school attendance is 93.3%.

Well done to Y2 and Y5 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 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

Other	100%	Outstanding
Class	98%	Very good
Class	96%	Good
Class	94%	Almost good
Class	92%	Improvement needed
Class	90%	Needs attention
Class	85%	Needs improvement

Number of school days missed per year

What does my class'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



At the end of each term we award subject-specific certificates across the curriculum. This gives us the opportunity to celebrate achievements in all areas of learning. When presenting the awards, we talked about inspirational figures, the skills they are developing and aspirational roles linked to each subject.

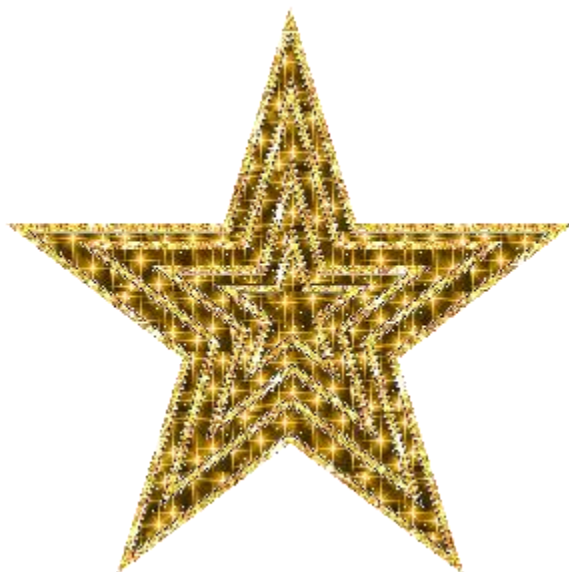
Well done to the term's award winners!











Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



*Our **Reading Ambassadors** were fabulous in last week's **World Poetry Day** assembly, led by Miss. Hope.*

They read a selection of Kennings and Limericks. Miss. Hope also shared a Limerick that she had written:

There once was a school called Lyme,

Where learning and laughter combined,

From Maths to Art

They all played their part,

In helping all the pupils to shine.

Y1 performed a poem called Kindness, a group of Y2 children performed Cats and two different groups from Y3 performed Seasons and I'm No A Kid. Y5 performed the first verse of The Highwayman.



Our Y5 Playground Leaders are continuing to do an excellent job at leading sports at lunchtime for our YR, 1 and 2 children. They have been so enthusiastic and engaging which has meant the younger children are always excited when it is their turn!

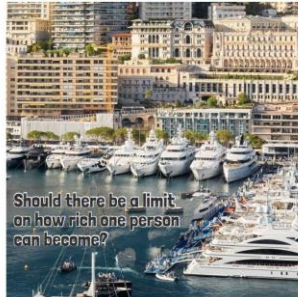


Picture News



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 there be a limit on how rich one person can become?

TAKEHOME



Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?

In the news this week

Poverty-fighting charity, Oxfam, recently released a new report on inequality and global corporate power. It found that the world's five richest people have more than doubled their fortunes from a combined total of £231 billion to £488 billion since 2020. The wealth of the poorest 60% (nearly five billion people) has fallen. If this trend continues, the world will have its first trillionaire within 10 years, whilst poverty may not be eradicated for another nearly 250 years.

- Things to talk about at home ...**
- Share your thoughts on this week's story. Are you surprised to learn that there will likely be a trillionaire within ten years?
 - Can you name any billionaires? Do you know how they acquired their money?
 - Do you think more should be done e.g. by governments, to reduce the gap between the world's richest and poorest people?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Individual Liberty

We are free to make our own choices and pursue our own goals. At times, it is important to consider those less fortunate than ourselves when making decisions in order to make the world a better place for everyone.

Protected Characteristics

Everybody deserves fair pay for the work that they do. Today, there are still differences between the salaries of men and women, who do the same job.

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



UN Rights of a Child



Children and young people have the right to a good standard of living. Where parents/carers are unable to provide this, the government should make financial support available.



PE Reminders



The children can come to school on their PE days in their PE kit: white t-shirt, red shorts, trainers. They can also wear their school jumper or cardigan when needed.

PE days

YN: Friday

YR: Tuesday

Y1: Monday and Wednesday

Y2: Monday and Wednesday

Y3: Wednesday and Thursday

Y4: Wednesday and Friday

Y5: Tuesday and Thursday

Y6: Tuesday and Thursday Some Y6 children will start additional swimming lessons on Monday next half term - starting on Monday 22nd April (letters have been sent to individual children).

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 Phoenix team.



Music opportunities

MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL
2023 - 24 FREE!

TUESDAY... VOCAL GROUP 4.30PM - 5.50PM	WEDNESDAY WIDES OPPORTUNITIES BAND 4PM - 5PM	WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE WIND BAND 4PM - 5PM	TUESDAY... ROCK & POP BAND 4.30PM - 5.50PM
WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB 4PM - 5PM	WEDNESDAY YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA 5.15PM - 6.30PM	WEDNESDAY SINFONIA 5.15PM - 6.30PM	WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE STRINGS 4PM - 5PM

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



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.

The Hummingbird Project



*Our Y4 and Y5 classes have enjoyed being part of **The Hummingbird Project** this half term. They have been involved in a 6-week Positive Education intervention, designed to give students the tools they need to be as happy, healthy, and productive as possible. It has involved hour-long workshops, in which they have learnt about happiness, mindfulness, gratitude, kindness, character strengths, and resilience, and taken part in fun activities to help them to understand how to put these ideas into practice.*



The Easter Journey



Year 5 enjoyed their visit to St. John's Church to take part in role play and discussion activities about the Christian Easter story.



Dates for the diary



Monday 15th April

- School re-opens for the start of Summer Term

Thursday 18th April

- Phonics screening meeting for Y1 Parents/Carers at 3.30 pm

- KS2 SATs/PGL meeting for Y6 Parents/Carers from 4.30 pm (please come along to the SATs part even if your child is not going to PGL)

Monday 22nd April

- Visit from the Mayor and Mayoress

- Y6 additional swimming sessions for 5 weeks (individual letters have been sent out)

Tuesday 23rd April

- KS1 SATs/Colomendy meeting for Y2 Parents/Carers from 3.30pm (please come along to the SATs part even if your child is not going to Colomendy)

Thursday 2nd May

- Polling Day - Early Years will be **CLOSED** on this day

Easter events



A HUGE thank you to EVERYONE who helped to organise and run the fantastic Easter events held on Wednesday.

Our Early Years children enjoyed sharing some songs with their families before taking part in the Easter Bonnet Parade - Mrs. O'Brien had a very hard job choosing the winners!

It was so lovely to have some many families taking part in the Easter Craft event - thank you to Miss. Evans and the Student Council for planning our first Easter one.

Our day of Easter activities was finished off with bingo - lots of fun (and sweating!) had by all. This, along with the class raffles, raised around £800 for School Fund which is aiming to pay for a new sound system for the hall.



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

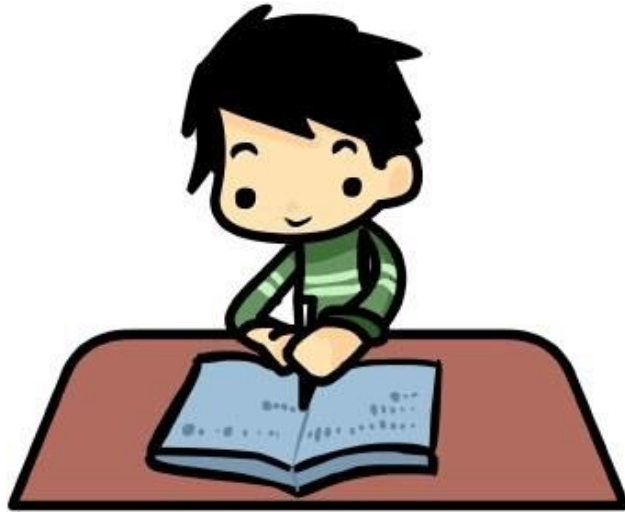
Y6 - Summer production - date TBC

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.

Happy Retirement



Happy retirement to Dee, from our Catering Team, who has started her retirement today. Thank you for everything you have done for our Lyme community!

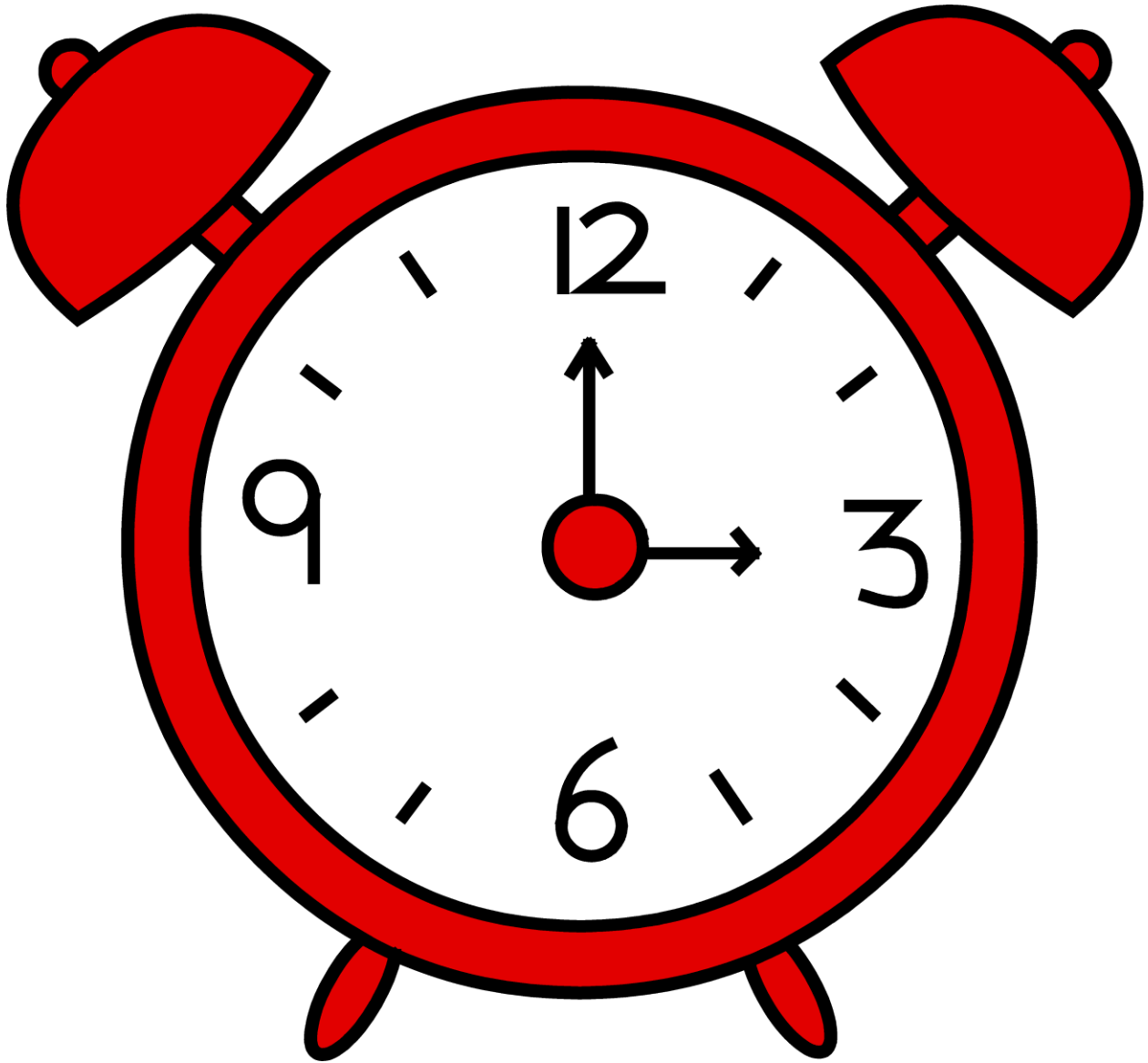


TT Rockstars



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)

-Tuition (Y6)

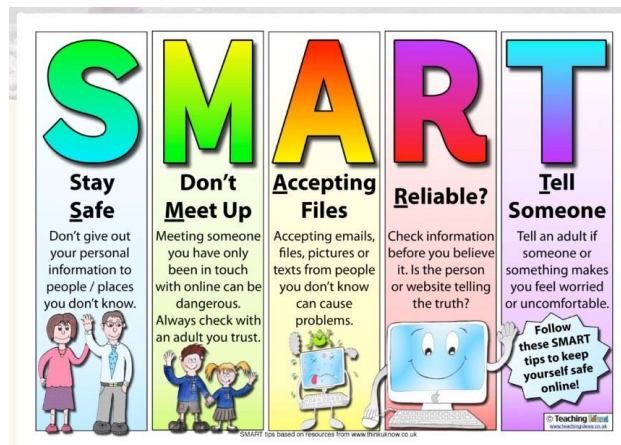
Thursdays (3.20-4.20 pm) - Multi sports (YN/R)

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

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

Online Safety

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



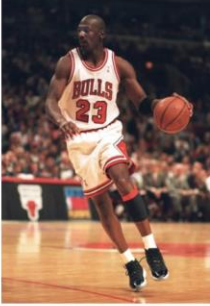
PATHS - quote of the month

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
Bernardo's
PATHS
Promoting Personal, Emotional & Social Progress

Celebrating our wonderful PATHS learning at Lyme:



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

A message from St. Helens Fostering Team



• COULD YOU CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD? •

If you have a spare bedroom, and are over 21 years old, you could foster for St Helens.

**Get in touch, to find out more
• sthelens.gov.uk/fostering
or call 01744 671146**



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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q. Can I foster?

A. Anyone over the age of 21 can apply to foster

Q. Am I too old to foster?

A. There is no upper age limit to foster

Q. Do I need experience with children to foster?

A. No! Not everyone has experience with children. We provide ALL the training and support that you will need to foster.

Q. Can I foster if I am gay?

A. Yes! Anyone can apply to foster, regardless of sexual orientation. What is important is the life that you could offer a child.

Q. Can I foster if I work?

A. Yes! Working carers can provide a structured family life for children.

Q. I'm on benefits - can I foster?

A. Yes! Anyone can apply to foster, whether you are living on benefits, working part time, working full time or are retired.

Q. Do I need a spare room?

A. Yes. All children requiring foster placements require their own bedroom. However, foster carers can care for a baby in their bedroom up until the child reaches 24 months.



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MAKE SPECIALIST FOSTER CARE YOUR CAREER

♥ **WEEKLY FEE AND ALLOWANCE UP TO £1,000**

♥ **EXTENSIVE TRAINING**

♥ **EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT**

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Community events



E A S T E R
FOOTBALL CAMP

EF92 ACADEMY
EST. 2008

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
9AM - 3:30PM £20 DAY
AGES 5 - 13 £70 WEEK

ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ST HELENS, WA9 5BT

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Camp Schedule

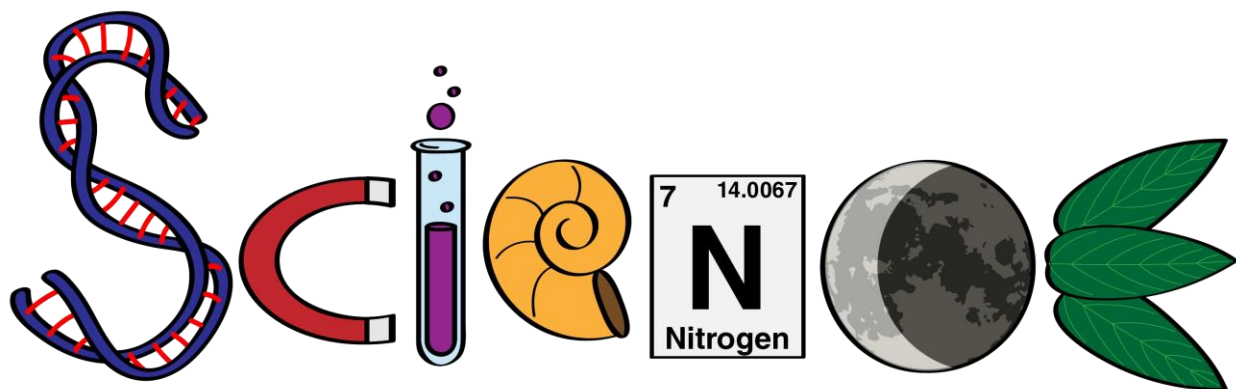
AM		PM	
9:00-9:30	Fun warm up	13:00-13:30	Lunch
9:30-10:00	Agility	13:30-14:00	Coaches Challenge
10:00-10:30	Skillzone	14:00-14:30	Kids Challenge
10:30-11:00	Break	14:30-15:30	Mini Tournament
11:00-11:30	Technical drills		
11:30-12:00	Technical games		
12:00-13:00	World Cup		

Break & lunch will include fun football activities



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

Science competition



As part of British Science week, Mr. Leather launched a competition to research different scientists. We were amazed by the brilliant entries we received! The effort that has gone into each one has made us

really proud and has shown the children's love of Science! The VERY difficult job of judging 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be announced in our Celebration Assembly after half term.





Intra-sports competition



The whole school have enjoyed an exciting day of sports competition - competing in their house teams in games of Handball. Thank you to Mr. Leather for organising and leading the games. The overall winners were the Dragons!





It is really positive to see so many of the children enjoying playing sports at breaks. Year 6 enjoyed setting up their own games of rugby, tennis and basketball during one of this week's lunch times.





Easter assembly



The children from Y1 to Y6 enjoyed an Easter assembly led by Reverend Chris as part of this week's assemblies.





Prayer

Dear God,
thank you for the Easter story
that tells us the wonderful news
that Jesus is alive.

Thank you that you love us all so much
that you planned a way that
Jesus could be our friend for ever.
Amen

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...



As you can see from our newsletters, we have had a very busy term in school! Enjoy the half term break - hopefully in the sunshine. Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak to all families who are celebrating over the next two weeks.

See you on Monday 15th April.

Mrs. Roberts
