



# April 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: 92.3%

Y1: 92.9%

Y2: 95.2%

Y3: 97.1%

Y4: 87.4%

Y5: 96.8%

Y6: 98.9%

*The overall whole school attendance is 94.1%.*

*Well done to Y3, Y5 and Y6 who have achieved our 96% 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.*

*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!*

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**"THIS MORNING,  
HE HAD A RUNNY  
NOSE... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

 **HM Government**

Head to the NHS website to find out more.



## Spring Term Achievers



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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 :)*

### ***This week's winners:***

*YR: Esme and Ava*

*Y1: Ruariah and Isabelle*

*Y2: Logan and Phoebe-May*

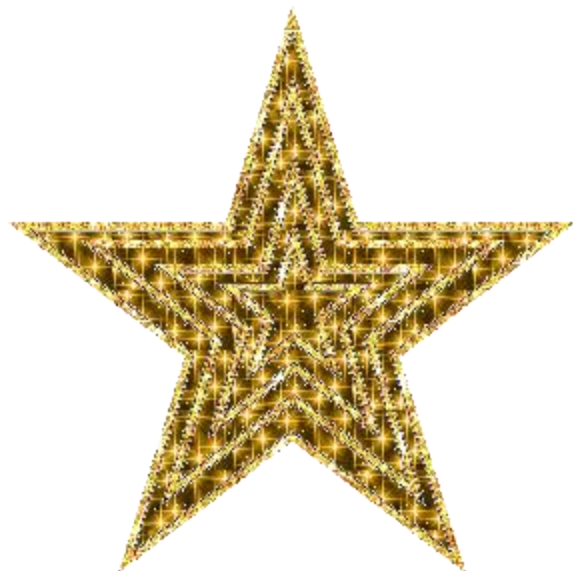
*Y3: Evie C and Phoebe*

*Y4: Rihanna and Daisy*

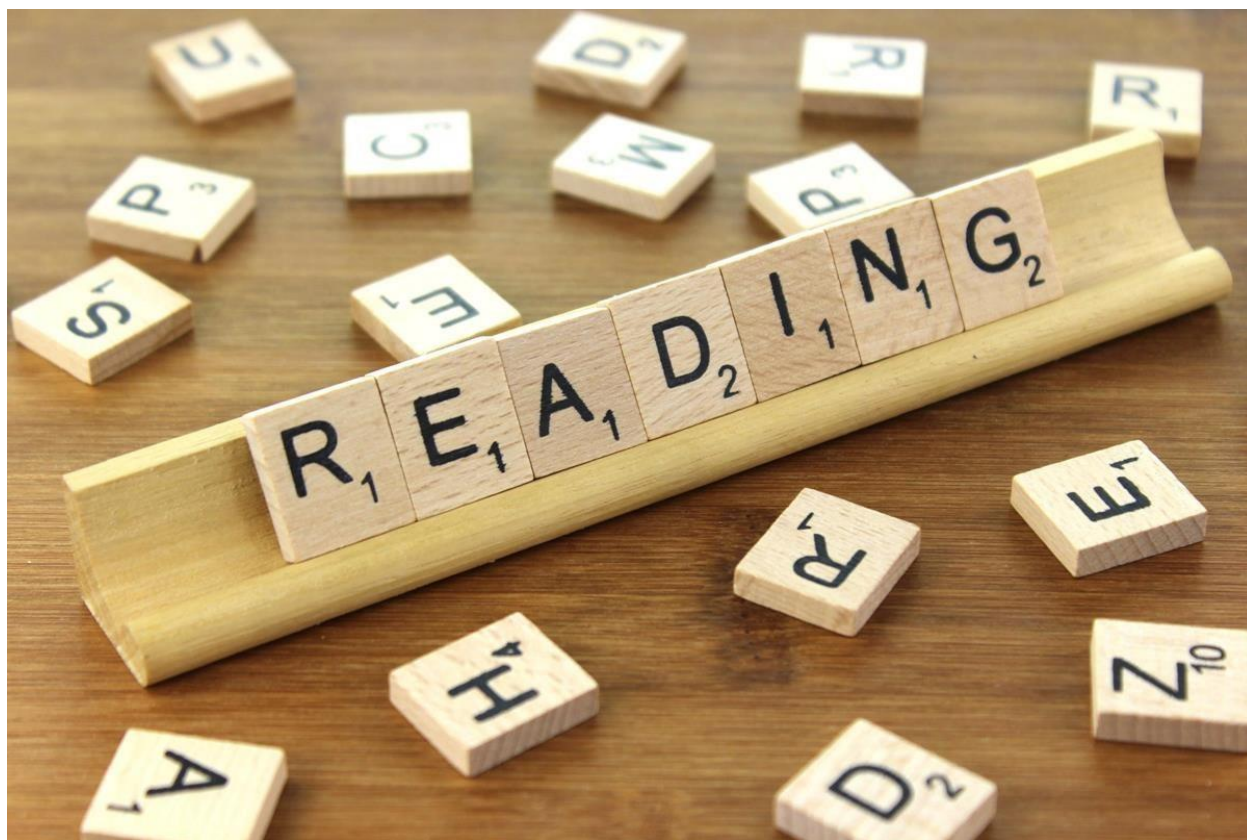
*Y5: Sterling and Lula*

*Y6: Will be awarded next week*

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## Reading Superstars

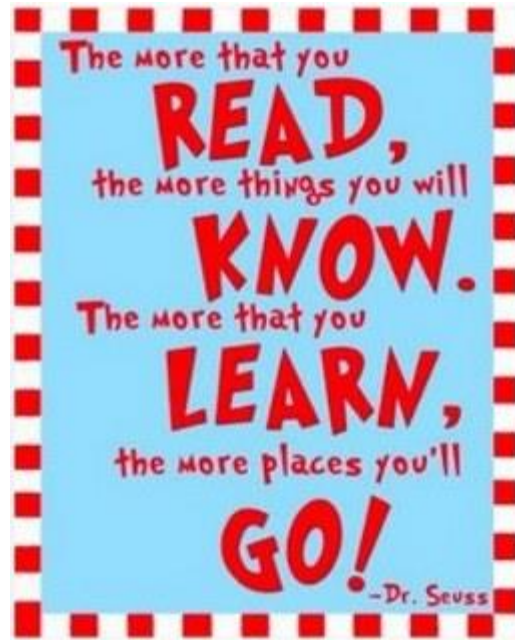


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*Well done to our book winners this week - reading **AT LEAST 3 times a week** at home.*

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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** - Jacob (Y6) for inspiring others with his FANTASTIC Science project.*

***Challenge** - Kayden (Y6) for challenging himself to research and make not one, but two Science projects both which were working models.*

***Achieve** - Poppy A (Y6) for being an amazing Eco-warrior - supporting the Eco Team with the Gardening Club in the holidays and doing our weekly recycling checks.*

***Nurture** - Finley (Y5) for always being kind and supportive to his peers, especially to the younger children when leading games at lunch times.*

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## Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



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*A MASSIVE thank you to Miss. Evans, Mrs. Squires and Chelsea who supported our Eco Team and Gardening Club helpers to do some fantastic work around the school grounds over the Easter holidays.*

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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: Can you learn to persevere?*

### TAKEHOME



Scottish runner, Jasmin Paris, has become the first female runner to complete what is thought by many to be the world's toughest race. Jasmin is one of only twenty people to have successfully completed the Barkley Marathons in Tennessee, USA. She crossed the finish line in March with less than 100 seconds to spare before the 60-hour cut-off time. Jasmin said she wanted to inspire others and test the limits of her capabilities.

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

### In the news this week

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

- Can you imagine how Jasmin might have felt when she finished the event? Make a list of the different feelings you believe she may have had.
- Can you think of a time when you found something really difficult? Were you able to complete the challenge or task? Talk about the experience and what you learned from it.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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## Individual Liberty

We each have unique talents, interests and goals. We all have the right to choose the dreams we wish to pursue.

## Protected Characteristics



Jasmin Paris was the first female to complete the Barkley Marathons. We are all capable of achieving amazing things. We should not be limited by others, or ourselves, because of our sex.



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## UN Rights of a Child



Children are all different and have their own unique interests and talents. Education should aim to nurture and develop the talents of every individual child.



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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 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.*

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## Winning Team



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

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## 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 EDUCATION HUB**  
INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY  
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL AT 01744 677946

**01744 677946**  
music.service@st-helens.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).*

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## Uniforms



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*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.*

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## 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.

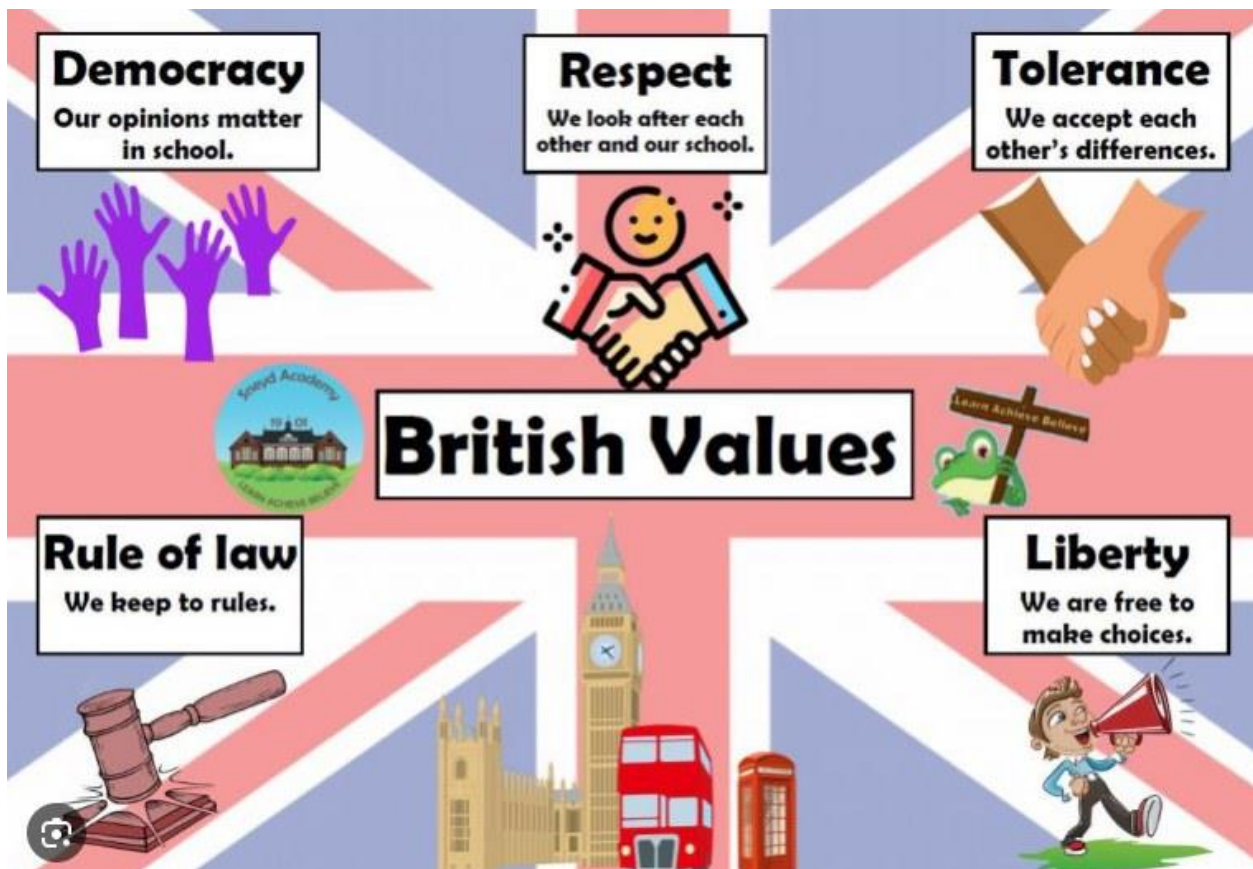
The P.E. kit is:



- 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.

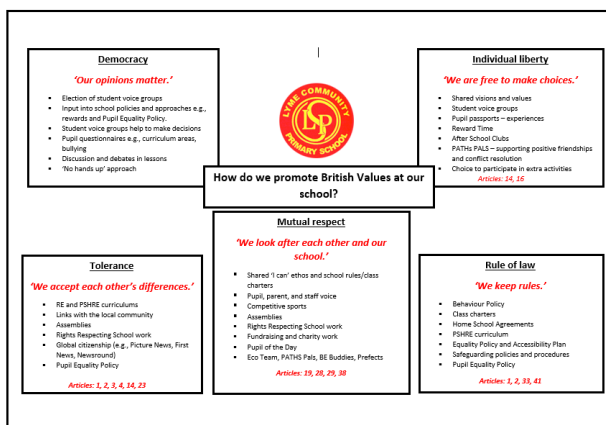
## British Values



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*Our assembly this week has been on British Values - what they are and why we have them. The children were fabulous at thinking of the different ways in which we demonstrate and promote them at Lyme.*

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Dates for the diary



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**Monday 22nd April**

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- Visit from the Mayor and Mayoress
  - Y6 additional swimming sessions for 5 weeks (individual letters have been sent out)
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***Tuesday 23rd April***

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- *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)*
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***Monday 29th April-Thursday 2nd May***

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- *Y5 Bikeability from 9am- 3pm - separate letters have been sent out*
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***Wednesday 1st May***

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- *Y5 Quiz Kids at Hope Academy - separate letters have been sent out*
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***Thursday 2nd May***

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- *Polling Day - Early Years will be **CLOSED** on this day.*
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***Monday 13th -Thursday 16th May***

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- *KS2 SATs - including breakfast - details to follow in next week's newsletter*
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***Tuesday 14th May***

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- *Y4 trip to Liverpool Museum - letters will be sent home next week*
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*Friday 24th-Monday 27th May*

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- *Y6 PGL residential*
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Class assemblies





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*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 at 1.15 pm*

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

*Y5 - Ancient Greece - date TBC in July*

*Y6 - Summer production - date TBC*

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Phonics meeting for Y1 parents/carers



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*Thank you to those who came along to this meeting on Thursday - an information leaflet has been sent home with all Y1 children today.*

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## KS2 SATs and PGL meeting for Y6 parents/carers

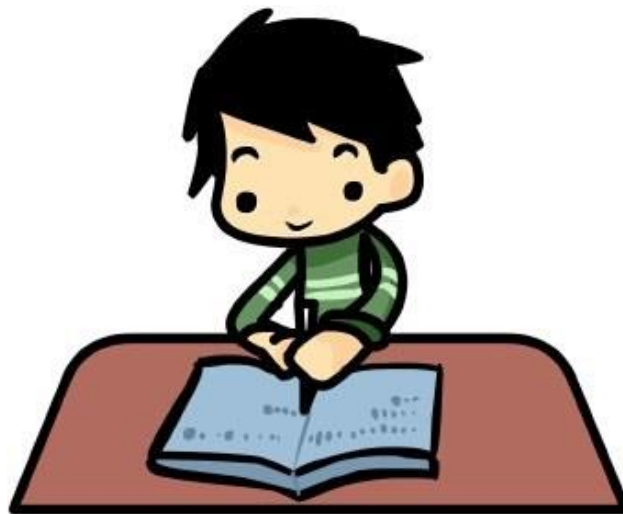


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*Thank you to those who came along to this meeting on Thursday - relevant information leaflets have been sent home with all Y6 children.*

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## Home learning



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*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.*

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## TT Rockstars

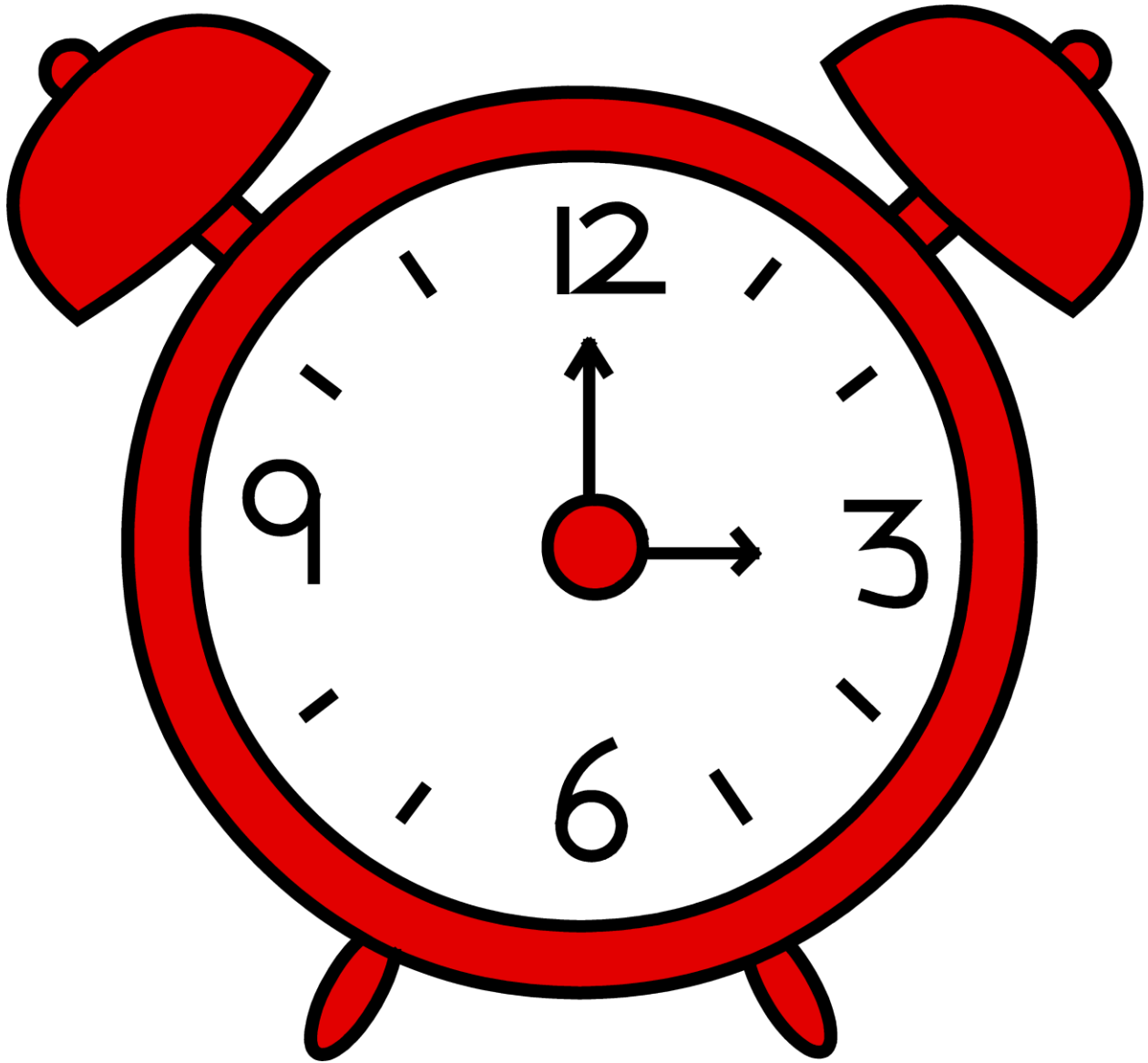


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*Well done to those children who are regularly using TT Rockstars!! Miss. Evans will be awarding one prize per class for the most improved score (the most coins earned) between now and the end of term.*

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## After school activities



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*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.**

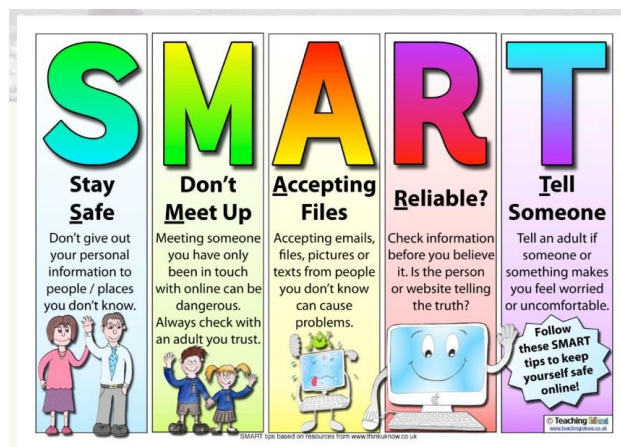
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## Online Safety

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

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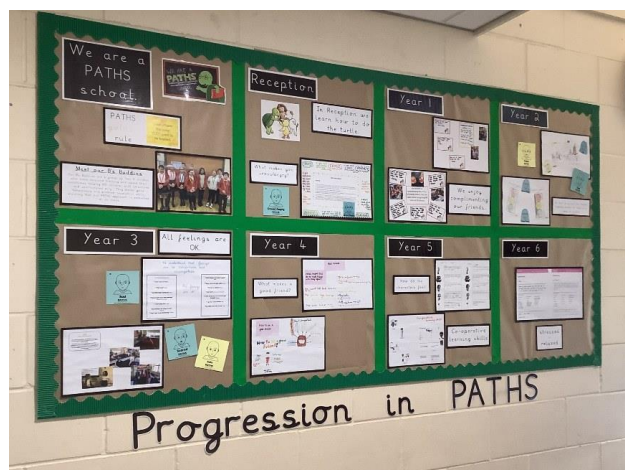


## PATHS - quote of the month

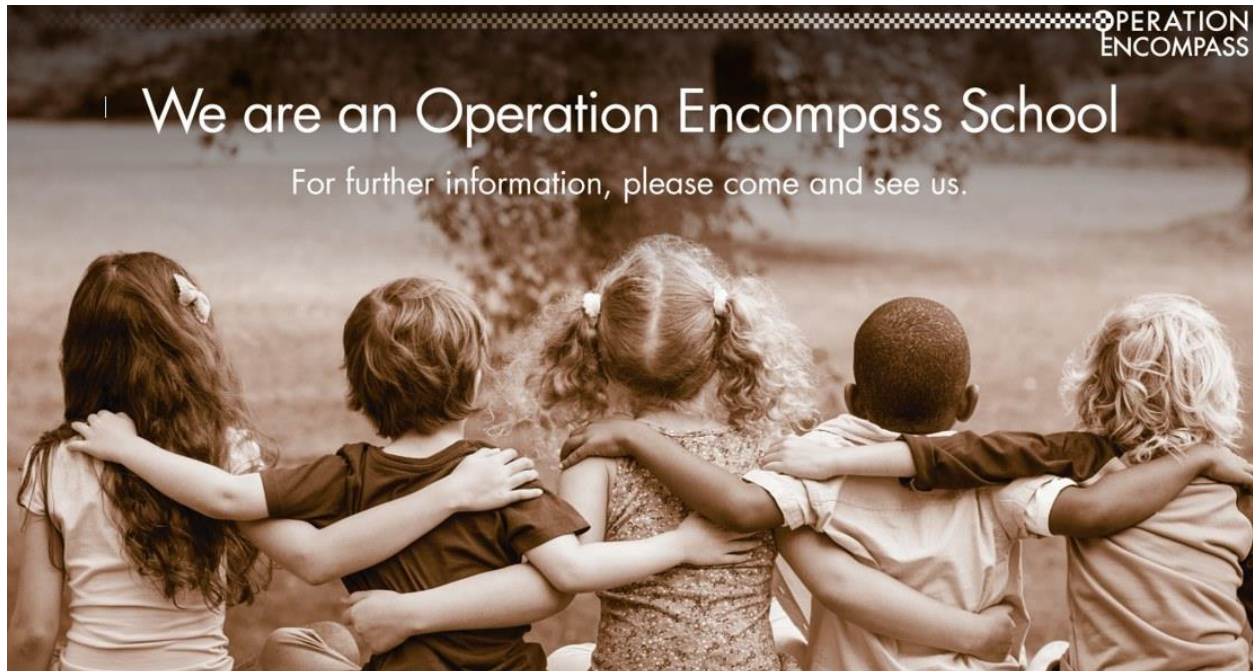
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*Using PATHS (Promoting Alternate Thinking Strategies) across school is helping to teach our children about their feelings and how to manage them. This month the focus is about achieving our goals.*

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## 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.

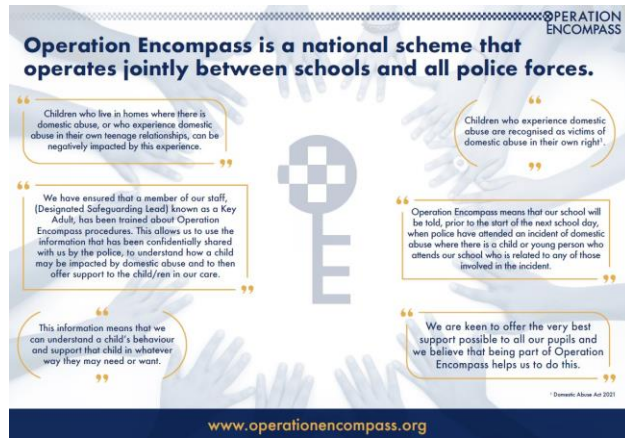
As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

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

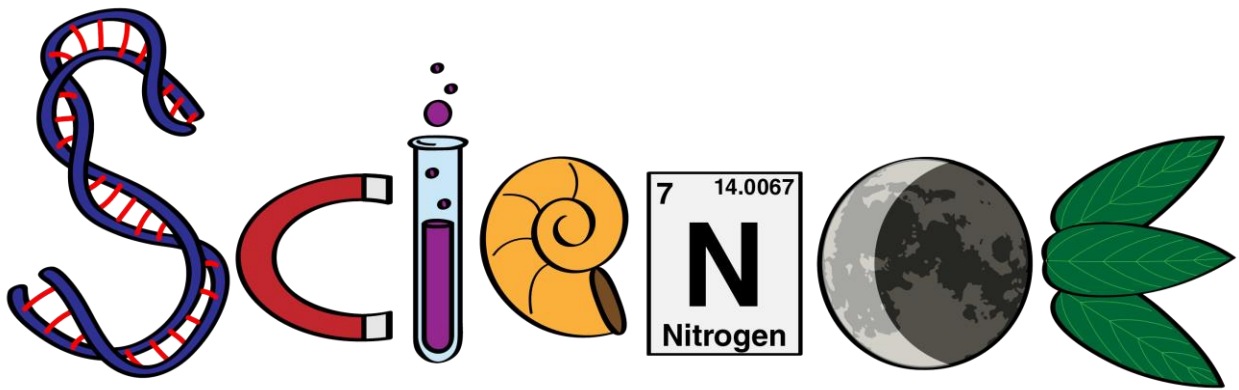
We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

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





## Science competition



*As part of British Science week, Mr. Leather launched a competition to research different scientists. Well done to the winners:*

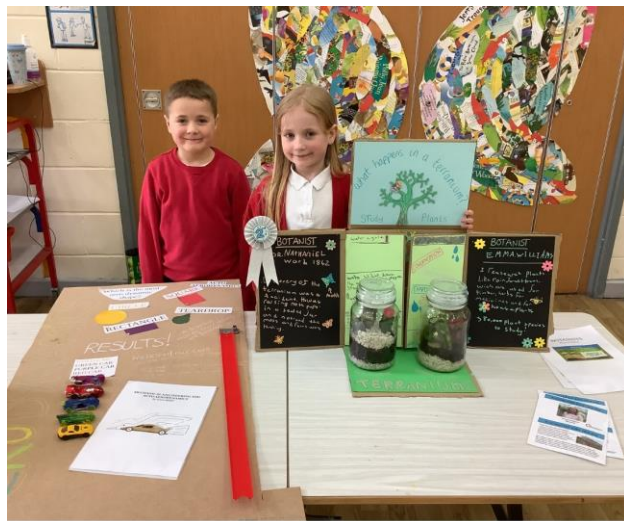
*1st prize: Jacob (Y6)*

*2nd prize: Evie (Y4) and Jaxon (Y2)*

*3rd prize: Kayden (Y6)*

*Special commendations: Evie C (Y3), Evie E (Y3) and Alex C (Y6)*







## Nursery places



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*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...



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*We are VERY sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss. Butt - her last day with us will be the 6th May. She is moving on to be the **Young Carer Engagement & Outreach Officer** with St Helens Carers Centre. We will miss her passion, enthusiasm and hard work and know she will bring this to her new role.*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Mrs. Roberts*

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