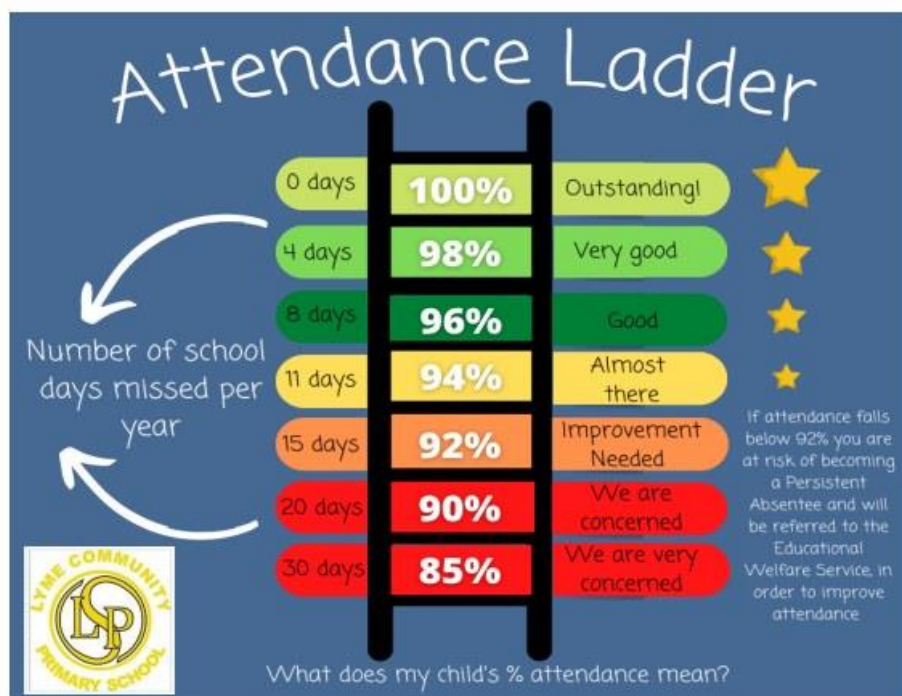




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## Attendance



**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.

YR: 94.1%

Y1: 91.6%

Y2: 99.2%

Y3: 96.3%

Y4: 96.7%

Y5: 90.2%

Y6: 96.0%

Whole school: 94.7%

Local Authority average: 95.9%

Well done to all the classes this week who beat our target of 96%.

*Look out for our Attendance Champions on the playground each day before school - they are there to promote and celebrate positive attendance each day.*

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### **School Matters!**



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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.*

*Please visit the following website for further support and guidance around attendance:*  
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/back-into-school/resources-for-families/>

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## Pupil Leadership updates



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*Our Eco Team are ready to start their activities next week - they will be out at lunch times keeping the school grounds litter-free and maintaining the planters in our Sensory Garden.*

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## This week's 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 :)*

**YR:** Ollie and Reuben

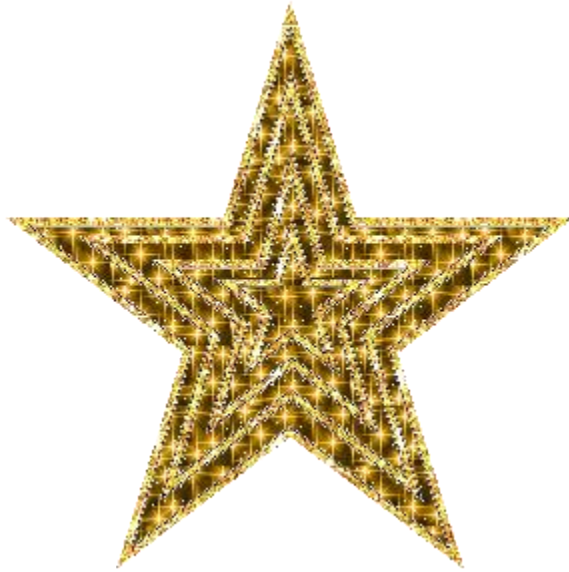
**Y1:** Abdullah and Freddie B

**Y2:** Theo C and Reilly

**Y3:** Olivia V and Freddie

**Y4:** Savannah and Monty

**Y5:** Emily and Reagan



## 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 Friday who have demonstrated our school's I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge, Achieve, Nurture.*

***Inspire** - Lexie (Y6) for always being inspirational to others through her words and actions.*

***Challenge** - Ava (Y6) for challenging herself when working on ISPACE sentences in English and working independently to achieve some good writing.*

***Achieve*** - Yaqub (Y4) for his wonderful poem for the police Black History Month competition.

***Nurture*** - Betty (YN) for being kind to another child and supporting them whilst playing in the environment.

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## Lyme Superstars

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*Our amazing children always love to share how they are demonstrating our ICAN values outside of school. This year we will be sharing their achievements on the newsletter! Please encourage your child to bring in their trophies, medals and certificates.*

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## Team Points

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*Well done to the Griffin team - this week's team point winners!*

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## Reading Superstars

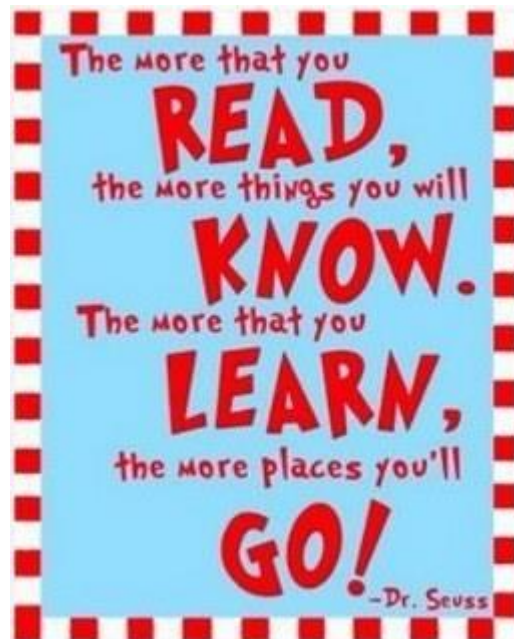


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*Well done to this week's book winners for reading AT LEAST 3 times per week at home. **Please** can we ask parents/carers to sign your child's reading record so that we can see that they have read at home with you and return it on a THURSDAY. Thank you.*

*We have been really pleased with the increase in the number of children reading at home - thank you for your support.*

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## Picture News





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As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News. This week's Picture News was all about the following question: What can we learn from people who prove others wrong?

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## TAKEHOME



What makes a good peacekeeper?

### In the news this week

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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### Rule of Law

The United Nations was created after the war, to help countries follow rules and keep peace. Just like in our own lives, rules can bring people together and guide us to live safely and fairly.

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### Protected Characteristics

People belong to many different countries and cultures around the world, and this makes our world special. Everyone has the right to be included and valued for what they bring.



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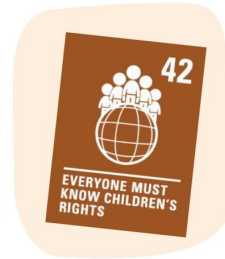




## UN Rights of the Child



For 80 years, the United Nations has helped countries work together on peace, rights and protecting people around the world. It also created the Rights of the Child, which children should learn about, and adults should help to protect and uphold.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

In our commitment to develop children's critical literacy skills we have teamed up with Picture News to help develop their understanding and appreciation of the news.

Having age-appropriate conversations with your child about the news keeps them interested and informed about what's happening in the world...and you too!

They move from wanting to know what happens in MY world to what is happening in THE world and their place in it.

By having regular conversations about the news, you can share a whole range of topics and together make more sense of different events, issues and stories.

There are no rules or script to follow but you might want to watch, listen, read and discuss the news selectively.

Some significant news stories can be frightening, and you will need to consider what your child can cope with and whether they are developmentally ready to understand certain events. For example, you might decide to listen to the news rather than watch it as there may be images they might find upsetting.

Talking about the major headlines of the day and current affairs is important so that children grow up as global citizens but it's important too to share a variety of fun and exciting news stories from the worlds of sport, entertainment, music, science, etc as well as local news closer to home.

Here are some quick tips:

- **Initiate** discussions about the news using the Picture News resources.
- **Read and watch** some news stories together from different sources.
- **Find out** what your child knows about the news and explore their understanding.
- **Listen** to what your child says and value their opinions.
- **Explain** simply and in a way that makes sense to them.
- **Promote** a habit of enquiry and make asking questions your child's default setting.
- **Help** your child to spot fake news and how-to fact-check.
- **Develop** a news habit by accessing the news daily.
- **Defuse** bad news and offer reassurance.
- **Protect** your child from distressing and disturbing news.
- **Monitor** your child's exposure to the news.

Discussing the news of the day doesn't have to be formal but can be done naturally and casually in everyday moments such as on the way to school or preparing a meal. The important thing is to keep the conversation going about the news and make it a feature of your daily lives.

By working together, we can help children become critical consumers of the news so that they are 'news savvy', articulate and confident citizens.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs. Roberts

## Community news



**St Helens Santa Dash**  
Saturday 29th November 2025  
4k route

Adult £10, Child £5,  
Family of 4 £20  
(Children aged 3 and under are free)  
(includes a Santa hat and medal)

Arrive from 10.30am & Start 11.00am  
Victoria Park, St Helens

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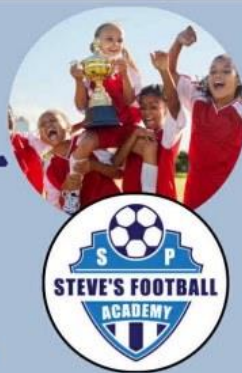
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# **GIRLS FOOTBALL CLASSES**

## **FREE FIRST TASTER CLASS**



Steve's Football Academy girls classes are designed for all ability levels, from newcomer to those already playing with a team.

All sessions include fun games, mini matches, skill building & much more. Prizes are regularly awarded for achievements.

These classes are a great way to gain confidence and meet new friends while enjoying the beautiful game.



I am DBS approved and an FA qualified coach. I have over 15 years experience in coaching both in the UK and overseas.

**Ages 9 - 11 years**  
**Mondays 5 - 6pm**

**Ages 6 - 8 years**  
**Wednesdays 6 - 7pm**

**DE LA SALLE SCHOOL**  
**WA10 4QH**

For more information on prices and availability contact  
Steven Pagendam



07492091999



Steven Pagendam

Water, shin pads & indoor  
trainers essential.

SEND support

A poster with an orange background and white clouds. The title 'SLEEP ADVICE DROP-INS' is in large white letters. Below it, questions about child sleep are listed. Then, it says 'DROP IN AND GAIN SOME PRACTICAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE FROM ONE OF OUR TRAINED PRACTITIONERS.' followed by a list of locations and times. At the bottom, there is contact information and logos for Family Hub and St Helens Borough Council.

# SLEEP ADVICE DROP-INS

**Is your child aged 12 months and onwards?  
Are they having difficulty getting enough  
sleep, waking in the night or having bad  
dreams?**

**DROP IN AND GAIN SOME PRACTICAL SUPPORT AND  
ADVICE FROM ONE OF OUR TRAINED PRACTITIONERS.**

**Newton Family Hub**  
Monday 10.00am - 12.00pm

**Sutton Family Hub**  
Tuesday 9.30am - 11.30am

**Moss Bank Children's Centre**  
Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am

**Lowe House Clinic**  
Thursday 9.30am - 11.30am

**Parr Children's Centre**  
Friday 9.30am - 11.30am

BSL INTERPRETERS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.  
TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US PLEASE CONTACT:  
EMAIL: [CHILDRENSCENTRES@STHELENS.GOV.UK](mailto:CHILDRENSCENTRES@STHELENS.GOV.UK)  
TELEPHONE: 01744 673445 / 01744 671788  
TEXT: 07761045427

 **Family Hub**

**ST HELENS**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **SPECTRUM GAMING**

**is now open to membership in  
St Helens**



**WHO WE ARE AND  
WHAT WE DO**

**A community created by autistic  
adults, for autistic young people  
ages 10-17**

[www.spectrumgaming.net](http://www.spectrumgaming.net)

[info@spectrumgaming.net](mailto:info@spectrumgaming.net)



## Support

### Healthy Families: Growing Up



Join our parent group

### Healthy, thriving children and families



HENRY's free **Healthy Families: Growing Up** programme is for parents and carers of primary-school age children – it will help you develop a healthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 sessions and provides everything you need to help your children flourish.

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Get in touch to sign up now!

**Programme details**

Monday 3rd November - Monday 22nd December  
10am - 12 pm.  
Sutton Family Hub, 26 Ellamsbridge Rd, Saint Helens WA9 3PY.

**Contact Us**

Phone: 01744 371111  
Email: [chcp.sthelens@nhs.net](mailto:chcp.sthelens@nhs.net)  
Website: [www.sthelenswellbeing.org.uk](http://www.sthelenswellbeing.org.uk)

"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"





Knowsley, Halton and St Helens Secondary

**NHS**  
Mersey Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Flu: five reasons to have the vaccine

- 1. Protect yourself**  
The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect your family and friends**  
Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**  
If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy.

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Knowsley, Halton and St Helens Schools  
0151 351 8805 [mcn-tr.schoolimmunisations@nhs.net](mailto:mcn-tr.schoolimmunisations@nhs.net)

## Safeguarding

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- ***The school car park, is for staff only. Parents are not allowed to park or turn around in it.***
  - ***If your child(ren) are late, they must be signed in by an adult and not left to come into school by themselves.***
  - ***If someone different is collecting your child from school, you must contact the office so that the staff are aware when dismissing the children.***
  - ***Please do not park over resident's drive ways on Lyme Street as they need access at all times.***
  - ***Can we also ask that vapes are not used on playground - we are a no smoking site.***
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## Online Safety

*We will be continuing to talk to the children in school about staying safe online, please do the same at home.*

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## Healthy snacks



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*In **KS2** the children can bring a healthy snack to eat at break times. This includes: breakfast bars, brioche, fruit (fresh and dried), vegetable sticks, yogurts, cheese strings, bread sticks. We will offer any children who bring snacks such as chocolate and crisps an alternative of a piece of fruit.*

*Children in **EYFS and KS1** will still be able to have milk (if you choose to pay for this) and fruit each day.*

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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: Tuesday and Thursday*

*YR: Monday and Wednesday*

*Y1: Tuesday and Friday*

*Y2: Wednesday and Friday*

*Y3: **Wednesday** and Thursday*

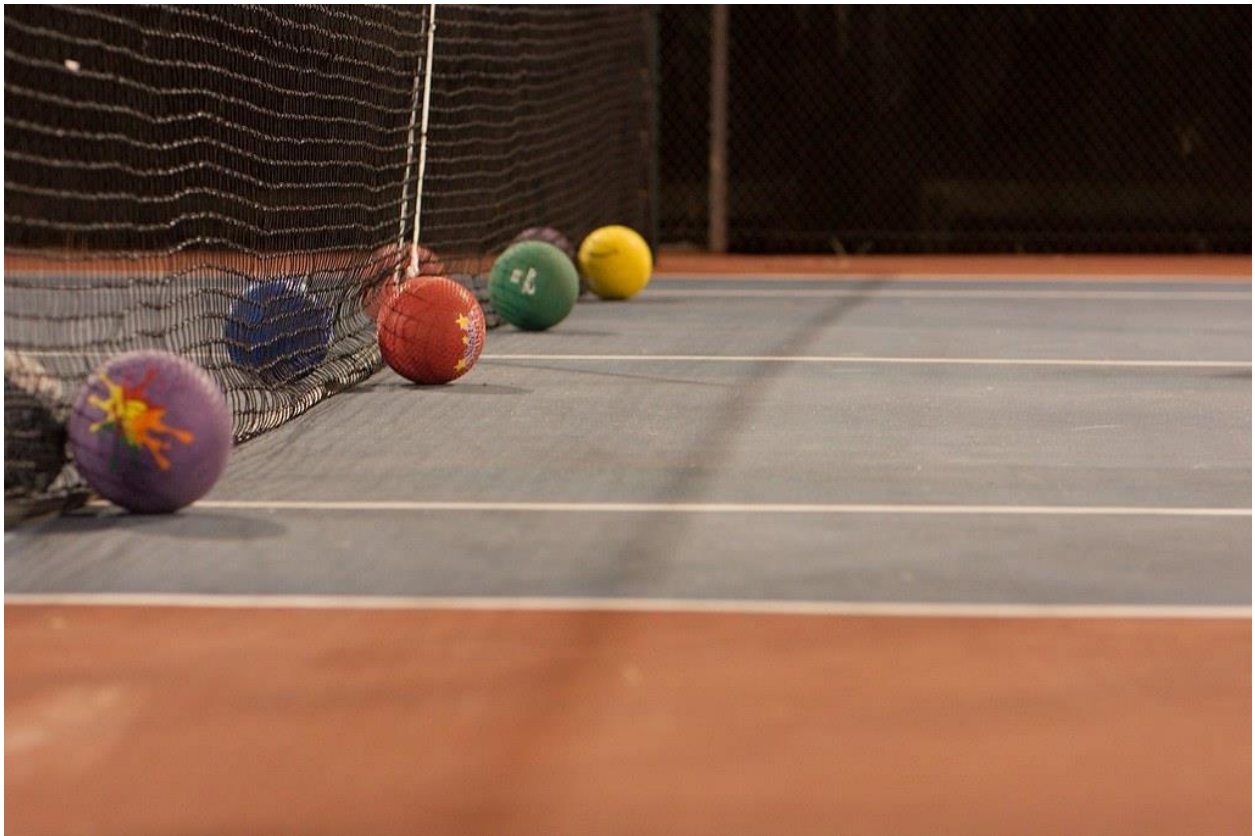
*Y4: Monday and Friday*

*Y5: Tuesday and Wednesday*

*Y6: Monday and Tuesday (Swimming every Monday this half term)*

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## Sporting competition



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*Well done to our FANTASTIC dodgeball team from Y3 and Y4 who came 3rd out of 15 schools in a tournament last Friday.*

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Dates for the diary



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*Wednesday 15th October: Harvest Festival assembly in school - food donations for Earlestown Food Bank please*

*Thursday 16th October: Parent meeting from 1pm to 6.10 pm in the hall*

*Friday 24th October: Dress in Purple for Mrs. Houghton. We will also be holding a raffle during the week which will be drawn on the Friday.*



Friday 24th October: School closes for half term

Monday 3rd November: School opens for Autumn Term 2

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## World Mental Health Day

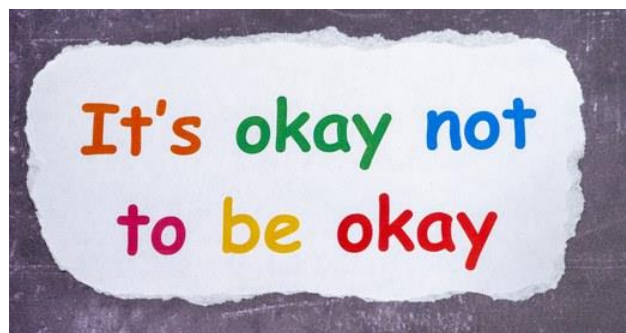


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*The children all looked fabulous in their yellow clothes today as we celebrated World Mental Health Day. During our assembly this morning we talked about what we can do to support our mental health and how we can help others. One thing we know we can do is to do calming activities - we enjoyed a breathing and stretching activity together. The important message we shared is that we must always tell a trusted adult if we have uncomfortable feelings.*

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A message from the School Catering Team



**Pupils Pick!**

**Thursday 15th January 2026**

**What would you like on the Menu?**

**Complete the below link by  
Friday 24th October 2025  
and make your choice.**



Scan QR or  
Click Here

**Winning menu selection for your  
school will be revealed by  
14th November 2025**

 **Every Vote Counts!** 

The poster is a vibrant pink and purple geometric design. It features a large QR code in the center, flanked by text encouraging participation in the 'Pupils Pick!' menu selection process. The deadline for voting is Friday 24th October 2025, and the winning menu will be revealed on 14th November 2025. Logos for the School Catering Team and St Helens Council are at the bottom.

2 - <https://forms.office.com/e/NsCvhKxyVw>

Jayne's Journey



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**WC Monday 20th October - Raffle - tickets will be on sale for £1 per strip**

**Friday 24th October - Wear Purple Day**

**Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November - Silent Disco (see below for more information)**

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## Silent Disco



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*We will be running four silent disco events as part of our fundraising for Jayne's Journey. The dates and times are as follows:*

***Wednesday 19th November***

*YN and YR - 2pm to 3pm*

*Y3 and Y4 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm*

***Thursday 20th November***

*Y1 and Y2 - 2pm to 3pm*

Y5 and Y6 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm

***Tickets will be on sale after half term - £5 per child***

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## Parents' Evening



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*Reminder: please book your parents evening on the My Child At School app. Booking will close on Tuesday 14th at 5pm. After this time, if you have not booked you will be allocated a slot by the teacher. If you have chosen an appointment in school time, unfortunately you will not be able to collect your child until the end of the school day. Please arrive for your allotted appointment time. As we are at the beginning of the Autumn term, there won't be any books for you to look at. These will be available at the spring parents evening. Children do not need to attend with their parents.*

*Any queries, please contact the office.*

*There will be NO Brass Band on Thursday.*

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Cycle to School Week



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<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/>

<https://youtu.be/WXIACHQQGY>

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## Harvest



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*Next Wednesday is our Harvest Festival. Donations of packet/tinned food items and toiletries will be gratefully received and will be collected by the local food bank. Thank you for your support.*

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## Remembrance Day



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*Business for Youth are creating a poppy display for Remembrance Day and would like school to contribute to this. If you have any empty plastic bottles you could send in we would appreciate it.*

*Thank you.*

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And finally...



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*I hope this weekend gives you the chance to relax and enjoy time together.*

*See you on Monday.*

*Mrs. Roberts*

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