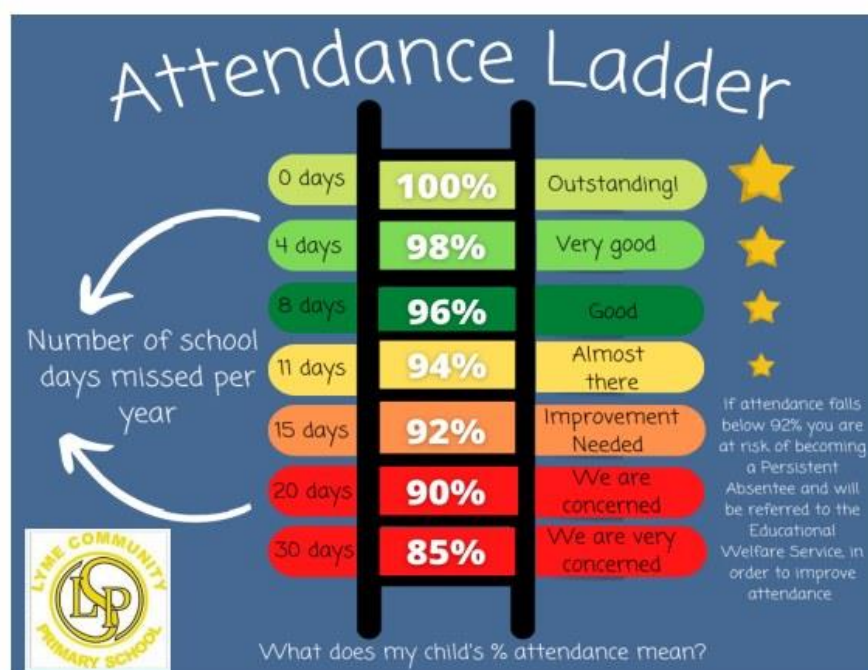




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Attendance



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: 95.7%

Y1: 92.4%

Y2: 95%

Y3: 97.3%

Y4: 98.7%

Y5: 98.3%

Y6: 97.1%

Whole school: 96.4%

Local Authority average: 95.7%

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.

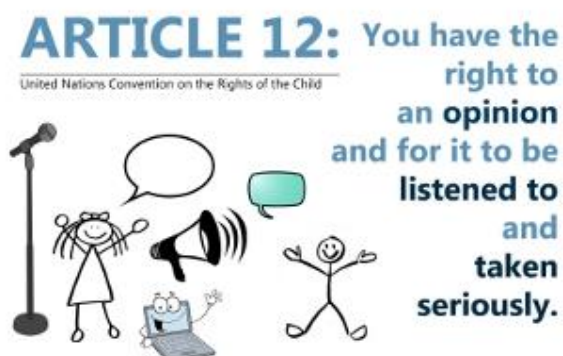
School Matters!



*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.*

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

Pupil Leadership updates



Our Rights-Respecting Team are getting ready to start leading activities around school as Miss. Evans and the team go for reaccreditation of the GOLD UNICEF Rights-Respecting Schools Award in June.

This week's 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 :)*

YR: Jack C and Sienna

Y1: Millie and Charlotte S

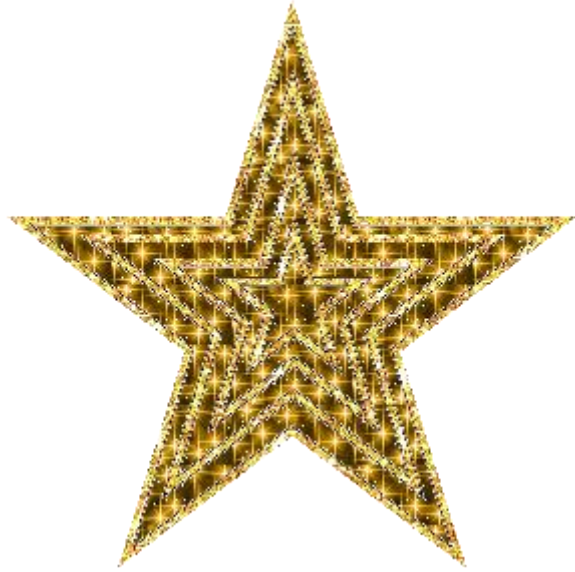
Y2: Abigail and Thomas

Y3: Noah and Isabella

Y4: Phillipa and Noah

Y5: Mia and Kaitlin

Y6: Mille and Harmony



Headteacher's Awards

Inspire
Challenge
Achieve
Nurture

*I will be awarding children across the school with a special certificate in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday who have demonstrated our school's **I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge, Achieve, Nurture.***

***Inspire** - Adeline (Y4) for her inspirational poem about St. Helens for a local competition.*

***Challenge** - Jacob G (Y6) for persevering with maths calculations - doing some extra at break time.*

***Achieve** - Adrian (Y4) for his enthusiasm for reading.*

***Nurture** - Evie (Y6) for being such a fantastic nuddy to our younger children.*

Secret Students

Marvellous Manners: Roman (Y1)

Brilliant Behaviour: Roo (Y3)

Perfect Presentation: Jenson (Y6)

Amazing Attitude: Reuben (YR)



Lyme Superstars

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.







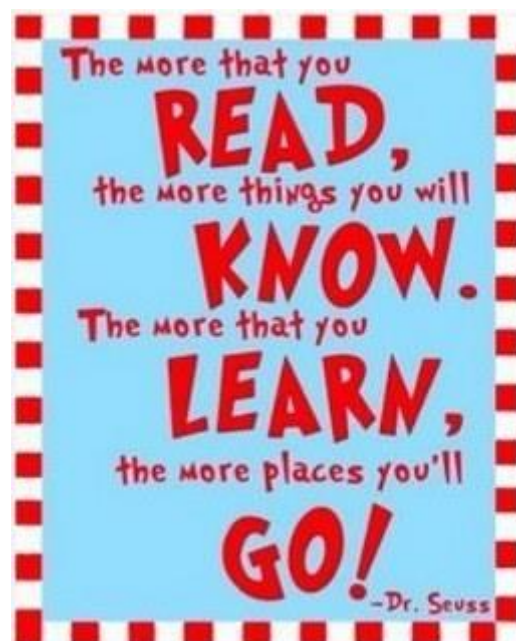




Team Points

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





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 everyone have an identity card?**

TAKEHOME

Should everyone have an identity card?

In the news this week

The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card. The idea is that these new IDs would make it easier to prove who you are for things like work, travel, or applying for services. Supporters say they could improve safety and convenience, while others worry about privacy, fairness, and people without access to smartphones.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you make a list of some of the pros and cons of identity cards? Discuss these with someone at home.
- Do you think a digital card is better than having an actual card? Why?
- What do you think makes up your identity? Ask and share your response with someone at home.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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Rule of Law

New Laws can sometimes mean changes for everyone. If digital ID cards become law, people will need to follow the new rules. It's important that laws are fair and help everyone feel safe and supported.

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Protected Characteristics

Everyone's identity is part of what makes our world interesting. As ID cards are discussed, it's important to remember that we should all be recognised and valued for who we are, whatever our background or heritage.



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UN Rights of the Child



Children have the right to privacy and to feel safe when information is shared about them. Adults should make sure personal details are used responsibly and kept safe.



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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)

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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.

SUPERSTARS

October Half Term Holiday Camps are just around the corner and start on Monday 27th October at St Peters primary school.

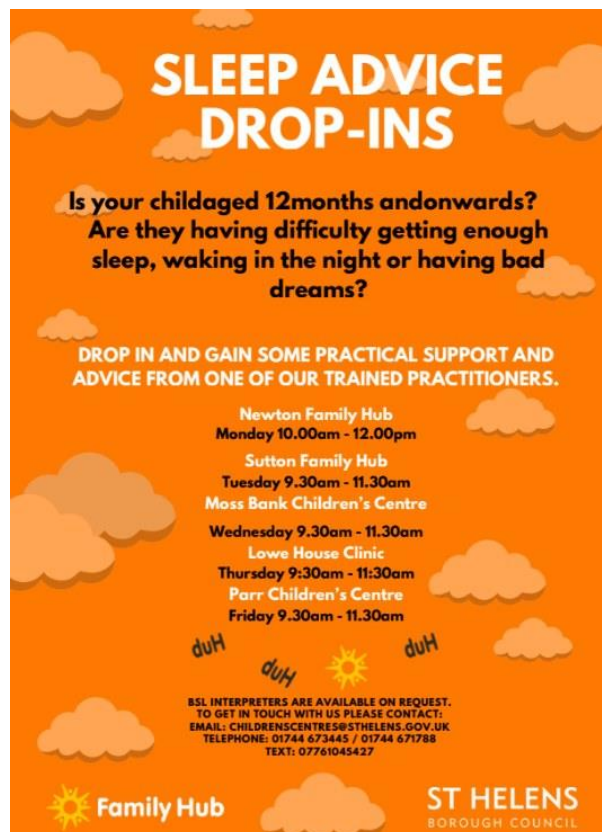
Each day we will have Multi Sports, Football and Dance sessions running.

Superstars are introducing our School Hour Special (£20 per day) which is a 9-3 session which is 20% cheaper than the normal 0800-1630. Please be aware you can only drop off at 0900 and children must be picked up at 3.

Make sure you book under the correct part of the booking system

To book and pay please follow this link - <https://superstars.classforkids.io/camp/1168>

SEND support



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
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

info@spectrumgaming.net

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
Website: www.sthelenswellbeing.org.uk

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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

Knowsley, Halton and St Helens Schools
0151 351 8805 mcn-tr.schoolimmunisations@nhs.net

Safeguarding

- *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.



Healthy snacks



*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.*

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: 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)

Dates for the diary



Friday 24th October: Dress in Purple for Mrs. Houghton. We will also be holding a raffle every day next week - see below.

Friday 24th October: School closes for half term

Monday 3rd November: School opens for Autumn Term 2

A list of dates for Autumn 2 will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Jayne's Journey



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)

Silent Disco



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

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to Parents' Evening yesterday - we hope that you found our new system more efficient. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers coming into school to meet their child's class teacher and to find out how they have settled into their new class.

In the Spring Term, there will also be the opportunity to look at your child's learning in their books.



Harvest



Thank you for your support for our Harvest Festival this week. Reverend Chris came to deliver a special assembly for KS1 and KS2 children about the importance of being thankful for what we have. Your generous donations will be taken by some members of our pupil leadership groups to the local food bank next week.



Remembrance Day



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.

And finally...



Our Y6 Prefects will be selling raffle tickets every day next week for £1 a strip as part of our fundraising for Jayne's Journey. The children can take their money into their classes if they would like to buy any. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Meakin who has donated all the prizes, including a fabulous Hallowe'en cake.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts

