



October 3 2026

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.

We need every child in ON TIME every day!

YR: 97.8%

Y1: 97.8%

Y2: 91.3%

Y3: 95.3%

Y4: 92.8%

Y5: 88.7%

Y6: 97.9%

Whole school: 94.1%

Local Authority average: 95.6%

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



Attendance in a school year	Days missed	Hours of learning lost (6 hours per school day)
100%	0 days	0 hours
95%	10 days	60 hours
90%	19 days	114 hours
85%	29 days	174 hours
80%	38 days	228 hours
75%	48 days	288 hours
70%	57 days	342 hours
65%	67 days	402 hours
60%	76 days	456 hours

Small absences add up to **BIG** missed opportunities!

HAPPIER CHILDREN ★ BRIGHTER LEARNERS ★ A STRONGER LYME COMMUNITY

*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.

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes *Until...*

Diarrhoea	at least 5 days from the onset of the illness and until all children have double voided
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
COVID and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	They no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	Until sores have healed and haven't been touched after they've been antibiotic
Measles	5 days after their rash first appears
Chickenpox	5 days after their swelling has stopped
Scabies	They've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they've started taking antibiotics
Strep throat	48 hours after they've started taking antibiotics

No but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

sore, foot and mouth	at least 7 days
scabies	10 days
head lice	24 hours

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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://hpschools.nhs.uk>

1 - If your child is off for a medical reason, please can you bring the appointment letter/card or medication into the office so that we have a record of this. Thank you.

Please see our updated Attendance Policy on our website or the summary for parents below.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

EVERY DAY COUNTS | EVERY LESSON COUNTS | A BRIGHTER FUTURE



BE HERE
LEARN MORE
ACHIEVE MORE

REPORT IT FIRST DAY

If your child is going to be absent from school, please report this via the school office **before 9.30 am** for each day of absence.

ATTENDANCE AND LEARNING

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OUR SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT

At Lyme 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.

HIGHER ATTENDANCE LEADS TO GREATER SUCCESS

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.

ABSENCE MAY BE AUTHORISED FOR:

- Illness
- Unavoidable medical appointments
- Days of religious observance

ABSENCE 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

SCHOOL ROUTINES

- 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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

TARGET = 96%

Key Attendance Contact at Lyme Community Primary School:

School Office: **01744 678350**

Jen Lammond - Pastoral Manager

Lyndsay Nolan - Education Welfare Service

WE ATTEND SCHOOL **REGULARLY**
WE ATTEND SCHOOL **PUNCTUALLY**
WE ATTEND SCHOOL **READY TO LEARN**

Award winners

Congratulations to this week's achievers :)

YR: *Castor and Grayson*

Y1: *Reuben and Bobby*

Y2: *Heza and Ryder*

Y3: *Florence and Theo*

Y4: *Maha*

Y5: Will share next week.

Y6: Evie E and Alfie

Team Points



The team with the most points this week are the GRIFFINS.

Headteacher's Awards



*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 - Carter (Y1) for inspiring others through the support and nurture of his friends.

Challenge - Maha (Y4) for challenging herself to play in defence in the football tournament.

Achieve - Bea (Y3) for excellent inference skills in reading.

Nurture - Jacob B (Y5) for being so kind and caring towards another child in rugby.

Secret Students



This half term's Secret Students enjoyed a hot chocolate (or a glass of water) and a biscuit this afternoon to celebrate them being excellent role models around school.

We had a good chat about how much they love their new purple uniforms. Gracie-Mae said that they were calm and a peaceful colour. They also told me about how much they like wearing an active uniform, saying things like their skirts were too tight, they can run around better now and that they feel more comfy. Ben said that we could inspire others to change their uniforms too. They also told me that they are really enjoying OPAL at lunch times. Evie said, 'Playtimes are, they used to be boring. We have always got something to do now.'

It was nice to hear about the things they are enjoying about their learning in class too.

I am looking forward to meeting with some more Secret Students after the holidays!



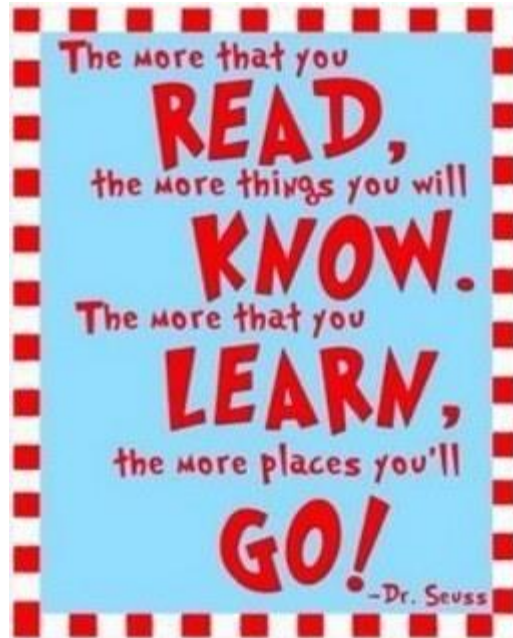
Reading Stars

*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.





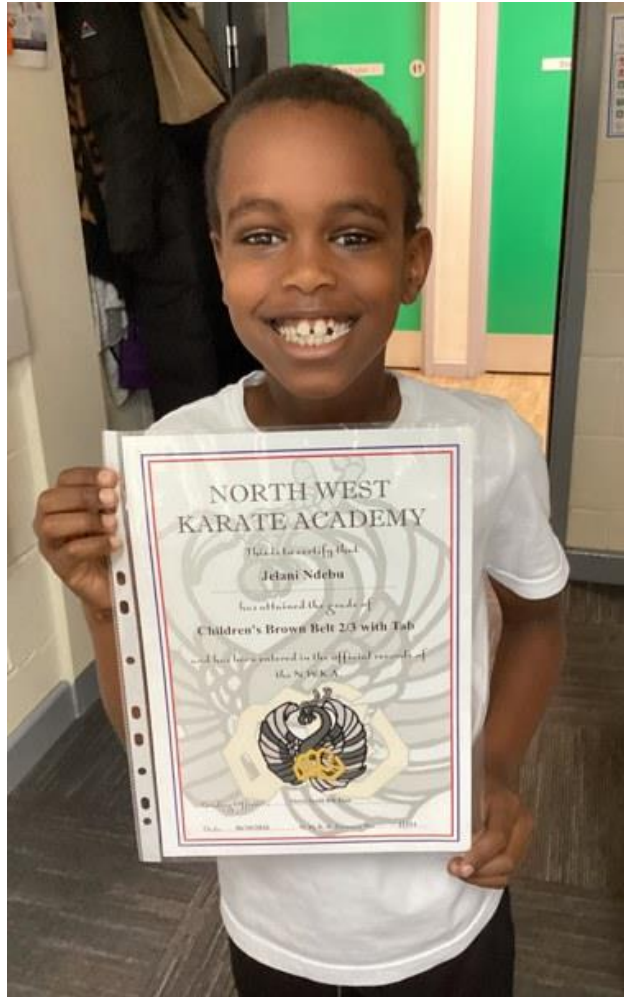


Lyme Superstars

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.





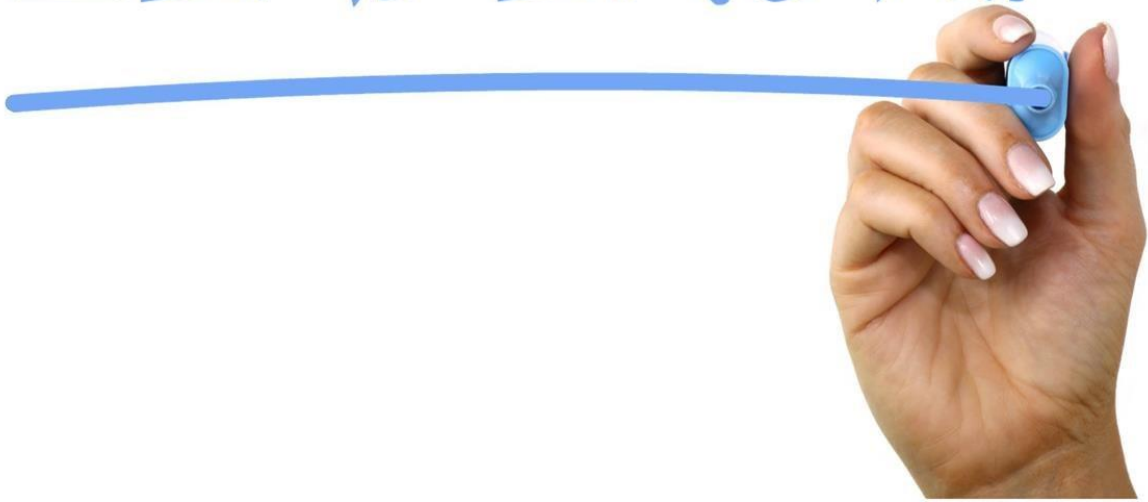


Home Learning

We are now no longer using Timetable Rockstars. To access activities to support your child with maths at home please use the wealth of activities on Purple Mash and/or activities such as Hit the Button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> which will help with learning timestables.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

LEADERSHIP

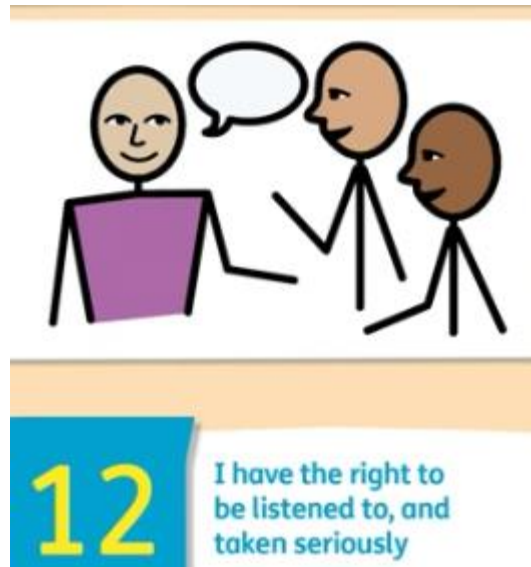


Our new Pupil Parliament have met this afternoon to discuss their plans for the next school year including actions for each Pupil Leadership group. Each group will share what they have achieved in each term's meeting and display their progress on our 'You said, We did' notice board.



The first fundraising event to be organised by the Student Council is a Silent Disco on Thursday 22nd October - you can book your child a place on School Money.





School Library



Children may change their book on the given day for their year group. It is fine if they keep the book for a few weeks if needed.

Picture News



*As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News. **Next week's Picture News will be about the following question: Should age decide what we're allowed to do?***

TAKEHOME



Should age decide what we're allowed to do?

Eleven-year-old Bozhana Sivasandan from London has become the youngest person ever to earn the woman grandmaster title in chess. She achieved this while playing for England at an international competition in Uzbekistan. Bozhana said she was happy with her achievement and wanted to keep making history.

Things to talk about at home ...

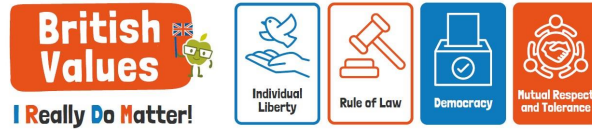
- How do you think adults might feel competing against someone much younger than them?
- What could you teach someone older than you?
- Should age decide what we're allowed to do?
- When might an age limit be fair?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?



Bodhana's story reminds us that people of all ages should have opportunities to share their ideas and achieve their goals, helping us understand the importance of **Democracy**.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance is highlighted, as Bodhana's success reminds us to appreciate people of all ages and value their different abilities and experiences.



Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

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Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?



Bodhana became the youngest female player to earn the woman grandmaster title, showing that people of any **sex** can succeed at the highest levels of chess.



Share your thoughts. Do you agree?

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UN Rights of the Child



Every child has the right to be treated fairly and have the same rights, regardless of their sex, age or background. Bodhana's success reminds us that children should have the same opportunities to develop and use their abilities.



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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.*
 - *If you are picking children up from KS1 AND KS2 at home time, please wait on the KS2 playground after collecting children from Y1 and Y2 as it is causing an issue for staff when leading Y3,4, 5 and 6 out.*
 - *Can we also ask that vapes are not used on playground - we are a no smoking site.*
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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.*

As we are a NUT FREE school, please check the ingredients before sending foods into school for snacks and lunches. Thank you for your understanding.



Benedict's Law

Allergy Statutory Guidance for Schools

Explained to Parents

At Lyme Community Primary School, we take food allergies and the safety of all our children very seriously.

Here's what you need to know about Benedict's Law and how it helps keep your child safe at school.



What is Benedict's Law?

Benedict's Law (part of the Children and Families Act 2014) makes it a legal requirement for schools to take all reasonable steps to prevent children from having a serious allergic reaction in school.

It means we must have effective systems in place to manage food allergies and reduce the risk of exposure to allergens.



What this means for our school

- ✓ We have clear policies and procedures for managing allergies.
- ✓ Staff are trained to recognise and respond to allergic reactions.
- ✓ We work closely with parents to gather and update allergy information.
- ✓ We follow guidance on food, activities, trips and celebrations to keep all children as safe as possible.



How we manage allergies

- ✓ We ask for detailed information about your child's allergies when they start school and regularly update this.
- ✓ We use allergen-safe practices in food preparation and at mealtimes.
- ✓ We have procedures for using emergency medication (such as an adrenaline auto-injector) if needed.
- ✓ We teach children about allergies and encourage a supportive, inclusive school environment.



How you can help

- ✓ Keep us informed about your child's allergies and any changes.
- ✓ Provide a current care plan and medication (if required).
- ✓ Talk to your child about their allergies and the importance of not sharing food.
- ✓ Support us by avoiding sending foods containing allergens into school (e.g. birthday treats).

Thank you for working with us to keep all our children safe, happy and healthy.

Lyme Community Primary School

*As part of this statutory guidance we have Epipens in school to be used to treat Anaphylaxis.
Please inform school if you do not consent to use for your child if needed.*

Community news



STAGE COACH
Stagecoach St Helens
Theatre Arts Schools for 4 – 18 year olds

A FREE TRIAL for your little one!

Fun Friendly Inclusive All Are Welcome!

Building brighter futures through the performing arts

Early Stages for 4 – 6 year olds
A fun and friendly introduction to performing arts, where children build confidence, make new friends and explore their creativity through acting, singing and dancing.

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SINGING
DANCING

SATURDAY MORNINGS 11:15am – 12:45pm
Hope Academy Newton-le-Willows

Make Friends Grow in Confidence Have Fun!

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Contact Alison 07 846 209 189

www.stagecoach.com/StHelens | StHelens@stagecoach.co.uk

"Climate Facts" for a greener future

Navigating mis – and
disinformation in libraries

21-23
October 2026

St Helens Wellbeing Service

Information & advice on healthy, sustainable
foods, oral health and healthy eating.

Thursday 22nd October 2026 3:30pm
Newton-le-Willows Library

Friday 23rd October 2026 3:30pm
Eccleston Library

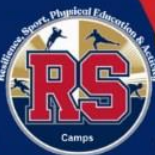
A fun session linking environmental sustainability with
positive health messages. Focusing on sustainable food
choices while reinforcing healthy eating habits and good
oral health.

Aimed at children aged 5 – 11 and their families.



Green
Libraries
Week





OCTOBER HALF TERM



ADVENTURE & SPORTS CAMP

St Mary's Catholic Academy, Newton Le Willows

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

With over 20 years of experience running fun, high-quality activity camps, our dedicated and professionally trained team goes far beyond term-time learning. Join us this Oct Half Term for a lively mix of Sports, Adventure and alternative activity including Nerf Zone, Bubble Sports, Inflatable Fun, Dance, Robot building, Scooter-boarding, Treasure Hunts, Hut Building, and plenty more.



BOOK NOW! 2 days for £40 use code TWOSTD



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£25 PER DAY

For more information please email: Camps@simplythebesteducationservice.co.uk

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Supporting schools across the North West



OCTOBER ACTIVITY CAMP

St Mary's Academy, Newton Le Willows

A FUN FILLED CAMP FOR EVERYONE!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITY & NINJA WARRIOR • Adventurous Activity • Ninja Warrior • Obstacle Courses • Outdoor Games • Challenges	INFLATABLE GLADIATORS & SUMO WRESTLING • Inflatable Gladiators • Sumo Wrestling • Whacky Races • Balloon Games • Team Challenges	SCOOTERS & BIKES SCOOTERBOARDING & ROBOT BUILDING • Scooters & Bikes • Scooterboarding • Robot Building • Treasure Hunts • Adventure Games	ULTIMATE SPORTS GAMES • Ultimate Sports Games • Ultimate Dodgeball • Ultimate Frisbee • Quidditch • Tag Games	NERF ZONE & UV DISCO SPORTS • Nerf Zone • UV Disco Sports • Dance Activities • Talent Shows • Celebration Games

ALWAYS ON OFFER DAILY...

- Arts & Crafts
- Table Games
- Climbing Ropes
- Soft Archery
- Table Tennis
- LEGO
- Jig Saw Making
- Swing Ball
- Basketball & Mini Tennis
- Crash Mat Challenges
- Bowling
- Axe Throwing
- Talent Shows

KIDS CHOICE ACTIVITY!

Every day children get to choose an extra activity from our exciting options!

OTHER EXCITING ACTIVITIES ON OFFER...

- Outdoor adventure activity & games
- Ultimate dodgeball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Simulator rides
- Treasure hunts
- Challenges
- Quidditch
- Balloon games
- Whacky races
- Bowling games
- Tag games
- Obstacle courses
- Hula hoop games

For further info please email: Camps@simplythebesteducationservice.co.uk



You've been selected to receive complimentary ticket(s) to an upcoming Wigan Athletic fixture at The Brick Community Stadium.

Follow the simple steps below to claim your tickets.

Step 1: Click Your Unique Link

Click the unique link provided in your email. **Important:** This link is unique to your offer and cannot be used by anyone else.

Step 2: Sign In or Create an Account

You'll be taken to our online ticketing platform.

- Already have a Wigan Athletic ticketing account? Simply sign in.
- Not a Wigan Athletic? Create a free account.

Please note: After creating your account, you may need to click your unique link again to return to your ticket offer.

Step 3: Choose Your Seats

You'll see an interactive map of The Brick Community Stadium.

- Available seating areas will be highlighted in dark blue.
- If no areas are highlighted, unfortunately all complimentary tickets may have already been claimed. You can claim up to four tickets per account.

Please only claim the number of tickets you need so that as many people as possible can enjoy the offer.

Step 4: Select Your Ticket Type

Choose the appropriate ticket category shown for your offer, for example:

- School Grassroots Team Local Community Business Community (or another category displayed)

Your complimentary tickets will show a price of £0.00.

Click Add to place them in your basket.

- If available, you can also purchase additional tickets during the same transaction.

Step 5: Review Your Basket

Click the basket icon to review your order.

- Check your tickets, accept the Terms & Conditions, click Proceed to Checkout

Step 6: Complete Your Booking

Even if your balance is £0.00, you will be asked to enter valid payment card details. **Don't worry – your card will not be charged where no payment is due.**

Step 7: Choose Your Ticket Delivery

Select your preferred delivery method:

- Digital Ticket - sent straight to your email, Print at Home, Collect from the Ticket Office (where available) Postal Delivery (charges may apply)

Step 8: You're All Set!

Review your order and click Complete Purchase. Your booking is complete! If you've chosen digital tickets, they should arrive by email within a few minutes.

Important Information

Please remember:

- Your unique offer link must not be shared unless authorised to do so.
- Unauthorised use of offer links may result in tickets being cancelled.
- You can claim up to four complimentary tickets per account (subject to availability).
- Additional tickets may be available to purchase during checkout.
- Tickets should only be claimed by someone who is attending the match.

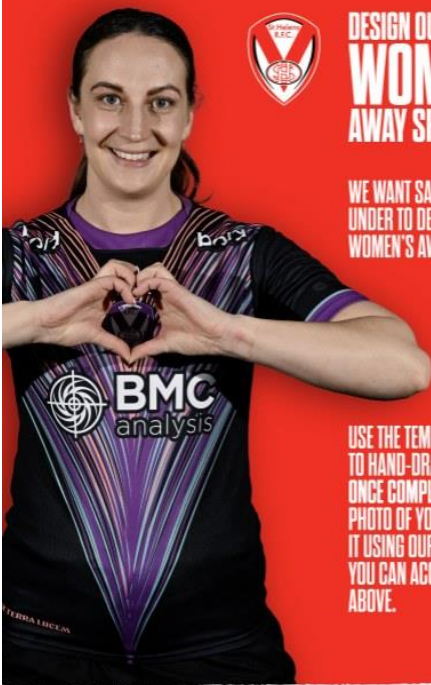
Need Help?

Watch our support video.

Email: ticketoffice@wiganathletic.com

Or simply reply to the email that contained your complimentary ticket offer.

We can't wait to welcome you to The Brick Community Stadium. Enjoy the match and come on you Latics!





DESIGN OUR 2027 WOMEN'S AWAY SHIRT

WE WANT SAINTS FANS AGED 16 OR
UNDER TO DESIGN THE CLUB'S 2027
WOMEN'S AWAY SHIRT!



USE THE TEMPLATE ON THE NEXT PAGE
TO HAND-DRAW YOUR DESIGN.
ONCE COMPLETE YOU NEED TO TAKE A
PHOTO OF YOUR DESIGN AND SUBMIT
IT USING OUR ONLINE FORM, WHICH
YOU CAN ACCESS VIA THE QR CODE
ABOVE.

SAINTS

THE WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN BY A DESIGN PANEL AT THE CLUB WITH THE WINNING DESIGN PRODUCED FOR THE PLAYERS TO WEAR DURING THE 2027 SEASON. IT WILL ALSO BE SOLD AS A REPLICA SHIRT.

THE COMPETITION CLOSURES TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2026.

PLEASE REVIEW THE COMPETITION TERMS & CONDITIONS BEFORE COMPLETING AN ENTRY.

DESIGN OUR 2027 WOMEN'S AWAY SHIRT



SAINTS



**CHECK WHAT
YOU CAN
INCLUDE**

**ADD YOUR
DESIGN HERE**

THANK YOU TO OUR 2027
WOMEN'S KIT PARTNERS

CBS

Monster **RWL**

BMC **bold**

WHAT YOU CAN INCLUDE:
WE WANT YOU TO EXPRESS YOURSELF AND USE ANY PATTERNS, SHAPES OR CREATIVE IDEAS THAT WILL BRING YOUR SHIRT DESIGN TO LIFE, AND DON'T FORGET TO ADD IN THE SAINTS CLUB CREST!

WHAT TO AVOID:
PLEASE NO RED V BASED DESIGNS - OUR AWAY SHIRT MUST LOOK DIFFERENT TO OUR HOME SHIRT. PLEASE AVOID LOGOS, COMPANY NAMES AND DRAWINGS OF INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS



POSTCARDS FROM THE FUTURE: FREE CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AGED 7-11

We've teamed up with Read Now Write Now to run FREE workshops where children can learn about what life could be like in 2050 and get creative by writing a short, inspiring story and designing an illustration about the future.

These workshops will take place at:

St Helens Library:	Tuesday 27th October,	10.30am to 12.30pm
Newton Le Willows Library:	Wednesday 28th October,	10.30am to 12.30pm
Chester Lane Library:	Thursday 29th October,	10.30am to 12.30pm
Thatto Heath Library:	Friday 30th October,	10.30am to 12.30pm

To book onto one of the workshops please go to our Eventbrite page (there are limited spaces at each venue) via tinyurl.com/j2upcww or use the QR code below.



For more information about these sessions please go to our blog tinyurl.com/2mmc6h65 or email charles@readnowwritenow.org.uk
Please note that sessions will be accessible and inclusive.





MONDAY CLASSES






HAYDOCK CONSERVATIVE CLUB

BABY BALLROOM
AGES 3-8



5.00 PM

STAR DANCE
AGES 8-11




5.00 PM

MUSICAL THEATRE
ALL AGES
SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS




5.45 PM

6.30 PM

ALL NATION SOLO
ALL AGES AND LEVELS



7.15 PM

BRONZE AND SILVER BALLROOM AND LATIN
PARTNER CLASS



8.00 PM

ADULT ALL NATIONS SOLO CLASS
ALL AGES AND LEVELS



Fun Friends Confidence Memories

Learn, Dance, Grow, Shine! ♥

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK
★ **CONTACT:** ★

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@INST: TTDance5678



St. Helens Santa Dash



Sunday 29th November

11.00am start

At the BrewDog Stadium



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Family of 4 £20**



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family arts day

This FREE session offers families in St Helens the chance to come together, socialise and get creative with 3D pens, LEGO, digital art and crafts!

date:

Tuesday
27th October

location:

Moss Bank
Community Library,
WA11 7PQ

time:

1:00 pm
- 3:00 pm

sign up now:

info@digitalartsbox.org
0151 433 2223
www.digitalartsbox.org



SEND support

Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins



Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

Tuesdays at Parr Children's Centre and Central Link Family Hub
See details and times below

14 July at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

8 September at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

10 November at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

28 July at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

22 September at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

24 November at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

11 August at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

13 October at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

8 December at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

25 August at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

27 October at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

22 December at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

We work with children and young people with complex neurodevelopmental difficulties, who need an assessment to gain a better understanding of their needs.

Parr Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive, St Helens, WA9 2AP

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

If you need more information you can contact us on 01744 415 608 or email: mcn-tr.sthelensneuopathway@nhs.net



What's on in St Helens

Autumn Term 2026



ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them. **No diagnosis or referral is needed to access the offer.**

ST HELENS Community Network Group

Tuesday afternoons during term time

Join us from **12:30pm-2:30pm**
Venue: The Living Well,
Alexandra House, Borough Rd,
Saint Helens WA10 3RN

No booking needed, just come along

Come along and meet our team, to learn more about neurodiversity from those who can share lived experiences and practical strategies. Our groups create a welcoming, accepting and relaxed environment for parents and carers, knowing you are not on your own.



The Living Well is located on Borough Road, reachable via the 10 bus routes from St Helens town centre.

Topics this term:

Tues 8 th September	Open Session - come along, get advice and support
Tues 15 th September	Choosing a School
Tues 22 nd September	St Helens Mental Health Support Team
Tues 29 th September	NEW! Preparing for the Teenage Years
Tues 6 th October	Specific Learning Difficulties - Dyslexia
Tues 13 th October	NEW! Neurodiversity and Self Harm
Tues 20 th October	ADHD and Rejection Sensitive Dysphoria

Half Term Break

Tues 3 rd November	NEW! Monotropism - Intense Focus and Interests
Tues 10 th November	TESSA - Education Advice and Support Team
Tues 17 th November	NEW! Neurodiversity and Stimming
Tues 24 th November	Preparing for the Christmas Break
Tues 1 st December	Supporting Transition
Tues 8 th December	Introduction to Sensory Processing Difficulties

If you can't make it face-to-face, join us online...

Online opportunities to learn more about neurodiversity from the comfort of your own home! With your camera and microphone off for your privacy, you can interact using the chat/Q&A feature to ask any questions you may have. Come along, learn more and get some strategies.

Monday Online Community Network Group

Mondays during term time



9:30am - 11:00am

[Click here to register](#)

Mon 7 th September	Autism, ADHD and Masking
Mon 14 th September	NEW! Monotropism - Intense Focus and Interests
Mon 21 st September	NEW! The Knowing Me Tool
Mon 28 th September	Open Session - come along, get advice and support
Mon 5 th October	Neurodiversity and Mental Health
Mon 12 th October	ADHD and Rejection Sensitive Dysphoria (RSD)
Mon 19 th October	NEW! Preparing for the Teenage Years

Half Term Break

Mon 2 nd nd November	Open Session - come along, get advice and support
Mon 9 th November	Tantrums V Meltdowns - knowing the difference
Mon 16 th November	NEW! Neurodiversity and Stimming
Mon 23 rd November	Preparing for the Christmas Break
Mon 30 th November	NEW! The Knowing Me Tool
Mon 7 th December	Neurodiversity and Gender Identity

Wednesday Online Community Network Group

Wednesdays during term time



5:00pm - 6:30pm

[Click here to register](#)

Wed 9 th September	Supporting Behaviours that Challenge
Wed 16 th September	Choosing a School
Wed 23 rd September	NEW! Monotropism - Intense Focus and Interests
Wed 30 th September	NEW! Neurodiversity and Self Harm
Wed 7 th October	Neurodiversity and Mental Health
Wed 14 th October	SEND Jargon Buster
Wed 21 st October	NEW! The Knowing Me Tool

Half Term Break

Wed 4 th November	The Graduated Approach
Wed 11 th November	NEW! The Knowing Me Tool
Wed 18 th November	NEW! Preparing for the Teenage Years
Wed 25 th November	Preparing for the Christmas Break
Wed 2 nd December	Tantrums V Meltdowns - knowing the difference
Wed 9 th December	NEW! Neurodiversity and Stimming

If you are using a phone you will need to download the Zoom app beforehand. Please be mindful of your data usage.
If you do not have an unlimited data plan, you may need to connect to a Wi-Fi connection to prevent charges.

Learning Programmes

Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme

This programme equips parents and carers with a greater understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions, specific learning difficulties and associated mental health needs and provides practical strategies that support the difficulties that may present:

- **Neurodevelopmental Conditions** - including Autism, ADHD, Sensory Processing Difficulties, Specific Learning Difficulties.
- **Managing everyday challenges and behaviours** - including sleep, toileting and eating difficulties.
- **Your Local Offer, disability welfare rights and SEND, Early Help and Education Health Care Plans.**

No referral or diagnosis is needed.

Face-to-Face Programme in WA10, St Helens

Wednesdays during the school day

From **9:30am - 2:45pm**

Venue: Peter Street Community Centre,
Peter Street, St Helens WA10 2EQ



[Contact us to register](#)

Session 1 & 2	Session 3 & 4	Session 5 & 6
Wednesday 4 th November	Wednesday 11 th November	Wednesday 18 th November

[Or join us online...](#)

Online Programme - Tuesday Evenings

From **6:30pm - 8:30pm**

[Register Here](#)

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Tuesday 15 th September	Tuesday 22 nd September	Tuesday 29 th September	Tuesday 6 th October	Tuesday 13 th October	Tuesday 20 th October

See below our targeted Autism Learning Programmes, for a more in-depth look at and understanding of Autism.

Autism Learning Programme - Face-to-Face

This Autism Learning Programme has been designed to support and empower parents and carers in their understanding of how autism is experienced by children and young people, providing learning, guidance and strategies to better support your child/young person. The programme is for Liverpool and Sefton parents and is in partnership with Alder Hey NHS Trust, commissioned by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside. Priority will be given to those whose child or young person has received a diagnosis of autism but places will also be offered to those who are waiting. **Please select the appropriate programme specific to the age of your child:**

Preschool and Primary (3-10 Years) or Tweens and Teens (11-18 Years)

[Contact us to register](#)

Preschool and Primary Programme

Wednesdays during the school day

From **9:30am - 2:45pm**

Venue: Deafness Resource Centre, WA10 2QB

[Contact us to register](#)



Session 1 & 2	Session 3 & 4	Session 5 & 6
Wednesday 16 th September	Wednesday 23 rd September	Wednesday 30 th September

Our next Tweens and Teens Programme will be taking place in the Spring Term. Contact us to register your interest.

Autism Learning Programme - Online

We also offer the Autism Learning Programme online exploring how autism is experienced by children and young people of all ages. This offer is commissioned by St Helens Mersey Care Foundation Trust.

Online Programme - Preschool and Primary

Thursday Evenings from **6:30pm - 8:30pm**

[Register Here](#)

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Thurs 5 th November	Thurs 12 th November	Thurs 19 th November	Thurs 26 th November	Thurs 3 rd December	Thurs 10 th December

Additional Online Workshops

Short, online webinars to help you better understand a topic related to neurodevelopmental conditions. Interact via the chat and Q&A with any questions.

Neurodiversity and Sleep Difficulties

Exploring the reasons why neurodivergent children and young people can often struggle to sleep and the impact this can have on them and their family. Providing practical strategies to improve sleep.

Tues 22nd September - 9.30am - 12.00pm [Register Here](#)



Autism and Mental Health

Discussing the impact of autism on mental health and how we can support children and young people's mental health by addressing their neurodiverse needs.

Tues 6th October - 9.30am - 12.00pm [Register Here](#)



Barriers to School Attendance

Providing an understanding of common barriers neurodivergent children experience in the school environment, and how we can support them to access education.

Tues 17th November - 9.30am - 12.00pm [Register Here](#)



Autism with Demand Avoidance

Exploring how presenting anxiety in autistic children and young people can result in demand avoidance, and strategies to navigate the challenges of demand avoidance in everyday life.

Tues 24th November - 9.30am - 12.00pm [Register Here](#)



If you are using a phone, you will need to download the Zoom app beforehand. Please be mindful of your data usage. If you do not have an unlimited data plan, you may need to connect to a Wi-Fi connection to prevent charges.

See Page 6 for our upcoming Professionals Training



Digital workbooks and webinars for parents, teachers and others who support children and young people

Our Mersey Care Mental Health Support Teams have developed a range of digital workbooks and webinars to help parents, carers, teachers and other trusted adults support the emotional wellbeing of children and young people. The resources provide practical advice, evidence-based strategies and guidance on a range of common mental health and wellbeing topics. They are designed to help you recognise concerns early, start supportive conversations and build confidence in supporting a child or young person. These resources are intended to support children and young people experiencing mild emotional wellbeing difficulties. They are not a replacement for specialist mental health support. If you are concerned about a child or young person's mental health, speak to your school's Mental Health Support Team, GP or another appropriate healthcare professional. If there is an immediate risk to their safety or they have seriously harmed themselves, call NHS 111 and select the mental health option, or call 999 in an emergency.

Family support



An invitation from the St. Helens Wellbeing Service:

*We're excited to be offering families the opportunity to join **HENRY Healthy Families Growing Up** – a free online programme designed to help families build healthy habits together and give children the best start in life.*

HENRY is a friendly, supportive programme where families can explore topics such as healthy eating, physical activity, emotional wellbeing, sleep, screen time and positive family routines – all in a relaxed and practical way.

*The next programme starts on **2nd November** and is delivered **online**, making it easy for families to join from home.*

To book a space visit: [Healthy Families Growing Up - Online Programme Tickets, Multiple dates | Eventbrite](#)



Family Matters

For families with children aged

5-11

3:30 - 5pm

Sutton Family Hub (Wednesday)

Newton Family Hub (Thursdays)



Date	Activity
9th September (Sutton) 10th September (Newton)	Be kind, Think Big! Puzzle challenges + Junk modelling
16th September (Sutton) 17th September (Newton)	Move, Jump + Play Sport and fitness challenges
23rd September (Sutton) 24th September (Newton)	Autumn Begins
30th September (Sutton) 1st October (Newton)	Messy Play
7th October (Sutton) 8th October (Newton)	Calm + Create Mini Mindfulness + Calming crafts
14th October (Sutton) 15th October (Newton)	Fun with Food
21st October (Sutton) 22nd October (Newton)	Wildlife crafts

 Sutton Family Hub
26 Ellamsbridge Road
St Helens
WA9 3PY

 Newton Family Hub
Patterson Street
Newton-le-Willows
WA12 9PZ

BSL interpreters are available on
request please contact:
childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk
01744673420

For more information
contact:
youthwork@ymcasthelens.org.uk
01744 415260
Or just pop in during an activity



People's Services Department
Sutton Family Hub and Children's
Centre's
Sutton Family Hub
Elbowbridge Road
St. Helens
WA9 3PY
Tel: 01744 673420

Dear Parent/Carer,

Meet Your Family Hub Navigator Leah Burns

We are delighted to let you know that your local Family Hub Navigator will be working alongside your school/nursery to support families with children aged 0-4 years.

Family hubs are accessible to all families in the community and have groups and activity sessions from ages 0-4 which are free and available to everyone. Details of these are available online and in our printed brochure which is available to collect at your child's school or nursery.

We know that parenting young children can be both rewarding and challenging, and sometimes you may have questions or need a little extra support. Whether you are looking for advice, information, to access groups or meet other parents and carers, we are here to support you.

You can get in touch with your family hub navigator to:

- Find out about the range of groups and sessions available in your area
- Find out about the support available for families with children aged 0-4 years.
- Ask questions and receive advice on common parenting topics, including sleep, toileting, behaviour and school readiness.
- Learn about services, activities and support available through Family Hubs and other local organisations.
- Discover free groups, courses and family activities in your local area.
- Meet other parents and carers and build connections within your community.
- Share your views about what support would benefit local families.
- Find out about exciting sessions, workshops and drop-ins that will be running in your child's school/nursery throughout the year.

No question is too small. Whether you are looking for practical advice, information about local services, or support to help your child thrive, we are here to help.

Our aim is to work in partnership with families to give every child the best possible start in life. We look forward to meeting you and supporting you on your family's journey.

Contact your family Hub Navigator by:

Email leahburns@sthelens.gov.uk
Tel: no 07355926909

Open Day



Nursery Places



If you or someone you know would like a place in our Nursery for September, please access our website for details on how to apply <https://www.lyme.st-helens.sch.uk/page/school-admissions/19886>

Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a visit.



Social Media



Please follow us on Social media!

Facebook: Lyme Community Primary - new

Instagram: [lyme.communityprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/lyme.communityprimaryschool)

Dates for the diary



Thursday 22nd October: Y3 visit to the library

Thursday 22nd October: Silent Hallowe'en Disco

Friday 23rd October: School closes for half term

Monday 2nd November: School opens for Autumn Term 2



Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations sent in for our Harvest Festival. Our RRS Ambassadors will be taking them to the Food Bank on Tuesday.

Reverend Chris delivered an assembly on Monday about having enough food to share so that no one should be hungry.



OPAL updates



Another exciting week of lunch time play! Look at the fantastic play captured by our OPAL Detectives!

Please visit our new OPAL website page to find out more about how our plans are developing.
<https://www.lyme.st-helens.sch.uk/page/opal/170683>





Lyme PSA



Our PSA Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 28th November from 11 am to 2pm.

School Lunches



Y4 Football tournament

Well done to our Y4 footballers who represented school at a tournament this week.



European Day of Languages competition

Well done to all the children who entered Miss. Mee's poster competition. It was really tricky to pick one as everyone had tried so hard! Our winners were chosen for their bright and colorful designs and how they had celebrated the unity of languages. Their posters will now be sent into the national competition.



Coming up next week...

LYME COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Be the best version of YOU! **WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK** at our school! Learn, Belong, Achieve Together Same School, Brighter Futures

OUR LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN MONDAY TO THURSDAY
 Our school library will be open for all classes to visit next week. Enjoy a wide range of books, discover new favourites and take time to read!

MONDAY YEAR 6 SWIMMING (WATER SAFETY WEEK)
 Year 6 only will be taking part in swimming as part of Water Safety Week. Please bring a swimming costume and shorts and a t-shirt.

THURSDAY YEAR 3 TRIP TO NEWTON LIBRARY
 Year 3 will be visiting Newton Library. We are looking forward to a fantastic day of reading, exploring new books and taking part in exciting activities!

THURSDAY HALLOWEEN SILENT DISCO
 Cost is £5.00 per child. Payable on the School Money app.
 THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2026

TIMINGS ARE:	Y6 & Y5	Y4 & Y3	Y2 & Y1	Y5 & Y6
	1pm - 2pm	2.15pm - 3.15pm	4pm - 5pm	5.15pm - 6.15pm

DRESS CODE:
 Children can come dressed in Halloween headwear or a top/accessory over their school uniform (e.g. spooky hat, hairband or t-shirt)

DAILY OPAL PLAYTIMES!
 Enjoy our amazing OPAL provision every day next week!

FRIDAY REWARD TIME
 A special reward time for all classes to celebrate hard work, positive choices and our amazing achievements!

DON'T MISS IT!

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE KINDNESS ACHIEVEMENT COMMUNITY

A few reminders....



And finally...

The DfE are asking for parents views on funded Breakfast Clubs:

Subject: Your voice matters, and you could win £100 by telling us about your family's morning routines

Lyme Community Primary School is taking part in a national study about morning routines, breakfast, and before school childcare.

To take the 5-10-minute survey [click here](#).

Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's parent meetings to find out how your child has settled into their new class.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts
