October 4 2026

Attendance

Every student. Every day.

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: 93.7%

Y1: 94.9%

Y2: 88.7%

Y3: 93.5%

Y4: 91.9%

Y5: 90%

Y6: 92.5%

Whole school: 91.9%

Local Authority average: 95.5%

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



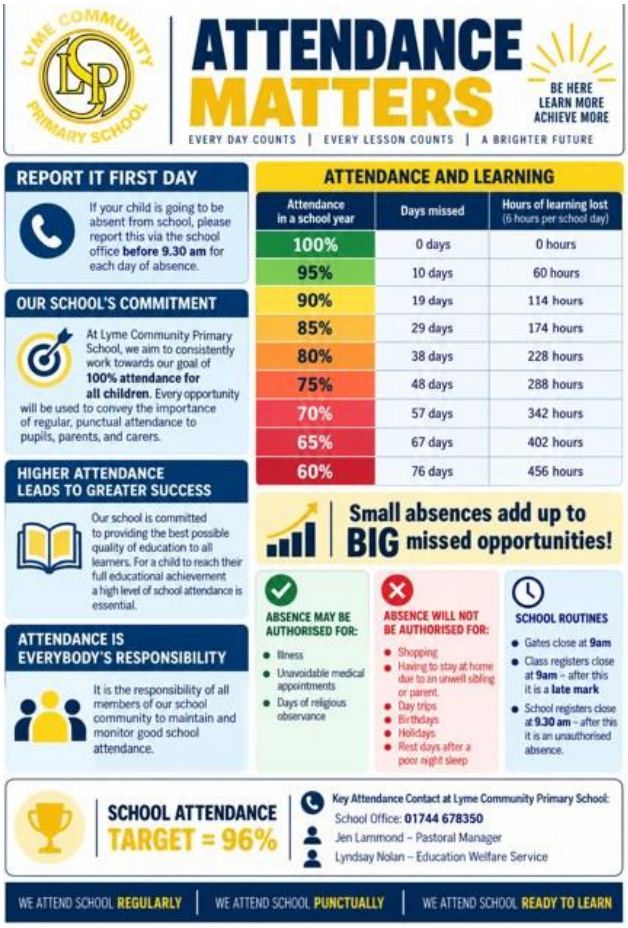
Please read our Attendance Guide - the full updated Attendance Policy can be found on our website. Our aim is for every child to be in school every day - with a target of ***at least 96% attendance.*** *Please note that holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional*

circumstances - we need to receive notification (by filling in the form on the website/from the School Office) two weeks prior to their absence.



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.



Award winners

Congratulations to this week's achievers :)

***YR:** Jessica*

***Y1:** Jack C and Sadie*

***Y2**: Abdullah and Elijah*

***Y3:** Abigail and Ben*

***Y4:** Hannah and Zadie*

***Y5**: Vanessa and Evelyn*

***Y6:** Layla and Kaitlin*

Team Points



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

As this half term's joint winners, they will joining the DRAGON team for an extra playtime after the holidays.

Headteacher's Awards



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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** - Noah (Y3) for his beautiful manners at lunch times.*

***Challenge** - Willow (Y4) for challenging herself by having a mathematical discussion using the correct vocabulary.*

***Achieve** - Gracie-Mae (Y3) for improving her attendance this week.*

***Nurture** - Sophie (Y3) for being so kind and helpful at the disco in her Student Council role.*

Reading Stars

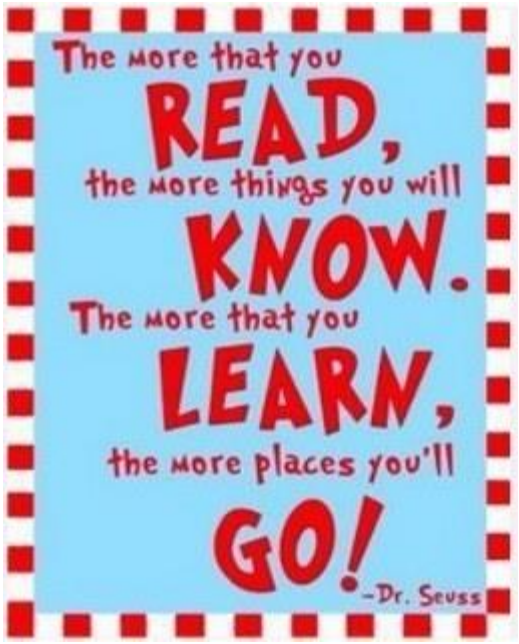
Well done to this week's book winners for reading AT LEAST 3 times per week at home. ***Please can we ask parents/carers to sign your child's reading record so that we can see that they have read at home with you and return it on a THURSDAY. Thank you.***

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




Reading gives
you wings
Jerry's Trousers
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you wings
Jerry's Trousers
ALL ABOARD FOR THE
BOBO ROAD



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.


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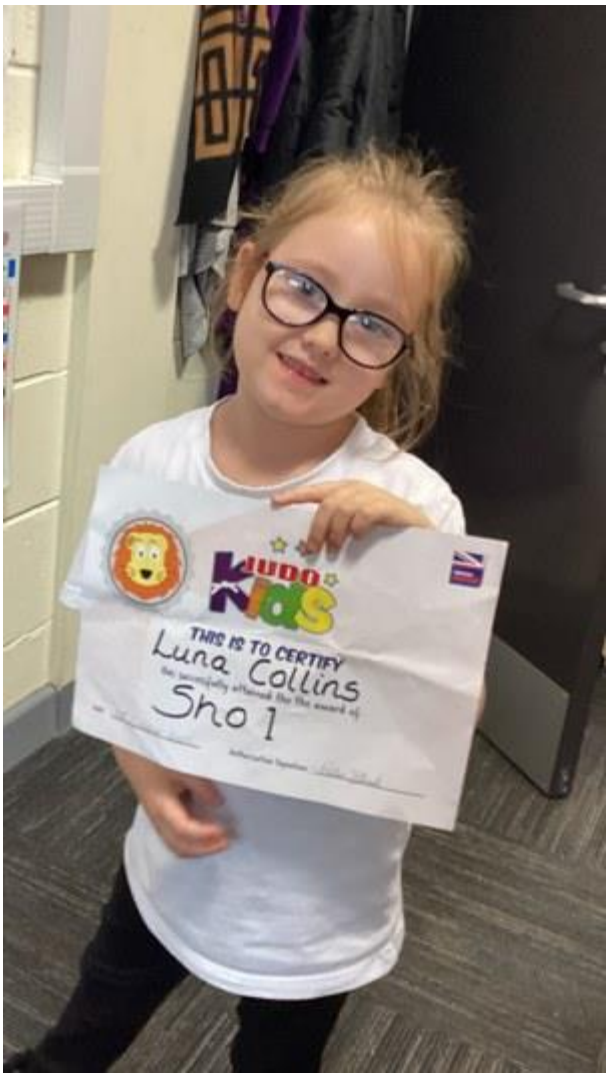





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PREVENT
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Thank you


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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.

Pupil Leadership updates



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.

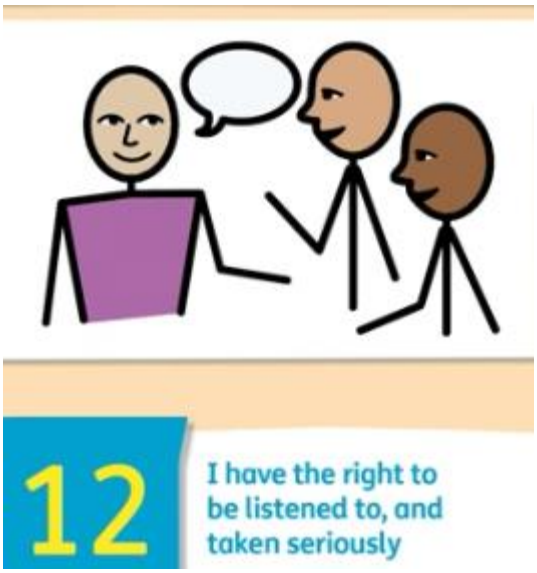


Rights-Respecting Ambassadors

Our wonderful ambassadors have met this week to plan the sessions they will be delivering across school this year linked to the articles from the UNCRC. They will also be supporting in the delivery of Picture News.

Safety Squad

The Safety Squad have also met this week. They will be helping to create a Play Class Charter for OPAL and leading assemblies next half term for Bonfire Night Safety, Anti-Bullying Week and Road Safety Week.



Reading Ambassadors

Our Reading Ambassadors have planned which Nursery Rhymes they would like to deliver to our YN class during Nursery Rhyme week and they have tidied the library ready for after half term.



Student Council

Our Student Council planned an amazing Silent Disco yesterday which raised over £550. They will be meeting after the holidays to plan what they would like to spend this on.





Picture News

As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News. ***Please see this term's Picture News newsletter.***



Picture News For Parents



October 2026

Hello!

It's Katie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to this half term! Let's get started...

News Recap

Each Picture News resource focuses on a 'Big Question', to encourage deeper thinking and discussion around news stories. Let's look back at some of the topics we've explored this half term...

Learning from Dolly:
What can help us feel hopeful about a new beginning?



Dolly Parton re-recorded a song to raise money for charity, showing how revisiting something from the past can have a fresh impact. Coinciding with the new school year, children considered how they can build on their earlier experiences, take on new challenges, and make a positive difference.

Homelessness:
Do we all have a part to play in helping those in need?



Prime Minister Andy Burnham pledged to offer everyone sleeping rough in England a safe place to stay by Christmas. Children thought about times when people need the help of others, what that help might look like, and why asking for help and telling a safe adult when we are worried about someone can matter.

School Lunches:
Who should decide what we have for school lunch?



News of healthier changes to school dinner rules was the focus of this resource. Children thought about how decisions are made, discussing personal choice and shared responsibility, and the factors schools consider when providing meals.

AI:
Do we need AI wherever we go?



The announcement of the new Meta Muse Charm led to thought-provoking conversations in schools about whether AI is useful and when might we be better off without it. Children discussed AI's potential and limits, and how much technology should play a part in our lives.

Tip!

Explore our Discussion Board together at home, to share thoughts on the Big Question and find out what other children say about the stories.

VISIT THE DISCUSSION BOARD

Allergy Awareness Support



The new school year has brought new changes to allergy safety rules for schools across England. To help, we've hosted a range of Allergy Awareness Live Assemblies. The recordings are below, in case you'd like to watch together at home too!



Allergies Live Assembly with the Sadie Bristow Foundation

Clare Bristow and 14-year-old Reuben joined around 1 million children to explore what allergies are, what it's like to experience them, and how we can help keep each other safe.

REWATCH THE SESSION HERE



Being Allergy Allies! Primary Live Assembly

We explored more about allergies, with interactive quizzes and discussions. We heard from Lucy, who told us what it's like to live with coeliac disease, and shared how her friends and teachers helped to keep her safe.

REWATCH THE SESSION HERE

Picture News Pioneers!



Earlier this term, Picture News founder Katie Harrison led an online session teaching children about how they can become Picture News Pioneers, and lead their own assemblies and discussions in school!

We've been inundated with lovely letters from children, explaining why they'd be good Picture News leaders..

If these letters are anything to go by, we're in safe hands with the next generation of leaders!



Read some of the letters and learn more about why schools are introducing Picture News Pioneers here!

AI and schools: What's happening?



With news of the first-ever teacher of AI in a Scottish secondary school, and questions of how we can use AI responsibly amid new product launches like the Meta Muse Charm, AI has been an ongoing topic of conversation in and out of the classroom.





With 56% of children aged 8-17 using AI, we've been investigating how AI is impacting children and teachers. **Take a look at our recent post to find out more here.**

This half term, teachers and pupils have talked openly about AI with the help of our Picture News pack. Together we explored the new Meta Muse Charm, and asked children, "Do we need AI wherever we go?"

What did your children think?

Let us know via the Discussion Board here.

Bye for now!

That's all from me for now. I hope you have a wonderful time together during the half term holidays.

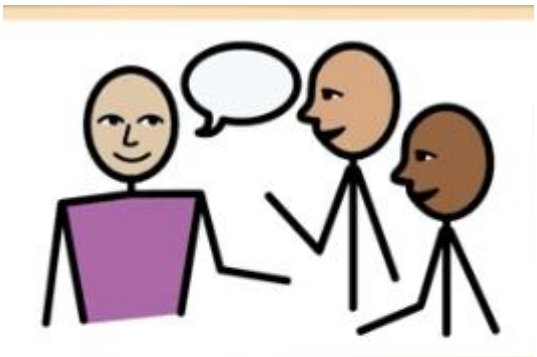
Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published at the end of Autumn 2, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials (linked below).

And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome!

Speak soon,

Katie, Editor
katie.n@picture-news.co.uk





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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.*

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




St Helens Library Service
Imagination Club
Build, create, sing, listen and play!
From amazing LEGO creations to colourful crafts and magical stories, there's something for every young imagination. Where will your next adventure take you?
Saturdays, 10:30am
Newton-le-Willows Library
& St Helens Library
@STHLibraries
@sthlibrariesandarts
https://catalogue.sthelens.gov.uk
Libraries Development Framework
ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

ST HELENS LIBRARY SERVICE

CONSTRUCTION CLUB



3:30PM

Chester Lane Library: Fridays
Eccleston Library: Tuesdays
Haydock Library: Tuesdays
Moss Bank Library: Fridays
Newton-le-Willows Library: Tuesdays
St Helens Library: Fridays
Thatto Heath Library: Mondays



Get your brain thinking and hands moving at Construction Club! Rise to the challenge and help us build our project of the week using bricks, blocks or other materials.

@STHLibraries
@sthlibrariesandarts
https://catalogue.sthelens.gov.uk

Libraries Development Framework

ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL


GET CREATIVE!
ST HELENS LIBRARY SERVICE
CRAFT CLUB
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Chester Lane Library: Mondays
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Haydock Library: Fridays
Moss Bank Library: Mondays
Newton-le-Willows Library: Mondays
St Helens Library: Tuesdays
Thatto Heath Library: Tuesdays
*Craft Club includes accessible craft sessions fortnightly.
Get inspired by books, stories and characters and enjoy the satisfaction of making something with your hands!
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STAGE COACH
A FREE TRIAL for your little one!
Fun Friendly Inclusive All Are Welcome!
Stagecoach St Helens
Theatre Arts Schools for 4 – 18 year olds
Building brighter futures through the performing arts
ACTING
SINGING
DANCING
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.
SATURDAY MORNINGS 11:15am – 12:45pm
Hope Academy Newton-le-Willows
Make Friends Grow in Confidence Have Fun!
Creative Courage For Life
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

21-28 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

#GreenLibraries

CILIP The library and information association


Resilience, Sport, Physical Education & Activity
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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.
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MONDAY
ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITY & NINJA WARRIOR
• Adventurous Activity
• Ninja Warrior
• Obstacle Courses
• Outdoor Games
• Challenges
TUESDAY
INFLATABLE GLADIATORS & SUMO WRESTLING
• Inflatable Gladiators
• Sumo Wrestling
• Whacky Races
• Balloon Games
• Team Challenges
WEDNESDAY
SCOOTERS & BIKES SCOOTERBOARDING & ROBOT BUILDING
• Scooters & Bikes
• Scooterboarding
• Robot Building
• Treasure Hunts
• Adventure Games
THURSDAY
ULTIMATE SPORTS GAMES
• Ultimate Sports Games
• Ultimate Dodgeball
• Ultimate Frizbee
• Quidditch
• Tag Games
FRIDAY
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 Frizbee
Simulator rides
Treasure hunts
Challenges
Quidditch
Balloon games
Whacky races
Bowling games
Dance activities
Tag games
Obstacle courses
Hula hut 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.
- 🆕 New to 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.**

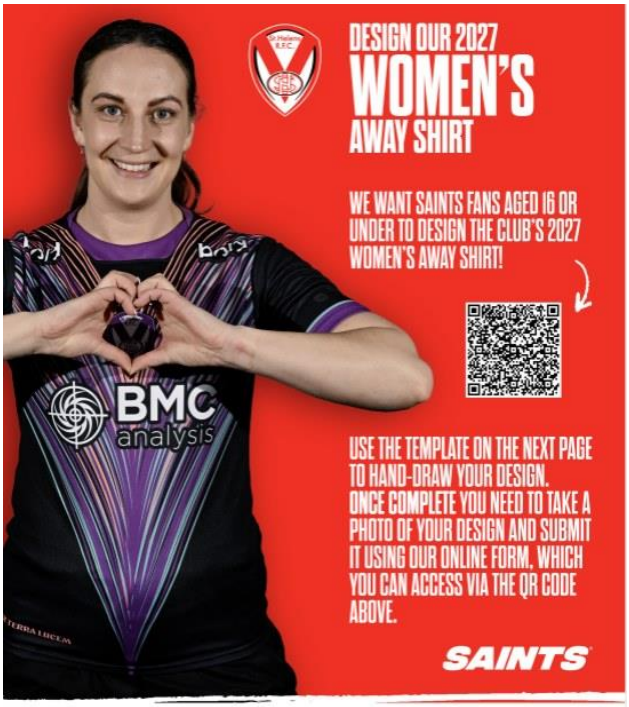
📲 **Step 7: Choose Your Ticket Delivery**
Select your preferred delivery method:
- 📱 Digital Ticket - sent straight to your email, 🖨️ Print at Home, 🏟️ Collect from the Ticket Office (where available) 📮 Postal Delivery (charges may apply)

✅ **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.

ℹ️ **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@wigansportsgroup.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!**



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 CLOSES TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2026.

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

DESIGN OUR 2027 WOMEN'S AWAY SHIRT

SAINTS



ADD YOUR DESIGN HERE

CHECK WHAT YOU CAN INCLUDE

THANK YOU TO OUR 2027 WOMEN'S KIT PARTNERS

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Monster Pipes
RWL
BMC analysis
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


The Future
2050
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/j2upcvv 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
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AGES 8-11
5.00 PM
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ALL AGES
SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS
5.45 PM
ALL NATION SOLO
ALL AGES AND LEVELS
6.30 PM
BRONZE AND SILVER BALLROOM AND LATIN
PARTNER CLASS
7.15 PM
ADULT ALL NATIONS SOLO CLASS
ALL AGES AND LEVELS
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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:

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www.digitalartsbox.org





Digital Arts Box

ST HELENS

SEND support



What's on in

St Helens

Autumn Term 2026

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

Supporting you to find the answers

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 8th September	**Open Session** - come along, get advice and support
Tues 15th September	**Choosing a School**
Tues 22nd September	**St Helens Mental Health Support Team**
Tues 29th September	**NEW! Preparing for the Teenage Years**
Tues 6th October	**Specific Learning Difficulties - Dyslexia**
Tues 13th October	**NEW!** Neurodiversity and **Self Harm**
Tues 20th October	**ADHD and Rejection Sensitive Dysphoria**
	Half Term Break
Tues 3rd November	**NEW! Monotropism** - Intense Focus and Interests
Tues 10th November	**TESSA - Education Advice and Support Team**
Tues 17th November	**NEW!** Neurodiversity and **Stimming**
Tues 24th November	**Preparing for the Christmas Break**
Tues 1st December	**Supporting Transition**
Tues 8th 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 7th September	**Autism, ADHD and Masking**
Mon 14th September	**NEW! Monotropism** - Intense Focus and Interests
Mon 21st September	**NEW! The Knowing Me Tool**
Mon 28th September	**Open Session** - come along, get advice and support
Mon 5th October	**Neurodiversity and Mental Health**
Mon 12th October	ADHD and **Rejection Sensitive Dysphoria (RSD)**
Mon 19th October	**NEW! Preparing for the Teenage Years**
Half Term Break	
Mon 2nd November	**Open Session** - come along, get advice and support
Mon 9th November	**Tantrums V Meltdowns** - knowing the difference
Mon 16th November	**NEW!** Neurodiversity and **Stimming**
Mon 23rd November	**Preparing for the Christmas Break**
Mon 30th November	**NEW! The Knowing Me Tool**
Mon 7th December	Neurodiversity and **Gender Identity**

Wednesday Online Community Network Group

Wednesdays during term time

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Click here to register

Wed 9th September	**Supporting Behaviours that Challenge**
Wed 16th September	**Choosing a School**
Wed 23rd September	**NEW! Monotropism** - Intense Focus and Interests
Wed 30th September	**NEW!** Neurodiversity and **Self Harm**
Wed 7th October	**Neurodiversity and Mental Health**
Wed 14th October	**SEND Jargon Buster**
Wed 21st October	**NEW! The Knowing Me Tool**
Half Term Break	
Wed 4th November	**The Graduated Approach**
Wed 11th November	**NEW! The Knowing Me Tool**
Wed 18th November	**NEW! Preparing for the Teenage Years**
Wed 25th November	**Preparing for the Christmas Break**
Wed 2nd December	**Tantrums V Meltdowns** - knowing the difference
Wed 9th 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 every day 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 4th November	Wednesday 11th November	Wednesday 18th 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 15th September	Tuesday 22nd September	Tuesday 29th September	Tuesday 6th October	Tuesday 13th October	Tuesday 20th 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 16th September	Wednesday 23rd September	Wednesday 30th 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 5th November	Thurs 12th November	Thurs 19th November	Thurs 26th November	Thurs 3rd December	Thurs 10th December





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

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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.

Workbooks and webinars for parents, teachers and others :: Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Family support



An invitation from the St. Helens Wellbeing Service:

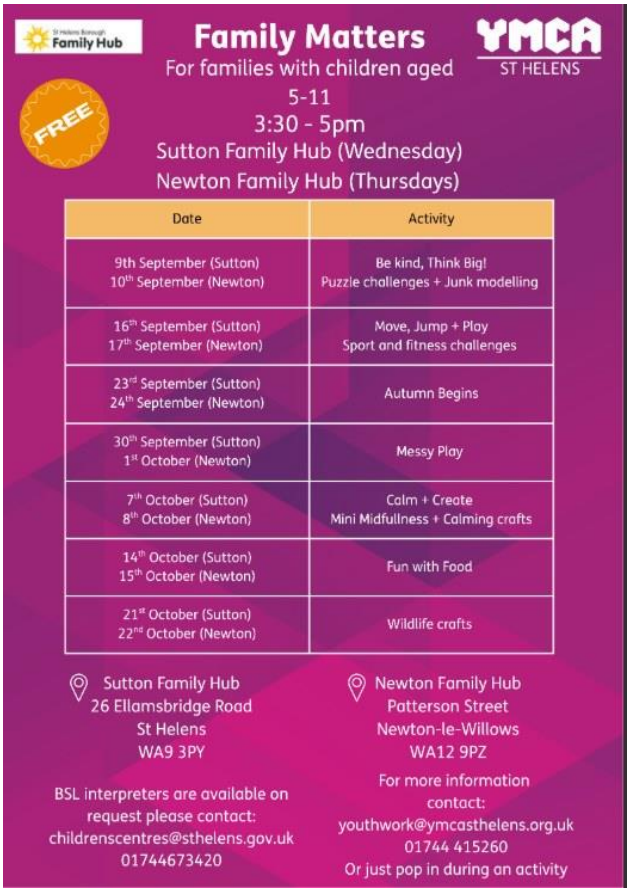
*We're excited to be offering families the opportunity to join **HENRY Healthy Families Growing Up** – a free online programme designed to help families build healthy habits together and give children the best start in life.*

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

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St Helens Borough Family Hub
YMCA ST HELENS
Family Matters
For families with children aged 5-11
3:30 - 5pm
Sutton Family Hub (Wednesday)
Newton Family Hub (Thursdays)
FREE
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 Midfullness + 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
BSL interpreters are available on request please contact:
childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk
01744673420
Newton Family Hub
Patterson Street
Newton-le-Willows
WA12 9PZ
For more information contact:
youthwork@ymcasthelens.org.uk
01744 415260
Or just pop in during an activity

St. Helens Council

BEST START IN LIFE Family Hub

People's Services Department
Sutton Family Hub and Children's Centre's
Sutton Family Hub
Ellamsbridge 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

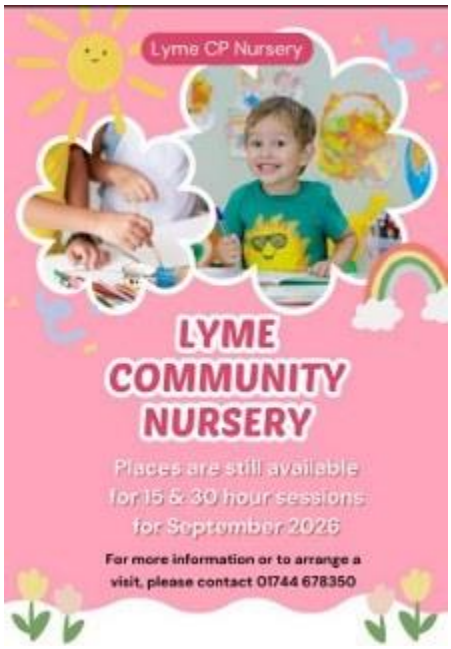


Nursery Places



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***

Dates for the diary



Friday 23rd October: School closes for half term

Monday 2nd November: School opens for Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 3rd November: Diwali art workshop for Y6

Tuesday 3rd November: Early Years Open Evening at 5pm

Monday 9th November: Anti-Bullying week/ Nursery Rhyme Week

Tuesday 10th November: Flu immunisations

Wednesday 11th November: Remembrance Day (items to be sold by Y6 Prefects during this week)

Wednesday 11th November: Individual photographs

Wednesday 11th November: Maths workshop for YR parents - 2.30pm

Thursday 12th November: Nursery Rhyme activity session for YN children and parents

Tuesday 17th November: Animal Club experience for Y1 (please pay on School Money)

Wednesday 18th November: YN class assembly - 9.15 am

Wednesday 18th November: Live online orchestra performance for the whole school

Thursday 19th November: Y1/2 Multi skills competition (letters to be sent out to individual children)

Friday 20th November: Children in Need (merchandise to be sold be Y6 Prefect during this week)

Friday 20th November: DT/Music workshop online for Y5 and Y6

Monday 23rd November: ASSESSMENT WEEK

Wednesday 25th November: YR and Y6 Height and Weight screening

Thursday 26th November: DT/Music workshop online for Y3 and Y4

Friday 27th November: Visit from David Baines MP

Saturday 28th November: Christmas Fayre

December dates to follow



Rights-Respecting Ambassadors

Our Rights-Respecting Ambassadors took the harvest donations to the local Food Bank this week. They also had their photograph taken with our new GOLD banner!






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AT
HOME
WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL
Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.
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OPAL updates

Play Leaders

Our Y6 Play Leaders had a training session this morning with the council's Sports Team ready for them to lead sports games on the playground at lunchtimes as part of our OPAL programme.

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



After School Clubs

After School Activities up to w/e 11th December

Day	Year Groups	Times	Activity	Cost
Mondays	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	3.20 – 4.15	Seasonal Arts and Crafts 	Free
Tuesdays	Y2 - Y6	3.20-4.20	Choir 	By invitation only
Tuesdays	YR & Y1	3.20-4.00	Hama Beads 	Free
Wednesdays	YN, YR, Y1 & Y2	3.20-4.20	Cheer and Dance 	£13.00
Thursdays	Y3 – Y6	3.20-4.20	Brass Band 	£30.00 per term
Thursdays	Y1 & Y2	3.20-4.20	Book Club 	Free
Thursdays	Y5 & Y6	3.20-4.20	Cross Stitch 	Free

- Cheer & Dance (Saints), and Brass Band are all run by external providers and can be booked via the SchoolMoney (Teacher2Parent) app.
  Places are limited, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.
  The school subsidises the cost of these clubs; however, the applicable prices are listed above and on the SchoolMoney app when booking.

- All free clubs are run by School Staff and need to be booked on the My Child At School App.
  Places are limited, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

- Please note that no clubs will run during the final week of term.

Coming up next week…



A few reminders....



And finally...

It has been another busy half term at Lyme!

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs. Roberts
