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Attendance



Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

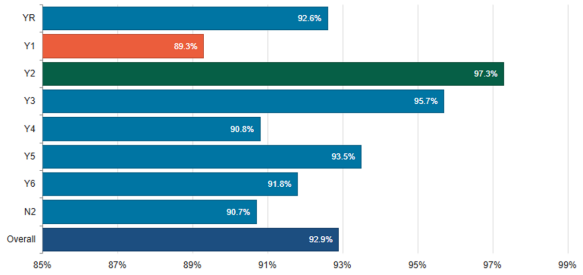
SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8.45am FOR YR AND 8.50am FOR KS1 & KS2. The learning starts at 9am so we need the children in class and settled for then.

We need every child in ON TIME every day!

School average: 92.9%

Local Authority average: 95.4%

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

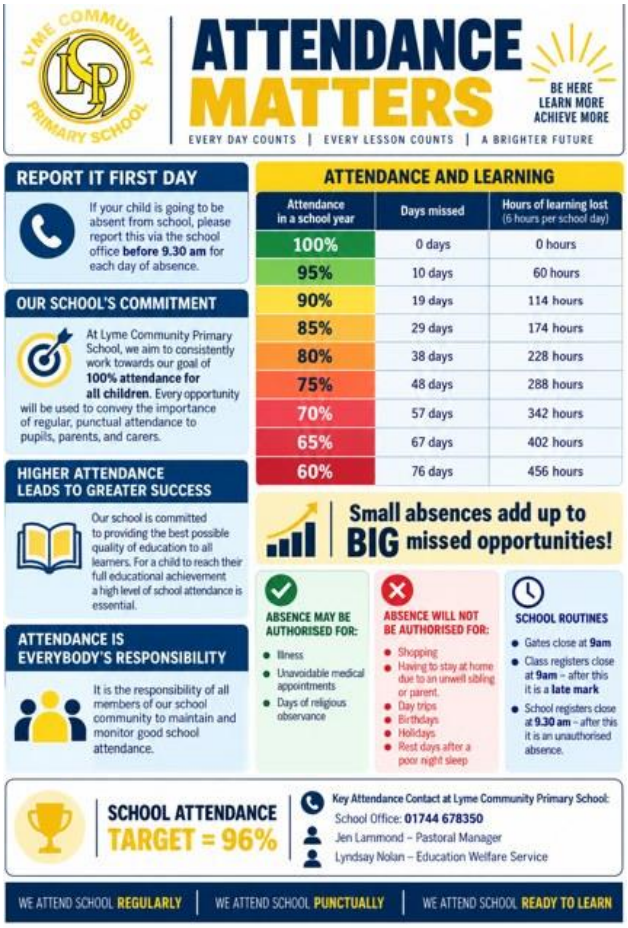


Please read our Attendance Guide - the full updated Attendance Policy can be found on our website. Our aim is for every child to be in school every day - with a target of ***at least 96% attendance.*** *Please note that holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances - we need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

***Y1:** Jaxon D and Ollie*

***Y2**: Arthur and Elliot*

***Y3:** Bea and Lily A*

***Y4:** Olivia K and Jelani*

***Y5**: Phoebe and Florence*

***Y6:** Evie C and Lexi*

Team Points



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

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 - *Kycen (Y5) and Jelani (Y4) for being excellent ambassadors for Lyme during the AmaSing choir visit this week.*

Challenge - *Olivia K (Y4) for challenging herself in phonics this week.*

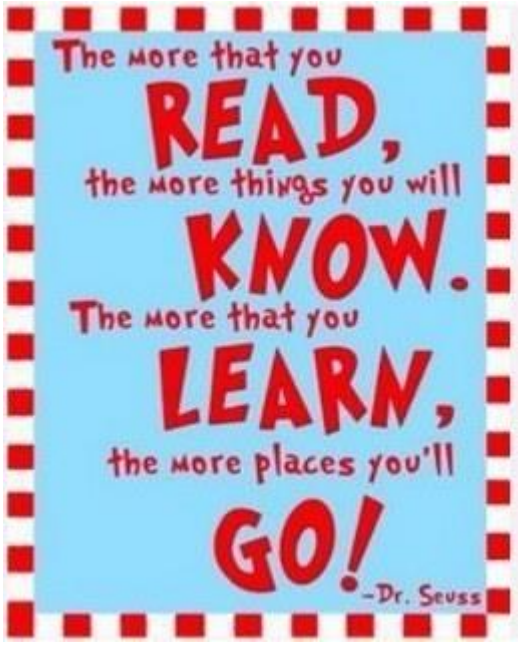
Achieve - *Kaitlin (Y6) for her amazing writing - and handwriting!*

Nurture - *Evie E (Y6) for being such a super support to a younger child at lunch time.*

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.









A HUGE well done to Olivia for achieving so highly in Morris Dancing - we are VERY proud of you!





Pupil Leadership updates



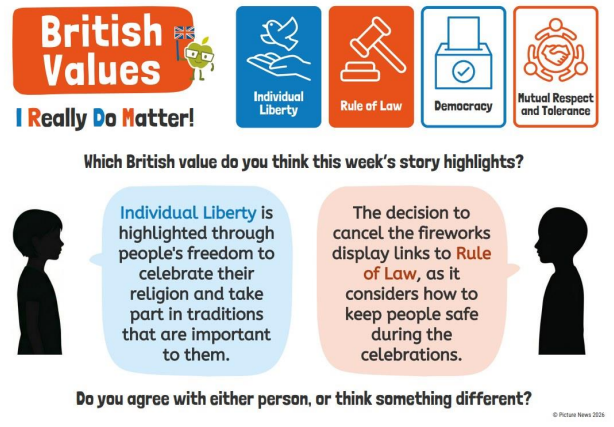
Our Eco Team have been hard at work again this week making sure that classes are recycling and also awarding children for their environmental work in keeping our school grounds tidy.

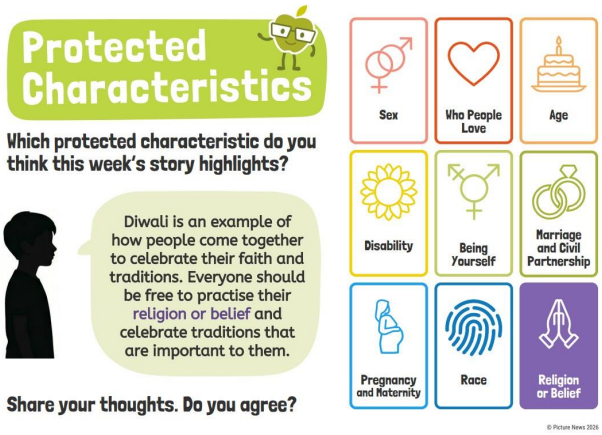


Picture News

As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News. ***This week's question has been: Should traditions always stay the same?***









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

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

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

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.





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





To help ensure as many people as possible are aware of this new support offer, please share the following bulletin through your communication channels and networks. Your support will help connect parents, carers and young people with trusted health and wellbeing advice when they need it.

SEND support



Family support

Help Us Plan Future Childcare in St Helens St Helens Borough Council has a duty to ensure there are sufficient childcare places for children aged 0–14 years, and up to 18 years for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This includes childcare provision such as breakfast clubs, before and after-school childcare, and holiday activities.

To help us understand what families need, we are asking parents and carers to complete this survey.

Your feedback will help us identify gaps in childcare provision and plan future services across the borough.

All responses are confidential and will only be used to help assess childcare needs in St Helens.

School Age Childcare Sufficiency Survey for Parents and Carers – Fill in form

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Launch of Text and Connect text messaging service

Need advice or support for your child, family or wellbeing? Try Text and Connect

Text and Connect is a free, confidential text messaging service for parents, carers and young people across St Helens. Delivered by local health visitors and school nurses, the service provides quick and easy access to health and wellbeing advice, information and support.

Whether you have questions about your child's development, emotional wellbeing, sleep, behaviour, friendships, school worries, relationships or general health, help is just a text away. Young people can also use the service directly to access confidential advice and support on

issues that matter to them, including mental wellbeing, friendships, relationships, healthy lifestyles and sexual health.

*Simply text **07507 329908** to speak confidentially with a health visitor or school nurse.*

Available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays). A member of the team will aim to respond within three working days.

For more information or to access support, text 07507 329908.

Visit: www.wchc.nhs.uk/text

Right Care, Right Place this winter

We all want to know where to turn when our children are unwell. This winter, help keep everyone safe by choosing the NHS service that best meets your child's needs.

From your local pharmacy and NHS 111 to urgent treatment and emergency care, different services are available depending on the help your child needs.

Take a look at this handy guide and keep it somewhere safe, so you know where to go when you need help.



Changes to free school meal voucher support

Families eligible for free school meals will no longer automatically receive food vouchers during school holidays, following changes to Government funding guidance.

Earlier this year, the Government replaced the Household Support Fund with the Crisis and Resilience Fund. The new fund is intended to support residents facing unexpected financial hardship or a sudden loss of income, while also helping people build longer-term financial resilience.

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Work and Pensions, Local Authorities are advised to no longer provide blanket food voucher support to all families eligible for free school meals during school holidays. Eligibility to Free School Meals has been significantly extended from September and to continue support would be unaffordable under the Crisis and Resilience Fund.

A range of support remains available to help families across St Helens Borough, including:

- *Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which provides free activities and healthy meals for eligible children during school holidays. More information is available: Introduction to HAF - St Helens Borough Council*

- *Families are also encouraged to check whether they are receiving all the financial support they may be entitled to by using the council's Better Off Calculator, available at www.sthelens.gov.uk/betteroffcalculator*

Other support, including food, welfare advice, help with budgeting and assistance for residents facing financial hardship, continues to be available through the council and partner organisations, such as Citizens Advice and food banks and pantries.

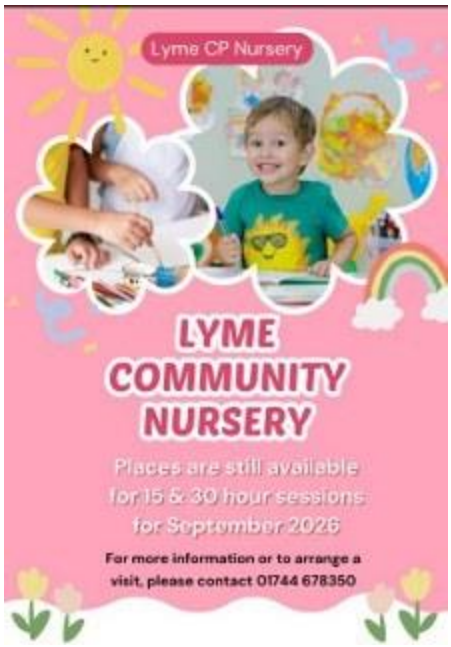
Residents can find further information about available support and advice by visiting: www.sthelens.gov.uk/sthelenstogether

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



Monday 16th November: Anti-Bullying week

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)

Thursday 19th November: Author visit - see poster below

Friday 20th November: Universal Children's Day

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

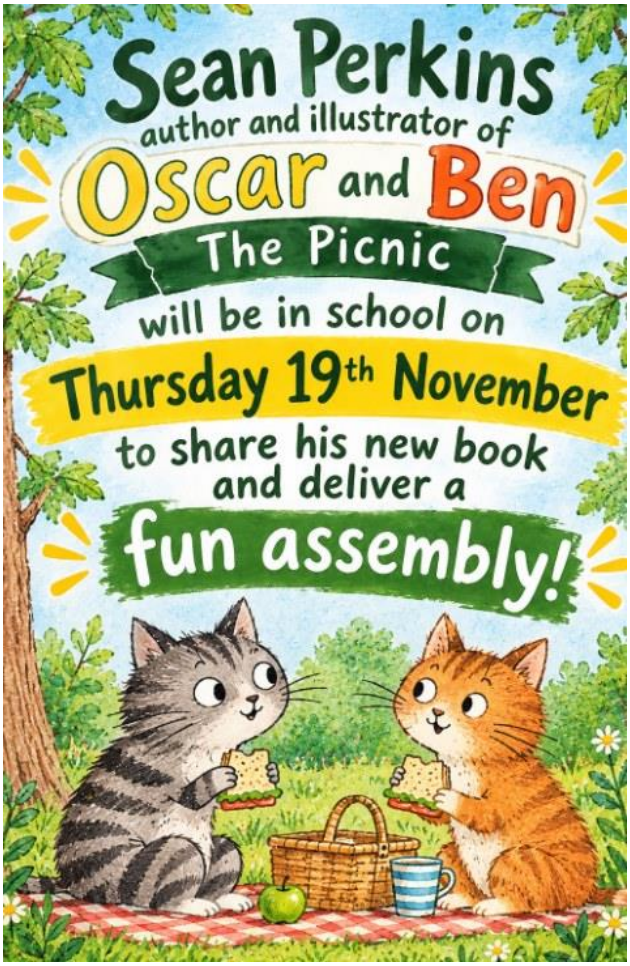
Monday 23rd November: ASSESSMENT WEEK

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


Sean Perkins
author and illustrator of
Oscar and Ben
The Picnic
will be in school on
Thursday 19th November
to share his new book
and deliver a
fun assembly!



OPAL updates

Some of our Y6 children have created a trail around the playground for the younger ones using chalks. Thank you!

Well done to our OPAL Stars this week:

- *Garry and Adrian (Y5) for helping to keep the field leaf free.*

- *Y2 for playing nicely together - being creative with the loose parts and talking to each other through the tubes!*

Please remember to send in wellies/waterproof shoes for lunch time play.

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


Lyme
Community PSA
Christmas Fayre
Donations of toys and teddies for the tombola can be sent to school anytime from Monday.
Donations of toiletries and any raffle prizes
RAFFLE PRIZES
Friday 20th November will be own clothes day for selection box donations.
Friday 27th November will be own clothes day for bottle donations.
The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 28th November from 11 am to 2 pm.
There will be lots of stalls and games, music from the brass band, refreshments and a special visitor (Father Christmas)!

School Lunches



Inter-Faith Week

During their RE Lessons this week the children have been learning and thinking about : Lighting the Way for a Shared Future - *the theme for this year's Inter Faith Week.*

On Thursday they have participated in an assembly - showing and sharing their learning with messages of peace, kindness and belonging.



Children in Need

Thank you for your support with Children in Need this year. We have raised £295! Keep an eye on the website for the amazing Children in Need dance by our Y6 class.

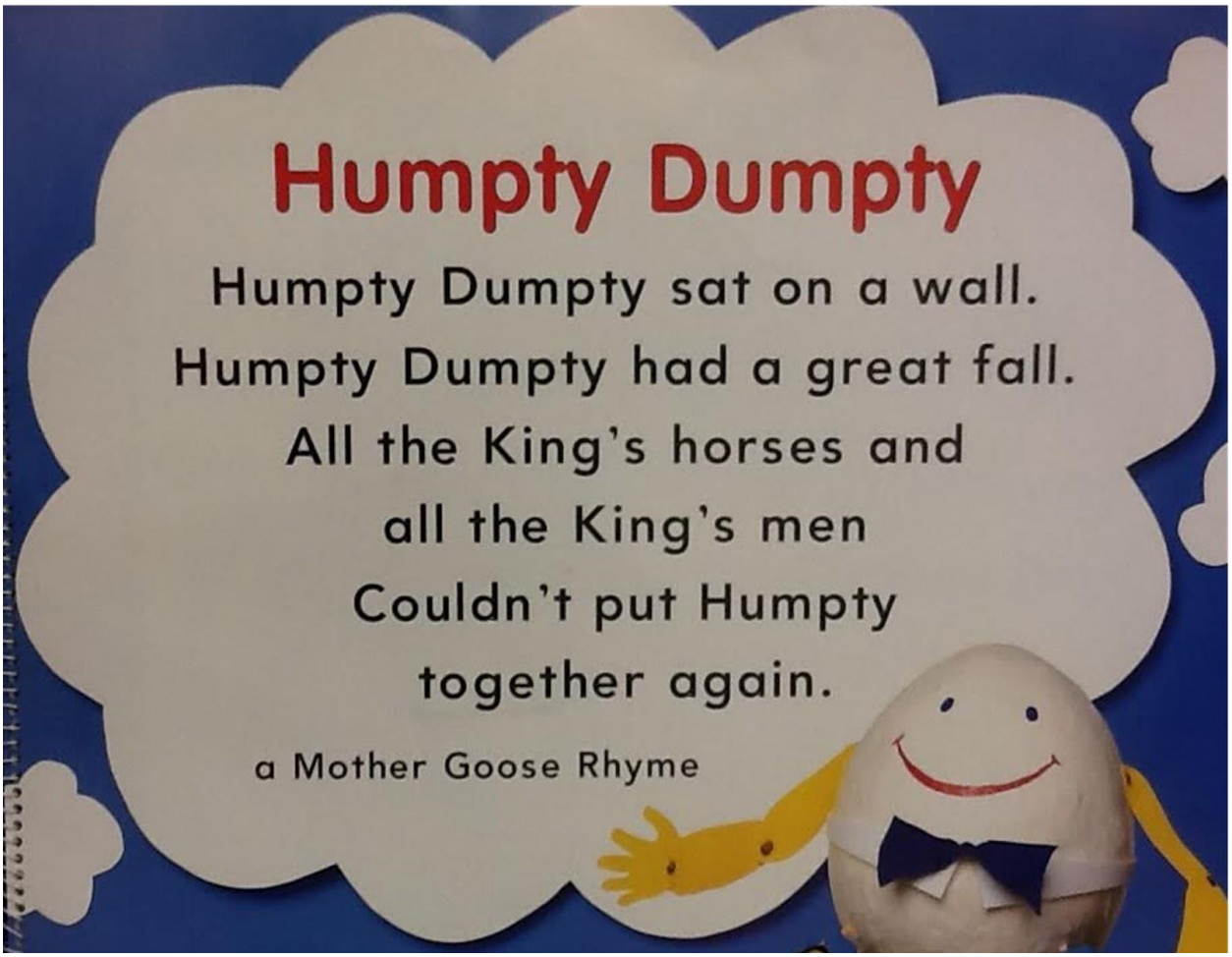


Remembrance Day

Thank you to our representatives at Sunday's Remembrance Parade who did such a wonderful job of laying a wreath on behalf of our school community.



Nursery Rhyme Week



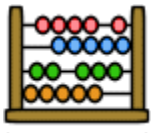
As part of Nursery Rhyme Week, our Reading Ambassadors have been into our Nursery class this week to share different rhymes.

We were also joined by Tina from Upbeat Academy who delivered a fantastic activity session for our nursery children and families.





YR Maths workshop



A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Reception Maths Workshop!





Coming up next week...



And finally...

Today we said goodbye to Mrs. Vaughan as she leaves Lyme to start another adventure with her family. We will miss her greatly and thank her for everything she has brought to our school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts


GOOD-BYE AND
GOOD LUCK!
WE'LL MISS YOU