

# Sylvester Primary Academy

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## SYLVESTER NEWS

Dear parents & carers,

*Welcome back! I hope that you've all had a lovely Christmas and "Happy New Year" to all of you.*

*We've got a really busy term ahead of us, so keep an eye out for key dates and activities on newsletters and Class Dojo.*

*Hope you all have a good weekend*

*Ms Harrison,*

*Principal*

Please inform us if your child is unwell and can't attend school on their first day of absence. It is really important that you **contact the school office** and that you provide a reason for their absence.

You can call us on :  
**0151 477 8320**



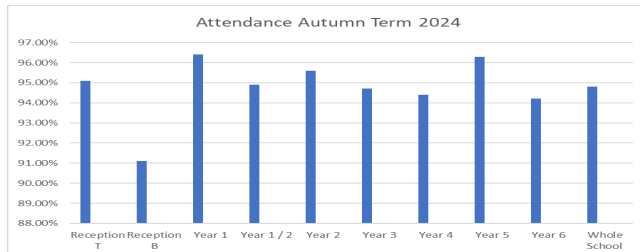
### Spring Term Dates 2024

Date	Event
8.1.24	WATMO science project in Year 3
12.1.24	Whole School Growth Mindset Day
12.1.24	Sports Leader Training in Year 5
15.1.24	Mad Science/ United Utilities Assembly
18.1.24 (9am)	Year 1 parents to observe phonics
23.1.24 (am)	Rocksteady Concert
24.1.24	Year 5 & 6 Boccia Festival at Kirkby High School
30.1.24	Year 3 to visit Huyton Library— WATMO project
1.2.24	Year 6 football league game at Prescot football centre
5.2.24— 9.2.24	Children's Mental Health Week
5.2.24	Young Voices Concert in Manchester
6.2.24	Safer Internet Day
6.2.24 (4pm)	Governors meeting
7.2.24	Year 5 football festival at Finch Farm
8.2.24	Year 1 and Year 1/2 Principal's Awards assembly— Respect
8.2.24	Cake sale in school
8.2.24	Year 6 football league at Prescot Football Centre
9.2.24	Whole school well-being day
9.2.24	Finish for half-term at 3.15pm

### TO PERFECT ATTENDANCE AND BEYOND!!!!

**Our whole school attendance target is: 96%**

**Last term our whole school attendance this week was: 94.8%**



### Moments of Light—Huyton

A series of sparkling events will light up towns and villages in Knowsley this January, kicking off a year of celebration to mark 50 years since the borough's creation.

'Moments of Light' brings international street theatre performers [Spark!](#) to Huyton, Prescot, Kirkby and Halewood over four nights for an interactive live music and movement spectacular, with dynamic choreography and lighting design. Each performance will end with an eye-catching finale by outdoor arts performance specialists [Walk the Plank](#).

The free family-friendly performance will take place on:

**Friday 19 January 2024 in Huyton Village Centre**  
(Performances at 4pm–4.45pm and 6pm–7.30pm)



### Wellbeing tip of the week

You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream

### School gates to car park

For your children's safety, every day the main school gates to the car park will be locked between 8.30 to 9am and 3 to 3.30pm. Please do not try to enter the car park at these times. You will be denied access and will have to reverse out onto the main road. Thank you.

### Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is a key priority for us here at Sylvester. Please see below for links to online safety advice for parents and carers

The NSPCC offer a helpline to support [parents](#) about online issues, and further guidance about [inappropriate and explicit content](#).

The NSPCC also provide great advice to parents about a range of online safety issues and particularly when using [social media](#).

The UK Safer Internet Site provides advice for [parents about a range of online issues](#).



### Happy 'January' Birthdays

Robyn – Nell – Layla – Cole – Martha-Mae –  
Luca – Oliver – Phoebe – Mrs Leavesley –  
Bonnie – Nathan – Georgie – Rory – Leon –  
Teddy – Kameron – George – Mrs Harrison –  
Luna – Ellie – Stanley – Elodie-Rae

### TERM DATES 2024-25

Our term dates for 2024-25 are below. We do not authorise holidays taken in term time, so please ensure that you plan your holidays around these dates. Thank you!

#### Autumn Term 2024

Tuesday 3rd September—Friday 20th December 2024

Half-term: Friday 25th October—Monday 4th November 2024

Christmas Holiday: Friday 20th December 2024—  
Monday 6th January 2025

#### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January – Tuesday 8th April 2025

Half-term: Friday 14th February— Tuesday 25th  
February 2025

Easter Holiday: Tuesday 8th April—Tuesday 22nd April  
2025

#### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April—Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Half-term: Friday 23rd May—Monday 9th June 2025

### Applying for places in Reception 2024

If your child's birthday falls on or  
between 1st

September 2019 and 31st August  
2020, now is the time to apply for a  
Reception class place in school in  
September 2024

There is no automatic transfer from  
Nursery—everyone must apply between  
12 September 2023 and 15 January 2024

Apply online by visiting  
[www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk)

### Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who  
made our Christmas Fayre on 8th  
December such a success. We raised an  
amazing £1799.54 for our school funds.

Thank you