



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 6 – Friday 10th October 2025



Stars of the Week



A huge well done to this week's Gold Award Winners:

CORAL	Aisha M
OCHRE	Oscar P
VIOLET	Iza M
Y2AC	Yusuf K
Y2MS	Bradley C
Y2RJ	Harmony H
Y3A	Zayaan W
Y3B	Roman H
Y3G	David A
Y4B	Samira A
Y4J	Anisa H
Y4W	Jael B
Y5BT	Poppy C
Y5DF	Harry T
Y5HB	Rio M
Y6JT	Riley M
Y6LB	Hina R
Y6NB	Amina R



Pen Licence Awards



This initiative is all about celebrating the effort and pride our pupils take in their handwriting. By earning a Pen Licence, children will showcase not only their neat and legible writing but also their dedication to improving and taking pride in their work. It's a chance to highlight those who consistently show effort and perseverance, motivating all our pupils to aim high and write with confidence. Well Done!

Evie H - Y4J
Isabelle M - Y4W
Samira A - Y4B

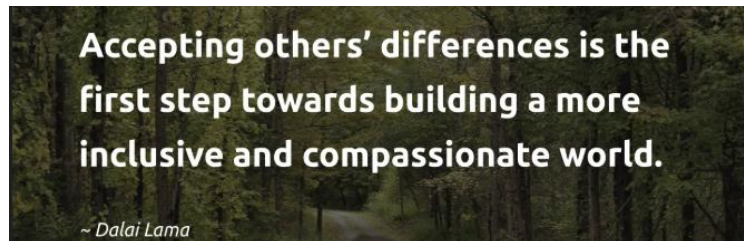
OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Staffing News

We would like to make Parents/Carers aware that one of our Assistant Headteachers, Anna Waring, is also Assistant SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) at Athelstan. Therefore, parents and carers of children in Foundation Stage and KS1 can direct queries to her. Please contact the office should you wish to speak to Mrs Waring about your child.

World Inclusion Day

Today is World Inclusion Day, but for us, inclusion is part of everyday life - a core value we celebrate daily by creating a welcoming, respectful, and supportive environment for everyone in our school community.



A Message from Athelstan's Senior Mental Health Lead – Selina Ashton

Are you worried about your child's mental health?

I am a trained Child Mental Health First Aider and a trained Senior Mental Health Lead here at Athelstan. I am offering parents the chance to book an appointment to discuss any concerns about your children's mental health and provide some options and signposts that might help. We can also discuss what we can do in school to support your child.

Appointments will be 20 minutes and will be available on the following dates:

Wed 15th October between 8:30 – 10am

Wed 22nd October between 8:30 – 10am

If you would like an appointment then please contact Selina Ashton on sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Social Media, Apps and The Athelstan Behaviour Policy

Many popular apps such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, TikTok and Instagram, have age restrictions (usually **13+**). We understand that, in reality, some children may use these platforms outside of school. However, the age restrictions represent the fact that the complexity of social skills needed to manage online relationships are beyond most primary age children. They often result in difficulties for them to resolve conflicts and fallouts. Therefore, we would strongly advise parents to monitor how children are accessing apps at home.

At Athelstan, we will let parents/carers know if we become aware of any issues linked to these apps, and we kindly ask for your support in helping children manage these situations at home.

If problems do spill over into school and go against our behaviour policy, we will always address them fairly and apply appropriate school sanctions. By working together, we can help children to stay safe online and make positive choices in their use of technology. Thank you for your support.

Whole School Photographs

Jane Stapleton Photography will be in school on Wednesday 15th October, to take individual photographs of children in all year groups. **Children who have siblings in school will have their photographs taken both individually and together during the school day.**

Pre-school Siblings. For those children who have pre-school siblings that do not attend Athelstan, there will be an earlier photoshoot to have a sibling photograph, but these will only take place between 8.15am to 8.45am. **Please ensure you bring your non-Athelstan pre-school children between these times only.** Non-Athelstan children who arrive after 8.45am will not be able to have their photograph taken as this will impact on the school day. Please enter school via the main reception area. Please bear with us at this busy time. **If your child has a PE lesson or Forest Schools, please ensure that they come to school wearing their full school uniform and bring their PE kit/change of clothes in a named bag.** If you have any queries, please email Amy Brownhill on abrownhill@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Flu Immunisations – Monday 20th October

The Immunisation Team will be visiting Athelstan on Monday 20th October, to give the **Seasonal Flu Vaccine** to children. The team can only administer the vaccine with parental consent. If you have not already done so, please complete the form to confirm whether you do or do not consent to your child to receive the vaccination. www.sheffieldchildrensvaccinations.co.uk/Forms/Flu **You will need to use this unique school code: SF107083**

Harvest Appeal

Thank you for all of your kind donations. The student council will be continuing to collect these items until lunchtime on Wednesday 22nd October, when they will be donated to the Handsworth Food Bank.

Non-Uniform Day – Sponsor a Snowflake

On Thursday 23rd October, we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise money to sponsor a snowflake for The Sheffield Children's Hospital. We are hoping to raise as much money as we can for this amazing cause and would be grateful if each child could bring a minimum donation of £1.00. Thank you for your support!

A Message from our PTA – Halloween Disco's

We will be holding two Spooktacular Halloween Discos after school on Thursday 23rd October.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – 4:15pm until 5:15pm

Year Groups 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 5:30pm until 6:45pm

A Tuck Shop will be available to buy snacks and drinks, as well as free unlimited water. Please where possible bring change for the tuck shop (no more than £5).

There will be prizes for the best costumes and a small treat will be given out to everyone on as they leave.

Wristbands will be available to purchase from the office from Monday 13th October at £3.50 each, on a first come first served basis. Wristbands will act as your child's ticket, so please keep these safe!

Wristbands can be **only** purchased by children **during break & lunchtimes**, and by parents/carers **AFTER** school. No sales will take place outside these timings.

Please read our Terms & Conditions:

- **RECEPTION** children **MUST** be accompanied and supervised by **ONE** Parent/Carer over the age of 16. **No other parents/carers or siblings may attend the disco.**
- Children should enter through the main office and to be collected from Breakfast Club door.
- All Children attending must wear their pre-purchased wristband.
- Children are not permitted to use mobile phones during the disco – any device found being used will be confiscated and returned to the child at the end of the disco
- Please note, weapons or toy weapons of any nature are NOT permitted
- Snacks and Drinks must be consumed in the dining hall.
- All monies and personal effects are your child's responsibility – please do not bring more than £5 in cash for the tuck shop.

If any parent or carers would like to volunteer to support the event please contact the PTA on athelstanparents2022@gmail.com

A message from The Sheffield College

The Sheffield College is once again running a great project which provides fun sporting activities to young people aged 8-14 and gives a fantastic opportunity for our Sports Students to gain the necessary experience in delivering activities; all under the expert supervision of experienced coaching staff. The Sheffield College Holiday Club runs at our Hillsborough Campus from 9:00am to 4:00pm Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th of Oct. It is open for drop-offs from no earlier than 8:45am and collections at 4:00pm each day. The camp is a multi-sports camp which aims to get kids active, whatever their abilities.

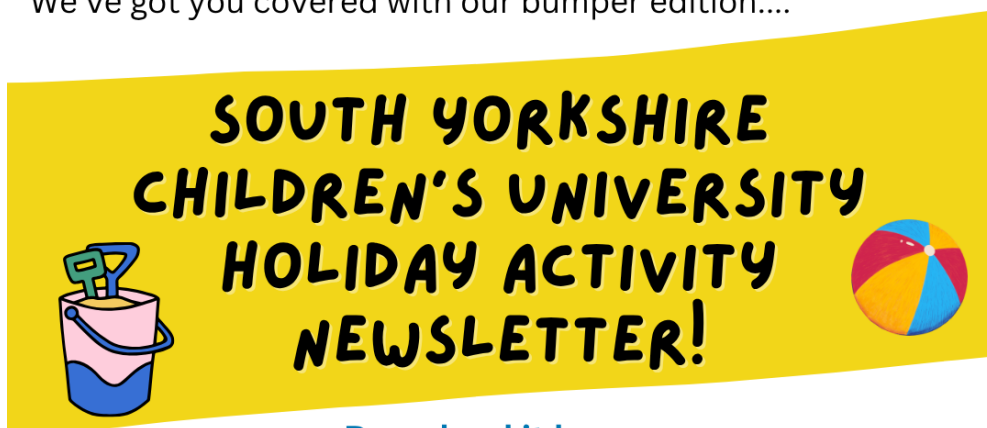
It is aimed at children aged 8 to 14, although all children from Year 3 and above are welcome. The activities are led by our Foundation Degree Sports Coaching students under the guidance of our own experience sports coaches. Past activities include handball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, football, badminton, and many more.

To book, please go to <https://events.humanitix.com/multi-sport-holiday-club>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Gracie Ecob at tscsports@sheffcol.ac.uk.

Children's University Activities



Need ideas for family activities during the school holidays?
We've got you covered with our bumper edition....

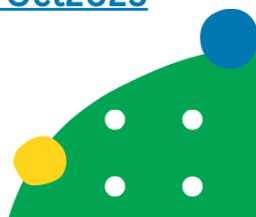


[Download it here:](https://bit.ly/SYCUActivityNewsletterOct2025)

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Please also see the information sent with this newsletter for further details of other upcoming activities which may be of interest.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Reading Records

These will go home with Foundation children next week. Please read with your child regularly and write in the reading record every time you have read with them. When a child has read 10 times at home, they receive a special reading award sticker.

Pumpkin Donations

We would be grateful for pumpkin donations (all shapes and sizes) for our pumpkin picking farm shop.

Foundation Health Screening

The School Nursing team from the Sheffield Children's Hospital will attend school to carry out the height and weight screening, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), and the hearing screening, during this academic year.

In addition, the Vision team from the Sheffield Children's Hospital will attend school to carry out the vision check. If you would like support or to discuss your child's health, i.e. eating, sleeping, toileting issues, etc., please copy the link below to complete the "Ready for School"

questionnaire. <https://www.sheffield.childscreening.co.uk/Forms/SHQ>

Please complete the questionnaire before **16th October 2025**. Your unique school code for **Athelstan Primary School** is **SF107083**

If you wish to opt out of this screening then please send an email to

scn-tr.ncmpoptout@nhs.net before **16th October 2025**.

Please include in your email the following details:

- Name of child who you are opting out for
- Date of birth of the child
- School the child attends
- Which screening you are opting out of

For more information about the programme please visit

website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-entry-health-screening/>

To speak to a member of the School Nursing Team, please call: 0114 3053224 (option 4)

Y1 News

Local Area Walk Volunteers

Y1 will be going on a local walk week commencing Monday 13th October in the afternoon.

Each class will be going on the following days:

Coral Class - Monday 13th October

Ochre Class - Tuesday 14th October

Violet Class - Wednesday 15th October

If you would like to volunteer to support us on the visit, please complete the following google form: <https://forms.gle/EGe2kYz94M4jyaGS9>

Your child's class teacher will then come back to you to confirm whether you are needed to attend. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough volunteers the walk may not be able to go ahead.

Donations

We are looking for donations of pipes/tubes. Please give these to your child's class teacher.

Y2 News

Reading Morning

The reading morning for Y2 children is on a Monday and they are more than welcome to enter the classroom and read a book with their child on this day.

Playtime Snacks

Children in Y2 are provided with a healthy snack of fruit every day; therefore, Parents/Carers do not need to send them with a snack for playtime. We apologise for any confusion caused in recent newsletters.

Y3 News

No additional news this week.

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 News

Y5 Space VR Experience

As part of our science curriculum about space, the Year 5 children have the opportunity to take a virtual trip to space on Wednesday 22nd October to support their learning. This is usually a highlight of the academic year and an experience they do not forget.

A contribution of £4.82 per child is required to cover the cost of the experience. Should enough money not be collected to cover the cost, the experience may unfortunately have to be cancelled. Payment should be made through ParentPay, our online payment system by Wednesday 15th October. When making payments on ParentPay, we would recommend that Parents/Carers do not use the 'One Click Payment' option and instead add the payment item to the basket and checkout using a debit card as you would with any online shopping. This is because the 'One Click Payment' can take up to seven days for ParentPay to attempt to take the payment from bank accounts, which we have found do sometimes fail.

If you need any help in using ParentPay, please speak to a member of the team in the office.

Y6 News

Height and Weight Screening

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Please include in your email the following details:

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Y6 Leavers' Hoodies

Please refer to the letter sent out by email and hard copy yesterday with details of how to place your order. Your child will have also brought home a slip suggesting which size to order. All orders must be placed directly with the company by midnight on **Monday 20th October**.

No late orders will be processed.

Children will be able to wear their Leavers' Hoody with the rest of their usual school uniform for the remainder of the school year.



The Spanish Word of the Week is:



Mindfulness at Athelstan

breath barometer - 3 minute pause (youtube.com)

finger breath - 3 minute pause (youtube.com)

hugging breath - 3-minute pause (youtube.com)



Makaton

Makaton is used by many people as a support to communication. Our hope is to enable all students to be able to confidently communicate with their peers and all staff in school. Please follow the link below to our website if you would like to join us on this learning journey:

<https://athelstan-primary-school.primarysite.media/playlist/makaton>

Food Works – Handsworth

Please follow the links below for further information about Food Works:

[Market – Food Works](#)

[Handsworth – Food Works](#)



Wednesday 15.10.25	Individual Photographs
Monday 20.10.25	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 23.10.25	Non-uniform day for Sheffield Children's Hospital Snowflake
	Break up for the half term holiday on this day so children will attend on this day
	Halloween Disco's Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – 4:15pm until 5:15pm Year Groups 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 5:30pm until 6:45pm
Friday 24.10.25	INSET Day (school closed for children)
Monday 27.10.25	Half term holiday begins
Monday 03.11.25	Children return to school

Have a lovely weekend!