



# ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 5 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025



## Stars of the Week



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

<b>CORAL</b>	Bella
<b>OCHRE</b>	Elodie
<b>VIOLET</b>	Layla
<b>Y2AC</b>	Daisy
<b>Y2MS</b>	Ibrahim
<b>Y2RJ</b>	Joshua
<b>Y3A</b>	Noah
<b>Y3B</b>	Archie
<b>Y3G</b>	Nia
<b>Y4B</b>	Thomas
<b>Y4J</b>	Robin
<b>Y4W</b>	Isabelle
<b>Y5BT</b>	Olivia
<b>Y5DF</b>	Nefeli
<b>Y5HB</b>	Abdul
<b>Y6JT</b>	Lachlan
<b>Y6LB</b>	Eloise
<b>Y6NB</b>	Rihan

### Attendance & Punctuality

Please be reminded that the doors open at 8:35am each day with the expectation that children are in class and ready to learn at 8:50am.

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving late through the office. Attendance and punctuality are closely monitored by the local authority.

Attendance Matters:



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

## **OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Parking around School**

We would like to remind parents/carers about parking legally and considerately around school grounds and in the surrounding residential areas. There have been numerous instances of inconsiderate and illegal parking around the school grounds, and we are extremely concerned about the safety of our children.

We invest a huge amount of money in keeping our children safe, but we simply do not have the resources to monitor parking and safety outside school grounds.

Please take note of the following points:

- Follow the rules of double yellow lines
- Do not block school gates
- Do not block residential driveways
- Pay extra due care and attention
- The bus must always have access to the bus stop

Safety around school grounds is a constant concern for us, and we rely on all members of our school community to drive and park considerately.

### **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.

### **Non-Uniform Day**

Friday 10th October is National Mental Health Day. To raise awareness for this, all children have the opportunity to wear yellow for the day. **No donation required.** Children will be doing some wellbeing activities within their own classrooms.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> October between 8:30 – 10am

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> October between 8:30 – 10am

If you would like an appointment then please contact Selina Ashton on [sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk)

### **Y2-Y6 Playtime Snacks**

Please can we remind parents/carers that any snacks for children to eat at playtime should be healthy items.

### **Harvest Appeal**

Thank you for all of your kind donations this week, the student council will be continuing to collect these items until we break up for half-term.

### **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.**

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 tomorrow, 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](mailto:abrownhill@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk)

### **Flu Immunisations – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

The Immunisation Team will be visiting Athelstan on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sheffieldchildrensvaccinations.co.uk/Forms/Flu) **You will need to use this unique school code: SF107083**

### **Non-Uniform Day – Sponsor a Snowflake**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:athelstanparents2022@gmail.com)

# **YEAR GROUP NEWS**

## **Foundation News**

### **Pumpkin Donations**

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

### **Photographs**

If possible, please send photos of your child as a baby and also family members to school by Tuesday next week.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Reading Morning**

The weekly reading morning for Y1 is Friday. This is a chance for parents/carers to read with their child and change their reading book.

### **Forest School Volunteers**

During our Forest School sessions, we would love to offer the opportunity for you to join us. Just like the children, we ask that you wear suitable clothing for the weather as we will be getting messy too! We will have a signup sheet in your child's classroom, please speak to your class teacher for further information.

Or you can email your class teacher at:

**Violet** - [dclough@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:dclough@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk)

**Ochre** - [cstewart@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:cstewart@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk)

**Coral** - [scattell@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:scattell@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk)

## **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.

## **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**

### **Y6NB - PE Lesson - 6.10.25**

Please could Y6NB wear their PE kit on Monday 6th October **INSTEAD** of Tuesday for this week only. Thank you!

### **Height and Weight Screening**

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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](#)



Friday 10th October	Wear Yellow Non-Uniform Day for National Mental Health Awareness Day – No donation required
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!**

