



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 4 – Friday 26th September 2025



Stars of the Week



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

CORAL	Grace
OCHRE	Eesa
VIOLET	Leo
Y2AC	Asil
Y2MS	Edith
Y2RJ	Maia
Y3A	Alivia
Y3B	Cassius
Y3G	Danyal
Y4B	Joy-Charisma
Y4J	Whitney
Y4W	Arlo
Y5BT	Zakariya
Y5DF	Amelia
Y5HB	Noah
Y6JT	Millie-Mae
Y6LB	Hadiya
Y6NB	Joshua

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

Staffing News

We have a new member of Team Athelstan! Mr Bentley and his wife had a baby girl late on Wednesday evening. Nathan Heyes has covered the class today and will be in class again on Monday, then Jacky Lawson will be taking over for the remaining two weeks of his paternity leave. Mr Bentley will be back in school on Thursday 9th October.

Gym Equipment

Unfortunately, our outdoor gym is still taped off and out of use at the moment, as it is awaiting some repairs. For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to play on it.

Walls in the School Yards

For Health & Safety reasons, please can parents/carers remind children not to walk or climb on the walls in the school yards at any time.

Parking around School

We would like to remind parents/carers about parking legally and considerately around school grounds.

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. Thank you for your support.

Census Day Special Menu

Taylor Shaw, our caterers, will be cooking a special Census Day menu next Thursday 2nd October:

RED: Fish and chips with peas or beans

GREEN: Cheese flan and chips with peas or beans

YELLOW: Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo

BLUE: Tuna mayo sandwich

DESSERT: Vanilla ice cream, jelly or chocolate cake

For the children with a medical diet, the menu will be:

RED: Fish fingers and chips with peas or beans

GREEN: Cheese flan and chips with peas or beans

YELLOW: Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo

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Harvest Appeal

The Student Council has decided for Athelstan Primary School to support Handsworth Foodbank this Harvest. Throughout the month of October, please consider donating an item or two from the shopping list if you are able. The poster attached to this Newsletter lists food items they are most in need of. Thank you for your support.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Read Write Inc Session – Monday 29th September 9am-9:30am

We would like to invite Parents/Carers to come and watch their children take part in a Read Write Inc Session to learn about how reading is taught and what will be sent home. After morning drop off, please wait in the Foundation Yard until morning registration is complete.

Tapestry and Read Write Inc

As from Monday, the Read Write Inc portal clips which we have been sending via email each day, will move to Tapestry. Please make sure you have activated your account so that you can access these.

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.

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

Ochre - cstewart@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Coral - scattell@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y2 News

Hometimes

When collecting children at hometime, please can parents/carers stand back from the door to allow the classes to come out and line up safely. It is also really important that parents/carers don't shout their children to leave until they have been dismissed by the teacher. Thank you for your support.

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

Thornbridge Visit

Y3 are really looking forward to the trip next Tuesday. As Mr Bentley has begun his paternity leave, Miss Cheevers will be taking the class instead. Just a reminder to all Y3 parents that children will need to carry their own lunchbox and water bottle for the majority of the day so will need a backpack suitable for carrying these.

Y3B Trip Volunteers

If any parents from Mr Bentley's class are able to volunteer to come on the trip, it would be much appreciated. Please contact sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk if you are able to help out.

Y3G Entering & Exiting School

Please note, all children in Y3G Class should enter and exit school through the Y5 door and not the Y2 door.

Y4 News

Swimming Lessons

Don't forget, swimming lessons take place every Monday for children in Year 4. For each lesson, please ensure your child arrives beach-ready, i.e., with their swimming costume on under their school uniform. Additionally, please ensure your child brings a towel and underwear in a waterproof bag.

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

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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](#)



Monday 29 th September	Foundation Stage Parents/Carers Read Write Inc Session 9am – 9:30am
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
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!

