



## Letter Number 25 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026



### Stars of the Week



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

<b>BLUE</b>	Bella R
<b>GREEN</b>	Orfeas Y
<b>RED</b>	Dylan B
<b>CORAL</b>	Abdulrahman B
<b>OCHRE</b>	Ruqayyah I
<b>VIOLET</b>	Eleanor B
<b>Y2AC</b>	Sullivan T
<b>Y2MS</b>	Ava L
<b>Y2RJ</b>	David D
<b>Y3A</b>	Ayla W-F
<b>Y3B</b>	William K
<b>Y3G</b>	Harlyn M
<b>Y4B</b>	Kyron W
<b>Y4J</b>	Oliver R
<b>Y4W</b>	Hanna U
<b>Y5BT</b>	Alexia D
<b>Y5DF</b>	Finley B
<b>Y5HB</b>	Panchami C
<b>Y6JT</b>	Delilah-Lucy S
<b>Y6LB</b>	Alfie K
<b>Y6NB</b>	Isaac F-M

### 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!

**Alayna A – Y3A**  
**Tehila E – Y3A**

## **OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Eid Celebrations**

We wish all of our pupils and families celebrating Eid this weekend, Eid Mubarak!

### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you to all parents/carers for your kind donations for the Bake Sale! It has been a great success and we hope to be able to share the amount we have raised in next week's newsletter.

### **Communications with Parents/Carers**

Following the recent website update, emails from school now come from:

[noreply@athelstan.juniperwebsites.co.uk](mailto:noreply@athelstan.juniperwebsites.co.uk)

Please check your spam/junk folders as some parents/carers have reported that emails have been going there. **To ensure you receive school emails, we would recommend adding this to your address book or VIP list.** It is essential that we hold up to date contact details for parents/carers, not only to communicate essential information to you, but also to contact you in an emergency situation. Please remember to let us know if you change your telephone number or email address. Please also ensure you have the latest version of "the SchoolApp" downloaded. If you are experiencing any issues with receiving emails or app messages, please speak to a member of the office team who can investigate this further for you.

### **Parents/Carers' Evenings**

Parents/Carers' evenings will be taking place in school next week. In order to book through our online booking system, parents/carers are required to set up an account.

All parents/carers have been sent an email from: [noreply@athelstan.juniperwebsites.co.uk](mailto:noreply@athelstan.juniperwebsites.co.uk) or [support.jw@junipereducation.org](mailto:support.jw@junipereducation.org) with your login details and the instructions on how to set up the account. Please check your junk/spam folders if you have not received this in your inbox. **Parents/Carers' must set up this account to be able to book a slot at one of the Parents/Carers' Evenings. Bookings close on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. If you have not already done so, please book your slot before then.**

### **Family Support at Parents/Carers' Evenings**

At our upcoming Parents/Carers' Evenings, we will be joined by colleagues from Sheffield's Family Intervention Service (FIS). They work with schools to offer advice and support for families who may need a little extra help or guidance. Parents/Carers can speak to them about things such as managing behaviour at home, improving routines and boundaries, supporting children's emotional wellbeing or finding services that may support your family. Advice sessions are friendly and supportive conversations designed to help families access the right help at the right time. Did you know? Any family can experience challenging times and may benefit from some extra support. Early help services can offer advice, practical strategies and signposting to support families and children at any stage of childhood. If you would like to find out more, please speak to a member of staff during the Parents/Carers' Evenings or contact the school office.

### **Sports and Physical Activities**

We're looking to find out what sports and physical activities our pupils currently take part in outside of school. This will help us to:

- identify children who may be interested in representing the school in tournaments or competitions
- understand what sports children already enjoy
- provide more opportunities for pupils who may not currently take part in clubs or activities

To assist us further, we would be grateful if you could complete the following survey. The information will only be used to help us plan sports opportunities within school. Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete this survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnYb0jBOv-OMByZy6eWQhuw68yjPeIJMSpJ6rcP8CKowiPJg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

### **Easter School Holiday Activities**

This Easter, children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who are in receipt of income based Free School Meals, can enjoy free fun-filled activities with healthy meals included! Spaces are limited, so book early at: [www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org](http://www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org) Please note, Parents/Carers will need their child's HAF code to book. If you have misplaced your child's HAF code, these can be retrieved by visiting: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/utilities/form/schools-childcare/report-problem-your-haf-code>

### **Sheffield United Women - Free Tickets- First Come First Served**

We're delighted to share that Sheffield United Women have kindly donated 1,000 free tickets which we are giving away to local children for FREE! For the upcoming Women's fixture against Portsmouth on Saturday 28th March, free junior tickets can be redeemed when using code COMMUNITYFOUNDATION at checkout for a fantastic afternoon of football and fun - the perfect start to the Easter holidays. As the penultimate Blades Women home match of the season draws nearer, this highly anticipated fixture will focus on the community and celebrate the good of society, with the free tickets acting as a 'thank you' to everyone who has engaged in or supported our impactful work over the last year. Free junior tickets can be redeemed at the Sheffield United ticket office or booked online [here](#) when using the code.

### **'Read in an Unusual Place' Competition**

As part of our World Book Day assembly, we launched an exciting new competition that will run each half term to support and promote the National Year of Reading. Our first competition is '**Read in an Unusual Place**'. Children are encouraged to take a photo of themselves reading somewhere creative, unexpected, or out of the ordinary. Our aim is to celebrate reading in a fun and engaging way while reinforcing the message that reading can happen anywhere. Please email photos to your child's class teacher.

### **Message from Abbeydale Tennis Club**

You are warmly invited to join us at **Abbeydale Tennis Club's Open Day on Sunday, 19th April 2026, from 11:00am to 4:00pm**. Whether you're completely new to tennis or already love the game, this is a great opportunity to visit the club, meet our team, and enjoy a fun afternoon of tennis. We'll be running **FREE taster sessions throughout the day for players of all ages and abilities**, so everyone is welcome to come along and give it a try. For children, we'll also have **craft activities and face painting**, making it a great family day out. **Food and drinks will be available throughout the day**, so you can relax and enjoy the atmosphere between sessions. We'd love to welcome you to the club and share a great afternoon of tennis with you.

To book your place, simply follow the link below:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AbbeydaleTennisClubLtd/EventsV2/Summary/a0a6d319-9da0-49fd-9f0c-b28207761f52>

### **SEND Parent/Carer Workshops and Meetings**

The Parent/Carer workshops and meetings will be taking place in school on the following dates and times:

#### **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) Parent/Carer Meetings**

Thursday 23rd April - 9am

Thursday 21st May - 9am

Thursday 18th June - 9am

Thursday 9th July - 9am

#### **SEND Workshops**

The SEND workshops are run by Kirsty Unwin from Family Learning (she is also a parent of a child in Foundation Stage). The following workshops will be taking place in school:

Autism Workshop – Wednesday 29th April - 9am – 11am

ADHD Workop – Wednesday 6th May - 9am – 11am

Emotional Regulation Workshop – Wednesday 10th June - 9am – 11am

Child Anxiety Workshop – Wednesday 17th June - 9am – 11am

**Please see the attached flyer on how to book your place on the SEND Workshops.**

# **YEAR GROUP NEWS**

## **Foundation News**

### **Toothbrushing Guide**

Please follow the link to some useful information around toothbrushing:

<https://startingreception.co.uk/toothbrushing/#why-matter>

### **Water Bottles**

With the warmer weather approaching could you please ensure your child has a water bottle in school.

## **Y1 News**

### **Book of the Fortnight**

Our book of the fortnight is **The Best Eid Ever by Sufiya Ahmed**. Our vocabulary words are: **gazed, Eid Al Fitr, mosque, festival, Ramadan** and **fasted**.

### **Forest School Reminder**

Forest School is an important part of our school day and forms part of the children's weekly timetable. All children are expected to take part in Forest School sessions as these provide valuable opportunities for outdoor learning, teamwork, and developing confidence and independence. Please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor activities on their Forest School day. Sessions will go ahead in most weather conditions, so wellies, waterproofs, and suitable outdoor clothing are strongly recommended. Thank you for your continued support. Each class will have their session on the following day:

**Violet** – Wednesdays

**Coral** - Thursdays

**Ochre** – Fridays

### **Collage Making**

Please can Y1 children bring in bits of wallpaper, fabrics, paper etc to help with our collage making. Donations should be given to your child's class teacher.

### **Violet Class Treat**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Violet Class will be having their treat in the afternoon. Children should wear their uniform as normal in the morning but can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon, a small toy, and a healthy snack should they wish to do so.

## **Y2 News**

### **Outdoor Learning**

Next week, Y2 children will be taking part in outdoor learning sessions.

Children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear, to change into, for these sessions, as they will be taking place outdoors even if the weather is cold or wet. Each class will have their session on the following days:

Y2AC – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Y2MS – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Y2RJ – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

## **Y3 News**

### **Magna Visit**

Don't forget, Y3 Children will be visiting Magna Science Adventure Centre on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please refer to the visit letter for further information and if you have not already done so, ensure you have completed the consent form for your child to attend: <https://forms.gle/YaEHGosPLsYRZuhTA>

## **Y4 News**

### **Thornbridge Hall Visit**

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Y4 will be visiting Thornbridge Hall. Please refer to the visit letter for further information and if you have not already done so, ensure you have completed the consent form for your child to attend: <https://forms.gle/Bfv7Ya9c2aRcS16c7>

## **Y5 News**

### **Manor Adventure Residential**

Children who will be in Y6 next school year, will have a chance to go on a residential visit to Manor Adventure at Willersley Castle in Matlock from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2026. **To secure your child's place, please ensure you complete the consent form as soon as possible before Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.**

## **Y6 News**

No additional news this week.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

**Well done to Violet Class, who achieved this week's highest and most improved attendance.**

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	88.1%
Green	89.3%
Blue	90.5%
Coral	90.4%
Ochre	87%
<b>Violet</b>	<b>98%</b>
Y2RJ	93.3%
Y2MS	91.3%
Y2AC	91.3%
Y3A	90%
Y3B	87.6%
Y3G	90.3%
Y4J	90%
Y4W	91.6%
Y4B	83.8%
Y5BT	89%
Y5HB	89.7%
<b>Y5DF</b>	<b>92.7%</b>
Y6JT	86.5%
Y6NB	89.3%
Y6LB	79%



Monday 23.03.26	Y6NB Parent/Carers' Evening – 3:40pm - 4:30pm Y5DF Parent/Carers' Evening – 3:40pm - 6:30pm
Tuesday 24.03.26	Parent/Carers' Evening – 3:40pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 26.03.26	Parent/Carers' Evening 3:40pm – 6:30pm
Friday 27.03.26	Rocksteady Concert – 9:30am Break up for the Easter holiday
Monday 30.03.26	Easter holiday begins
Monday 13.04.26	Children return to school