



# ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



**Letter Number 2 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



## Stars of the Week



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

<b>CORAL</b>	Loghan T
<b>OCHRE</b>	Willow R
<b>VIOLET</b>	Harry H
<b>Y2AC</b>	Elyza J-K
<b>Y2MS</b>	Anabia N
<b>Y2RJ</b>	Sheila B
<b>Y3A</b>	Archie G
<b>Y3B</b>	Edie W
<b>Y3G</b>	Alfie C
<b>Y4B</b>	Jameel A
<b>Y4J</b>	Lyla A
<b>Y4W</b>	Kadian M
<b>Y5BT</b>	Nusaybah M
<b>Y5DF</b>	Elsie F
<b>Y5HB</b>	Jonathan A
<b>Y6JT</b>	Dawood R
<b>Y6LB</b>	Parker B
<b>Y6NB</b>	Preston W

### Attendance & Reporting Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please follow the absence procedure below:

1. On the first day of your child's absence, you should contact the school office on 01142692301, before 9.30am, by leaving a message on the absence line (option 2) or speaking to a member of the Admin Team (option 3).
2. Failure to contact school about your child's absence will result in your child receiving an unauthorised absence mark. These are closely monitored by Sheffield City Council, and an Attendance and Inclusion Officer may contact you for further details.
3. You may also be visited at home, by a member of the school/local authority staff, if you fail to report your child's absence.

**From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.**

## **OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Dates for your Diary**

You will find with this newsletter the School Calendar and Dates for your Diary for this school year. Please pay particular attention to the dates for statutory testing.

It is absolutely critical that children are in school during these key times. No requests for exceptional term time leave should be made for these times. Children being absent from school, particularly during these periods of time, can raise significant difficulties and may impact your child's progress.

Y1 Phonics Screening Week	Week Commencing Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Y4 Multiplication Tables Check	Week Commencing Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026
Y6 SATs Week	Week Commencing Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026

### **Nut Aware School**

Please be reminded that we are a nut aware school. We cannot have nuts in school in any form. As we have children and staff with nut allergies, nuts and nut products (e.g. peanut butter and Nutella etc) should not be sent to school. Please note that chocolate spread is made from nuts and is therefore not permitted. It is very dangerous for children/staff with airborne allergies, as just being in the same room as someone who has eaten nuts can cause anaphylaxis shock. Thank you for your support.

### **Breakfast Club**

Booking slots are now available to book for all year groups via your child's ParentPay account for the whole school year. **Breakfast Club is strictly by pre-booking via ParentPay**, which requires payment upfront. Parents/Carers of children who are in receipt of **income based free school** meals must pre-book using ParentPay, but will not be charged.

Please note, sessions cannot be booked after 8am on the day before the day you wish to book. For example, if you wish to book your child a place for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, you would need to book the place no later than 8am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### **ParentPay One-Click Payments**

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. Should you have any queries, please speak to a member of the Office Team.

### **Dinner Money Price Increase**

The price of school meals has now increased to £2.95 per meal. If your child is in year groups Y3-Y6 and they do not qualify for income based free school meals, please ensure your child's ParentPay account is in credit to enable them to continue to order school meals.

### **After School Clubs**

After School Clubs will commence on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. If your child has been successful in gaining a place in one of our After School Clubs, you will receive a confirmation email from primarysite.net. If you do not receive an email, unfortunately, your child has not been allocated a place at this time but will be placed on a waiting list for available places.

## **Y1-Y6 PE Lessons**

Please find details of PE and swimming days below.

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have a PE lesson.

All jewellery **MUST** be removed for physical education and related out-of-hours activities (i.e. After School Clubs). Staff will **NOT** assist any pupil in the removal, or replacement of jewellery prior to, or following, a physical education lesson or out-of-hours activity. Plasters or tape should **NOT** be used to cover piercings.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Coral</b>				PE	PE
<b>Ochre</b>	PE	PE			
<b>Violet</b>		PE		PE	
<b>Y2AC</b>				PE	PE
<b>Y2MS</b>			PE		PE
<b>Y2RJ</b>		PE	PE		
<b>Y3A</b>			PE		PE
<b>Y3B</b>		PE		PE	
<b>Y3G</b>	PE			PE	
<b>Y4B</b>	Swimming			PE	
<b>Y4J</b>					PE
<b>Y4W</b>		PE			
<b>Y5BT</b>	PE		PE		
<b>Y5DF</b>		PE		PE	
<b>Y5HB</b>		PE		PE	
<b>Y6JT</b>		PE			PE
<b>Y6LB</b>		PE	PE		
<b>Y6NB</b>		PE		PE	

# **YEAR GROUP NEWS**

## **Foundation News**

### **Red Class**

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, children should be dropped off at the classroom door and Parents/Carers should not enter the classroom.

### **Unsettled Children**

We know that it can be upsetting for Parents/Carers when children are unsettled during drop-off in a morning, however, we would like to assure you that they do settle very quickly. Staff will always contact Parents/Carers in the event that any child does not settle or is too unwell to stay at school.

### **Uniform & Coats**

Please can Parents/Carers ensure that children are coming to school wearing their full school uniform and that all items are clearly named. Also, please ensure that children come to school with a coat each day, as the weather is very changeable.

### **PE Lessons**

Foundation children won't be starting PE lessons until after the Christmas holiday.

### **Family Photograph**

As part of our learning, please can children bring in a family photograph.

### **Read Write Inc Session – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Y1 News**

### **Read Write Inc on Tapestry**

Pupils on the Read Write Inc Phonics programme will be able to access a range of portal clips on Tapestry from next week. These will include the different Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 sounds, depending upon which group your child is in. New clips will be posted each week and will remain live for approximately three months. We would encourage you to share these with your child to help them practise their sounds and reading at home. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Forest schools**

We are very excited to inform you that Year 1 will be taking part in weekly Forest School sessions in the afternoon. The activities will be led by your child's class teacher and teaching assistant.

Forest Schools will happen every week on the following days throughout Autumn 1, starting the week beginning 15th September 2025:

**Coral – Wednesday**

**Ochre – Thursday**

**Violet - Friday**

Please refer to the letter that was emailed earlier this week for further important information regarding the Forest School sessions.

## **Y2 News**

### **Read Write Inc on Tapestry**

Pupils on the Read Write Inc Phonics programme will be able to access a range of portal clips on Tapestry from next week. These will include the different Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 sounds, depending upon which group your child is in. New clips will be posted each week and will remain live for approximately three months. We would encourage you to share these with your child to help them practise their sounds and reading at home. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Y3 News**

### **Thornbridge Visit**

As part of their current science topic, children in Year 3 will be visiting Thornbridge on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. They will be visiting the garden to look at different plants. If you haven't already done so, please click on the following link to give permission for your child to go on this visit by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025: <https://forms.gle/EWSKbkxKQzuurGwG7>

## **Y4 News**

As part of our history curriculum learning about the Anglo-Saxons, Y4 would like to visit the Weston Park Museum. The visit will involve looking around the museum and also taking part in a workshop learning and interacting with Anglo-Saxon artefacts.

### **The visits are as follows:**

**Y4B – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Y4J – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**Y4W – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Your child will need to wear their school uniform as normal.

## **Y5 News**

No additional news this week.

## **Y6 News**

### **Manor Adventure Meeting**

There will be a meeting to discuss arrangements for the residential visit to Manor Adventure on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 3:30pm - 4.00pm. This will take place in the Junior Hall. Please sign in at the office. The meeting will cover all aspects of the visit, including what to bring. We will also collect medical and dietary information. We will be able to answer any questions that you might have.

### **Save the Date - Friday 17th July.**

Some of our Y6 Parents/Carers are busy looking into organising an end-of-year Leavers' Prom. Full details will be provided as soon as available, but for now, please add the date to your diaries.



## 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 15.09.25	Parent/Carer Manor Adventure Residential Meeting 3:30pm – 4pm
Wednesday 17.09.25	Parent/Carers' drop-in to discuss how well their child has settled into their new class (3:30 – 4:00pm)
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