



## Letter Number 25 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026



### Stars of the Week



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

<b>BLUE</b>	Elaina W
<b>GREEN</b>	Hasneet S
<b>RED</b>	Noah O'L
<b>CORAL</b>	Alvey A
<b>OCHRE</b>	Lara S
<b>VIOLET</b>	Aria O-S
<b>Y2AC</b>	Aryan K
<b>Y2MS</b>	Muhammad Ali S
<b>Y2RJ</b>	Keira R

### Attendance this Term

**Our Super Stars!**

**OUR TOP YEAR GROUP:**  
Well done to **Y3** - they are the year group with the **highest attendance** this term once again!

**OUR TOP CLASS:**  
Our highest attending class this term is **Y3G** with 95.4%. Well done!

**OUR MOST IMPROVED:**  
The class whose attendance has improved the most since last term is **Y6NB** - fantastic work.

Any family can experience challenging times. The Family Intervention Service (FIS) works alongside you and your family to offer help and support and empower your family to make positive changes. They can offer support in overcoming barriers families may be experiencing in building good attendance, such as help with routines, sleep, behaviour, or anxiety. Please read the attached leaflet to find out how to get in touch and access their services.

## **OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **A Message from Mrs Watson**

It was lovely to see so many of you this week during our two parents' and carers' evenings. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough staff to run our Eco Cafe this time around but hopefully, it will be back next year.

This term seems to have flown by so quickly. The choir enjoyed their evening at Young Voices in February, organised by Miss Johnson, and Miss Windle has been very busy ensuring our pupils have had lots of opportunities to take part in different sporting events, including Aquafest, a curling festival and some rock climbing. We've seen some amazing costumes during World Book Day, lots of great science showcases, and today, our Rocksteady bands blew the roof off, demonstrating fabulous teamwork and musical talent. We couldn't be prouder of all our pupils.

Ms Bisknell leaves us today to begin her maternity leave, and we wish her all the very best with her new arrival. We are also delighted to let you know that Mrs Rodgers is expecting a baby girl in August and will be beginning her maternity leave at the end of the academic year.

I hope you all have a restful holiday, hopefully, with some sunshine, and I look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations. Through the bake sale, we raised a total of £446.75 for a great cause!

### **School Milk – Summer Term**

The cost of school milk for the period Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July is £14.49. This is available to purchase on ParentPay under the 'Pay for other items' tab.

Children who qualify for income-based free school meals are entitled to free milk, and this will be ordered automatically for them, you do not need to pay for school milk.

If your child is now 5 years of age (or will have turned 5 before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025) and does not qualify for income-based free school meals, a payment of £14.49 is required.

If you would like your child to have milk after the Easter holidays and do not qualify for the above, you must make an online payment through ParentPay by no later than Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

**Due to the deadline to place orders with the Dairy, no late orders will be processed, therefore, please ensure you make a payment before this date.**

### **Taylor Shaw New Menu**

When we return after the Easter holidays, we will be starting on week one of the new menu.

Please follow the link below to view the new menu on our school website:

<https://www.athelstanprimaryschool.co.uk/school-meals>

### **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>

## **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>

## **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 between 8:40am and 11:30am on Wednesday 29th April. If you would like an appointment then please contact Selina Ashton on [sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk)

## **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>

## **Sports Days – Save the Dates**

We will be holding individual year group Sports Days again this year. These will be held in the afternoon. Further details will follow, but in the meantime, please see the dates for each year group:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
Thursday 11th June	Year 2
Friday 12th June	Foundation
Monday 15th June	Year 6
Tuesday 16th June	Year 4
Wednesday 17th June	Year 5
Thursday 18th June	Year 1
Friday 19th June	Year 3

## **PE Lessons**

Please find details of PE below.

Children in all year groups should come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have their PE lessons.

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

## **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 Worksop – 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**

### **Forest Schools**

Forest Schools will be starting the second week back after the Easter holidays (w/c 20<sup>th</sup> April) for children in Foundation Stage. 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. If you would like to volunteer to assist us during these sessions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Sessions will take place every week on the following day throughout the summer term:

**Red Class** – Tuesdays

**Green Class** – Wednesdays

**Blue Class** – Thursdays

On Forest School days, children will be dismissed at hometime from 'The Shack' in the staff carpark.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **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 **Odd Egg**. Our vocabulary words are: **laid, odd, crack, pretty, hatch** and **honk**.

## **Y2 News**

No additional news this week.

## **Y3 News**

No additional news this week.

## **Y4 News**

No additional news this week.

## **Y5 News**

No additional news this week.

## **Y6 News**

### **Y6 SATs Tests**

Y6 SATs week is from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May.

It is absolutely critical that your child is in school during that week and no requests for exceptional term time leave should be made. Children being absent from school during this time will cause significant difficulties for the whole team. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends every day.

### **Breakfast Club during Y6 SATs (Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May)**

During SATs, all Y6 pupils are invited to a special **free** Breakfast Club. Doors open at 8.00am. This allows children to avoid being late, to have breakfast (sometimes their second of the morning) and socialise with their friends before the tests start. We strongly recommend that, if possible, all pupils in Y6 attend; it has a huge benefit for your children during this busy week.

### **During SATs only, Y6 children do not need to be pre-booked a place via ParentPay.**

If your child normally attends Breakfast Club, you do not need to book for them to attend Monday - Thursday of that week. If you have younger children in school that you would like to attend Breakfast Club during the Y6 SATs, it is essential they are booked in through ParentPay in the usual way. You can now book via ParentPay for next half term. If you have any issues doing this, please contact the office as soon as possible, as children in Foundation to Y5 who are not pre-booked in for Breakfast Club during SATs week will be refused entry.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

**Well done to Y4W who achieved this week's highest attendance. Most improved attendance this week were Red & Y6LB.**

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	98%
Green	92.3%
Blue	94.4%
Coral	95.8%
Ochre	90.4%
Violet	94.2%
Y2RJ	94%
Y2MS	92%
Y2AC	95.7%
Y3A	98%
Y3B	92.1%
Y3G	97.3%
Y4J	89.3%
<b>Y4W</b>	<b>99.4%</b>
Y4B	97.6%
Y5BT	94.8%
Y5HB	96%
Y5DF	92%
Y6JT	87.1%
Y6NB	91.7%
Y6LB	90.3%



FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30.03.26	Easter holiday begins
Monday 13.04.26	Children return to school
Monday 04.05.26	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11.05.26	Y6 SATs week
Friday 22.05.26	Break up for the Spring Bank holiday
Monday 25.05.26	Spring Bank holiday begins
Monday 01.06.26	INSET Day (school closed for children)
Tuesday 02.06.26	Children return to school

**Have a lovely Easter Break!**