



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



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Stars of the Week



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

CORAL	Jacob M
OCHRE	Aydin A
VIOLET	Lydia B
Y2AC	Evie-Jo H
Y2MS	Alaina P
Y2RJ	Marcus B
Y3A	Seth M
Y3B	Zac R
Y3G	Leo H
Y4B	Maya M
Y4J	Lois S
Y4W	Kailan C
Y5BT	Cameron F
Y5DF	Jasper R
Y6JT	Jaikob A
Y6LB	Banoo B
Y6NB	Ava W



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!

Amelia U Y5DF

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Snow and School Closures

As we are now in the season of possible bad weather, we would like to remind you of the procedures we follow in the event of a school closure and snow. The Acting Headteacher and the Chair of Governors, make the decision if school is going to close. This decision is never made lightly, and school will always remain open, if it is safe to do so. We will also liaise with other local schools when making our decision. If school is to close, you will be sent a text and app message as early as possible, approximately 6:30am.

Please ensure the office is informed of any telephone number changes and that you have the latest version of "the SchoolApp" downloaded.

A message will also be put on our school website, www.athelstanprimaryschool.co.uk

We will ALWAYS send a message if school is closing. If you do not hear from us, school will be open as normal.

The safety of our children is very important; therefore, if it isn't safe for you to travel, and your child will not be attending school, please contact school in the normal way. If school remains open, but the snow and ice make some paths dangerous to use, we may have to close some access routes around school. It is impossible for our Premises Team to clear every pathway before school opens, so please bear with us if you are unable to use your usual route into school.

Taylor Shaw Special Census Day Menu

On Thursday 15th January, Taylor Shaw will be providing the following special menu:

Red - Chicken Goujons, Chips, Beans, Sweetcorn

White - Halal Chicken Goujons, Chips, Beans, Sweetcorn

Green - Quorn Dippers, Chips, Beans, Sweetcorn

Brown - Jacket Potato

Blue - Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Dessert: Choice of Chocolate Cake, Jelly or Ice Cream

Medical Diets

Children who have Medical Diets in place are able to order from the following special menu:

Red – Pork Sausage, Chips, Beans, Sweetcorn

White - Halal Sausage, Chips, Beans, Sweetcorn

Green - Quorn Sausage, Chips, Beans, Sweetcorn

Brown - Jacket Potato

Blue - Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Dessert: Choice of Chocolate Cake, Jelly or Ice Cream

Athelstan Readathon for Read for Good - 26th January - 1st February

We will be running our second school Readathon to raise money for Read for Good, a charity who bring books and storytellers to children in hospitals all over the UK.

We are asking our children and families to do two important things during this Readathon week:

1) Read! As well as extra time devoted to reading in school, we need your help to squeeze in some more reading at home.

2) Sponsor! We have asked the children to seek sponsorship from family and friends. Every little helps and the money can be sent in as cash or paid online via card at https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor/R4G_SponsorPupilFindSchool1

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves, and our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total, so there really is something in it for everyone. Last year, we raised a whopping £936.10! For more information, see the attached Read for Good letters, check out your child's sponsorship card or visit www.readforgood.org

Thank you for your support – helping your child to keep reading, raising and being amazing!

PE Lessons

Please find details of PE and swimming days below.

Children in all year groups need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have a PE lesson.

Please note: Children in Foundation now have set PE days.

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

Outdoor Learning

To help promote wellbeing across school, each year group will be having an afternoon of outdoor learning each half term. See attached poster for more information. Children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing, to change into, for these sessions, as they will be taking place outdoors even if the weather is cold or wet.

The sessions will take place on the following dates:

Foundation

Green Class – Tues 10th Feb

Blue Class – Weds 11th Feb

Red Class – Thurs 12th Feb

Year 1

Violet Class – Tues 10th Feb

Coral Class – Weds 11th Feb

Ochre Class – Thurs 12th Feb

Year 2

Y2MS – Tues 3rd Feb

Y2AC – Weds 4th Feb

Y2RJ – Thurs 5th Feb

Year 3

Y3A – Tues 3rd Feb

Y3B – Weds 4th Feb

Y3G – Thurs 5th Feb

Year 4

Y4B – Thurs 22nd Jan

Y4J – Weds 21st Jan

Y4W – Tues 20th Jan

Year 5

Y5HB – Fri 6th Feb

Y5DF – Weds 4th Feb

Y5BT – Thurs 5th Feb

Year 6

Y6LB – Tues 3rd Feb

Y6NB – Weds 4th Feb

Y6JT – Thurs 5th Feb

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 date;

Wednesday 4th February from 8:40am - 10:30am

If you would like an appointment then please contact myself, Selina Ashton on sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

PE Lessons

Foundation will be starting PE next week

Each class will do PE on the following days:

Green Class – Wednesdays

Red Class – Fridays

Blue Class – Fridays

Children should come to school on their PE day wearing their PE kit: Dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings, plain white t-shirt and either a dark tracksuit top or their school jumper/cardigan. As the lessons will be indoors, we will be doing PE in bare feet and therefore no pumps are required.

Y1 News

Book of the Fortnight

Our book of the fortnight is **Little Red**. Our vocabulary words are: **inn, ginger, encounters, drapes, short-sighted** and **pounced**.

Y2 News

No additional news this week.

Y3 News

No additional news this week.

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 News

The Joy of Moving Sessions

After the holidays, Y5 will be starting 'The Joy of Moving' sessions with a coach from Sheffield United. These sessions will take place every Tuesday. Each week children will do a session in the classroom about health and wellbeing and then a physical session in the afternoon. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on Tuesdays.

Manor Adventure Residential Meeting

We will be holding a short meeting for parents/carers of children in Y5, about the Manor Adventure Residential that children will be invited to attend in November 2026 when they are in Y6. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions. The meeting is being held on Tuesday 13th January at 3.30pm and will last approximately 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you. Please enter school via the reception area.

Y5HB Marble Treat

On Wednesday 14th January, Y5HB will be having their marble treat in the afternoon. We will be playing games and watching a film. Should they wish to do so, children can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon and a healthy snack.

Y6 News

Y6 SATs Meeting

Parents/carers of all Y6 children are invited to attend a meeting, on Tuesday 20th January at 3:30pm. The meeting will include detailed information on the upcoming SATs tests, give access to revision material, and provide hints and tips. Please enter school via the reception area.

Attendance

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving to school late each morning. We know that sometimes this can be unavoidable; however, arriving late does impact your child's and other children's learning. Please be reminded that the doors open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

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](#)



Tuesday 13.01.26	Y5 Manor Adventure Residential Meeting – 3:30pm
Thursday 15.01.26	CENSUS Day
Tuesday 20.01.26	Y6 SATs Meeting - 3:30pm

Have a lovely weekend!

