



# ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 29 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026



## Gold Award Winners



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

<b>BLUE</b>	Edie H
<b>GREEN</b>	Adam N
<b>RED</b>	Leo B
<b>CORAL</b>	Loghan T
<b>OCHRE</b>	Aaima S
<b>VIOLET</b>	Millie L
<b>Y2AC</b>	Amaan O-S
<b>Y2MS</b>	Chester J
<b>Y2RJ</b>	Dexter I
<b>Y3A</b>	Zeeshan V
<b>Y3B</b>	Harper M
<b>Y3G</b>	Oscar S
<b>Y4B</b>	Aiza R
<b>Y4J</b>	Lydia C
<b>Y4W</b>	Inaaya K
<b>Y5BT</b>	Mensah S
<b>Y5DF</b>	Salim H
<b>Y5HB</b>	Alexa T
<b>Y6JT</b>	Bella D
<b>Y6LB</b>	Macy G
<b>Y6NB</b>	Jaxon O'B



## 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!

<b>Y5HB</b>	<b>Y6LB</b>
Alexa T	Eva I Alexander P

## **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:

- Do pay extra due care and attention
- Follow the rules of double yellow lines and 'blips'
- Do not block the school gates
- Do not park in the New Anglers Pub, Nursery, Housteads or Woodview Care Home carpark's
- Do not block residential driveways
- Do not park in the bus stop at any time including dropping children off at Breakfast Club and collecting from an After School Club

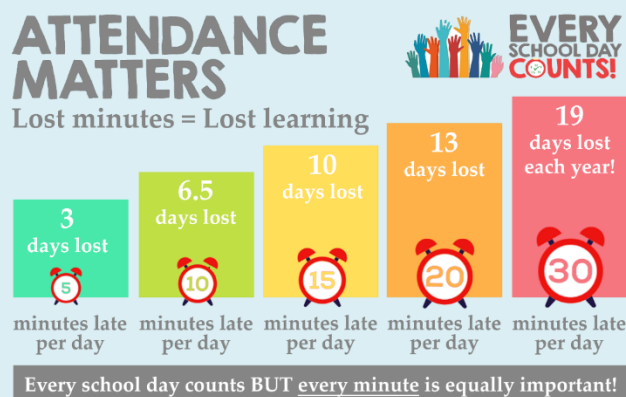
**Safety around school grounds is a constant concern for us, and we rely on all members of our school community to drive and park considerately.**

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

Recently, we have noticed an increasing number of pupils coming in late to school through the office. Since the start of the current school year, a total of 46,996 minutes of learning have been lost due to lateness. In other words, this totals 120 school days' worth of vital education, socialising, and development that children are missing out on - or the same as 24 weeks of school!

Being on time helps pupils feel settled, reduces anxiety, and supports learning. Pupils are expected to arrive at school ready for the start of the school day at 8:50am. Doors open at 8:35am. Being just 10 minutes late every day means over six days of learning are missed each year.

We understand that morning routines can be difficult for some pupils and that other barriers may need to be understood in order for punctuality to improve. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if lateness is something you would like support with and together we can tackle the amount of learning that our pupils are missing.



## **OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Staffing News**

We're beginning to think that there may be something in the water here at Athelstan as we have another pregnancy to announce this week! Miss Stewart is expecting her first baby which is due in September and will remain with her Y1 class until the end of this academic year.

### **Menu Change - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

When we return to school after Bank Holiday Monday, Taylor Shaw will be providing the following menu:

**Red** – Sausage in a Roll with Tomato Pasta Salad

**White** - Halal Chicken Sausage in a Roll with Tomato Pasta Salad

**Green** – Pasta Spirals in Tomato Sauce, topped with cheese & a slice of garlic bread

**Brown** - Jacket Potato

**Blue** – Cheese Sandwich

**Dessert:** Chocolate Fudge Cake

**Children who have a medical diet in place will be able to choose from the Monday options on Week 1 of their menu.**

### **Medication**

Please be reminded that children must not bring any medication to school themselves. To ensure the safety of all children, this must be handed into the school office by an adult and the appropriate paperwork be completed. We can only administer medication if this has been prescribed, unless a child has an individual Health Care Plan in place. For further information, please follow the link below to read our Managing Medications Policy:

<https://athelstanprimaryschool.web12.juniperwebsites.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=877>

### **Save the Dates**

#### **Sports Days**

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

#### **Read Write Inc Session**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Time TBC

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. Further information will follow closer to the time, but we wanted to share the date with you.

## **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 21st May - 9am

Thursday 18th June - 9am

Thursday 9th July - 9am

Please confirm attendance by emailing [annamarie.emmett@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk](mailto:annamarie.emmett@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk)

### **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:

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.**

### **Are you worried about your child's mental health?**

I am a trained Child Mental Health First Aider and the 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.

If you would like an appointment then please contact Selina Ashton

on [sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk)

# **YEAR GROUP NEWS**

## **Foundation News**

No additional news this week.

## **Y1 News**

### **Book of the Fortnight**

Our book of the fortnight is **The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch**. Our vocabulary words are: **concocting, lighthouse, seafood, scavenging, devoured** and **ingenious**.

### **Food Tasting**

During week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> May, Year 1 will be making their own Challah bread. This links with our current RE topic of Judaism and our focus is Shabbat. If you have any questions or concerns about the ingredients, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Phonics Screening Check**

We would like to invite you to a meeting at 2:45pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to talk about the Y1 Phonics Screening Check. This is a statutory assessment that confirms whether or not pupils have met the expected standard in phonic decoding and will be administered during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June this year. Please come along to find out all about the check and how you can support your child at home with their phonics. Please enter school through the Breakfast Club doors.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Y1 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:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Violet Class

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Ochre Class

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Coral Class

## **Y2 News**

No additional news this week.

## **Y3 News**

No additional news this week.

## **Y4 News**

### **Outdoor Learning**

Next week, Y4 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:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Y4J

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Y4W

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Y4B

## **Y5 News**

### **Manor Adventure Residential**

The total cost of the visit has been confirmed as £184.25. A deposit of £50.00 has already been paid, leaving £134.25 left to pay for the visit. This can be paid for in full or by instalments using your ParentPay account. Please note, the first payment is set at £34.25. The remaining balance can be paid in instalments of £25. If you would like to pay in full, you would need to add all payments to your basket and checkout. The full payment should be made by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

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, resulting in parents/carers having to make the payment again.

## **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 Y4B who achieved this week's highest attendance.  
Most improved attendance this week were Red Class and Y4J.**

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	96.6%
Green	82.7%
Blue	90%
Coral	96.7%
Ochre	90.4%
Violet	96.1%
Y2RJ	93%
Y2MS	95%
Y2AC	90%
Y3A	94.7%
Y3B	94.5%
Y3G	95.7%
Y4J	94.8%
Y4W	94.2%
<b>Y4B</b>	<b>99%</b>
Y5BT	90.3%
Y5HB	94%
Y5DF	93.3%
Y6JT	92.9%
Y6NB	92.1%
Y6LB	92.4%



Monday 04.05.26	May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 06.05.26	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting – 2:45pm
Monday 11.05.26	Y6 SATs week (Free Breakfast Club for Y6 Children Monday – Thursday)
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
	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check begins
Monday 08.06.26	Y1 Phonics Screen Check Week