



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



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Gold Award Winners



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

| | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| BLUE | Ayla K |
| GREEN | Mila O |
| RED | Hakeem A |
| CORAL | Grace T |
| OCHRE | Eesa S |
| VIOLET | Imogen B |
| Y2AC | Rory C |
| Y2MS | Abhijit K |
| Y2RJ | Ethan P |
| Y3A | Harry W |
| Y3B | Harley H |
| Y3G | Jackson B |
| Y4B | Charlotte A |
| Y4J | Hannah K |
| Y4W | Evie R |
| Y5BT | Reuben B |
| Y5DF | Zoe T |
| Y5HB | Musa T |
| Y6JT | The Whole Year Group |
| Y6LB | |
| Y6NB | |



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!

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| Y3A | Y3B | Y4B | Y4W |
| Alivia T | Amber L | Aiza R Affan Q | Isabelle B |

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Staffing News

Y5DF and Y6NB

Next week, Mr Fernley will return to Y5DF, now that the Y6 SATs have been completed. We would like to thank him for agreeing to leave his class this half term and for stepping in to prepare the children so well for what can be a very daunting week of tests. Mr Turner, who has been covering in Y5DF during the last few weeks, will move into Y6NB and cover this class until the end of the academic year.

Y4B

After the half term holiday, Mr Naylor will be absent for a week (Tuesday 2nd until Friday 5th June) for personal reasons. His class will be covered by Miss Lang, who some of you and the pupils may remember, as she worked as a teacher with us for a few years before travelling to Australia last year. Miss Lang will then be covering Miss Johnson's maternity leave from 8th June for the rest of the term.

The School Office

Some of you may have noticed a very familiar face in the office - Mrs Cutts has very kindly come out of retirement for a few weeks to cover for Mrs Ahmed whilst she is on a Religious Sabbatical.

Next Academic Year School Calendar

The school calendar for 2026/2027 is enclosed with this newsletter. This can also be found on the school website: <https://athelstanprimaryschool.web12.juniperwebsites.co.uk/term-dates>

The Mayor's Walk and Wheel Challenge

The Mayor's Walk and Wheel Challenge takes place between 18th and 22nd May. The five day challenge aims to get children moving, cut traffic at the school gates and build more active routines. We are encouraging children to look out for the stickers that have been placed around the school community (see below) and to also send in photos of them walking or wheeling to school for the chance to win a key ring.

Please send your photos to either Mrs Stillings: gstillings@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk or Miss Windle: gwindle@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk



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:

| Date | Year Group |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

Lost Property

We have a substantial amount of lost property, including school uniform, coats and hats. The boxes will be available until we break up for parents/carers to view. Foundation and Y1 will place their lost property boxes in their outside area and boxes for Y2 to Y6 will be placed outside Buster the Bus at the beginning and end of each school day. Please take this opportunity to look through the items we have. We strongly encourage you to name your child's clothing and belongings, including their water bottle and packed lunch bag, to avoid items getting lost.

Art Competition

We are excited to announce our next art competition which is called... Can you Draw like Rob? You may have heard of the wonderful award winning and bestselling author-illustrator Rob Biddulph. If you haven't already done so, check out his YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RobBiddulph72/videos> where he offers drawing tutorials for many illustrations. You could also enjoy looking at his books, perhaps have a trip to the library? Can you take part in his tutorials and create your own illustration? You might want to practise the same one or create many different illustrations, it is up to you! Select your favourite and hand it in to your teacher by no later than Tuesday 2nd June. Please ensure your name and class is clearly labelled on the back of your artwork, otherwise your entry won't count.

The competition is open to all year groups and we will announce the winners and give out prizes in assembly.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Riley H in Coral Class for achieving his 25m swimming certificate last week!

If your child has achieved something special in their chosen sport, please let us know, so that we can celebrate it with them. Please email Miss Windle on: gwindle@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

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

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:

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

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Water Bottles

Please can children bring their water bottle to school each day.

Forest School Volunteers

If parents/carers are able to volunteer to help for our Forest School sessions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Read Write Inc Session

Thursday 25th June – 9:00 – 9:20am

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 Outdoor Area for the session to begin.

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**.

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 in all weather conditions.

The remaining sessions will take place on the following days:
Monday 18th May – Coral Class

Y2 News

Lending Library Resources

Could parents/carers please check if they still have any lending library resources at home from when their child was in Year 1, such as speed sound cards, etc.? If so, we would be grateful if these could be returned to school as we are running low.

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 in all weather conditions. Weather permitting, children may also need to wear a sun hat and sun cream.

The sessions will take place on the following days:

Tuesday 19th May – Y2MS

Wednesday 20th May – Y2AC

Thursday 21st May – Y2RJ

Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit

On Thursday 25th June, we will be visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. We are asking for a contribution of £12 per child to help towards the cost of the coach and the admission fee. Thank you to those who have already made a payment. Unfortunately, should enough money not be collected, the trip may have to be cancelled. If you are able to volunteer for the trip, please email your child's class teacher.

Y3 News

No additional news this week.

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 News

Outdoor Learning

Next week, Y5 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 in all weather conditions. Weather permitting, children may also need to wear a sun hat and sun cream.

The sessions will take place on the following days:

Monday 18th May – Y5DF

Tuesday 19th May – Y5HB

Thursday 21st May – Y5BT

Y6 News

Y6 SATs

A huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this week! We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and positive attitude they have shown throughout the week. The children approached each test with maturity and gave their very best effort and that is all we could ever ask for. Thank you also to our staff and families for their continued support and encouragement. Well done Team Year 6! From Mrs Watson, Ms Barry, Mr Mills and Miss Waring.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

**Well done to Y6NB who have achieved the highest attendance for the second time in a row.
Most improved attendance this week were Green & Y5BT.**

| Class | This Week's Attendance |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Red | 92.5 |
| Green | 89.9 |
| Blue | 84.1 |
| Coral | 93.3 |
| Ochre | 91.3 |
| Violet | 92.2 |
| Y2RJ | 95.3 |
| Y2MS | 94.7 |
| Y2AC | 95.7 |
| Y3A | 92.7 |
| Y3B | 95.9 |
| Y3G | 96.3 |
| Y4J | 89.7 |
| Y4W | 93.5 |
| Y4B | 92.8 |
| Y5BT | 93.5 |
| Y5HB | 94.8 |
| Y5DF | 92.3 |
| Y6JT | 97.3 |
| Y6NB | 98.3 |
| Y6LB | 94.1 |



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| 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 |
| Thursday 11.06.26 – Friday 19.06.26 | Sports Days (see 'others news' for each date) |
| Wednesday 24.06.26 | Class Photographs |