



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



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Gold Award Winners



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

BLUE	Layla L
GREEN	Harry G
RED	Lily B
OCHRE	Oscar P
VIOLET	Rhain T
Y2AC	Katelyn J
Y2MS	Edith V
Y2RJ	Mia C
Y3A	Rosie W
Y3B	Harry M
Y3G	Kareema H
Y4B	George C
Y4J	Joseph S
Y4W	Freya W
Y5BT	Mobeen M
Y5DF	Motaman A
Y5HB	Rachel G
Y6JT	Tylen M
Y6LB	Max T
Y6NB	Rihan M



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!

Y4B	Y5BT	Y5DF	Y5HB
Zac W	Gracie H	Mohamed A	Jonathan A Rio M Panchami F

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Athelstan Experience Raffle

Because the children loved it so much last time, our student council is bringing back the Athelstan Experience Raffle for another year! Tickets go on sale **Tuesday 2nd June** for 50p each. Your child could win the chance to pick a fun group activity for them and their friends like a lunchtime movie with popcorn, football on the field, or music and colouring.

To Enter: Send money in a labelled envelope with your child's name and class. No limit on ticket purchases! Prizes will be chosen by the children in the order names are drawn.

The Draw: Friday 19th June.

Athelstan's 3 for 2 Book Fair

We are delighted to be holding our summer Scholastic Book Fair in the infant hall, between 3.20pm and 3.50pm, on Thursday 4th, Friday 5th, Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th June. You will be able to enter school via the doors to the infant hall which can be accessed on the field side of the building.

Children will also be able to visit the book fair with their class on the following days during the week:

Thursday 4th June - Y1

Friday 5th June - Y4

Monday 8th June - Y2 & Y5

Tuesday 9th June - Y3 & FS

Wednesday 10th June - Y6

Every book purchased earns us free books for our school. All books and stationery will be 3 for the price of 2 (cheapest free) and there are a number of ways to pay.

Cash Payments - Send your child to school with coins or notes (£5 notes appreciated please) in a named envelope.

Contactless Payments - If you attend the book fair after school in person, you can pay via your phone by scanning a QR code or even contactless if the technology works! You can also buy a pre-paid 'gift card' for your child with a set amount of money to spend at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers> . You will simply need to show or print the confirmation email, or forward it to your child's class teacher.



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.

Sports Days

We will be holding individual year group Sports Days again this year. **These will be held in the afternoon on the Field.** 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

Summer Showcases

Each year group will be holding a showcase of their work, throughout the summer term. Showcases will take place in classrooms, unless otherwise specified, at the times detailed below. Y1 to Y5, please come into school through the main reception, to sign in. Foundation parents and carers, please use the usual Foundation entrance. The showcases will be a showcase of work, with the children talking about what they have learnt. At the end of the afternoon showcases, parents/carers should leave school and wait in the usual place to collect their children.

Date & Time	Year Group
Tuesday 23 rd June - 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Year 4
Wednesday 24 th June – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Year 5
Thursday 25 th June – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Year 1
Monday 29 th June – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Year 3
Tuesday 30 th June – 9:00am – 9:30am	Foundation
Tuesday 30 th June – 7pm	Year 6 Production – The Montgomery Theatre
Wednesday 1 st July – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Year 2

A Message from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

We have created a game designed to get families thinking about how they would escape should the worst happen and they experience a house fire. On completion of the game, there is the chance to download a template so that families can make their own escape plan. The game is inspired by classic arcade video games and there are exciting prizes up for grabs for those taking part - including a grand prize of a Nintendo Switch 2! [You can find out more about the game here](#) and [And here's a link to play it](#)

Sporting Achievements

Isla H in Y3 won an award for Judge's Choice Freestyle Winner U12s for her exam at her dance school, which she passed with Distinction.

Leo H and Lucas W in Y3 participated in a football tournament at the Toughsheet Community Stadium in Bolton this weekend and secured 3rd place.

Gunes B in Y3 came first in U8 Yorkshire gymnastics competition and now has the North region gymnastics competition coming up.

Alivia T in Y3 completed her first ever dance show.

Poppy K in Y5 was awarded silver medal in 50m butterfly, 4th place 50m in freestyle and 5th place 50m in backstroke in a Sheffield swimming competition.

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 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

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.

Forest School Days

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. Sessions will take place every week on the following day throughout the summer term. Please note there has been a slight change to when each class will have their session. Please see the new days below:

Green Class – Tuesdays

Red Class – Wednesdays

Blue Class – Thursdays

Coffee Morning for SEND Parents/Carers

On Thursday 18th June, we will be holding a short coffee morning between 9am and 9:30am for parents/carers of children in with SEND to have a chat about children moving up to Year 1. Please enter school through the main reception/office to sign in.

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 **Sunshine at Bedtime**. Our vocabulary words are: **atmosphere, north, horizon, skyline, crops** and **rippling**.

Cleethorpes Visit

On Tuesday 16th June, Y1 are due to visit Cleethorpes. We are asking for a contribution of £18 per child to help towards the cost of the coach. Unfortunately, we have not yet collected enough money to cover the cost and therefore the trip may have to be cancelled. If you have not yet made a payment, we would be grateful if you could do so through ParentPay as soon as possible. The decision will be made during the first week back as to whether the trip is able to go ahead or not. If it does have to be cancelled, all payments made so far will be refunded. Thank you for your support.

Y2 News

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

Y3G Class Treat

Y3G will be having their marble treat on Friday 5th June in the afternoon. Weather permitting, they will be spending time playing games outside. Children can bring a change of clothes and board game (no electronics) for the afternoon should they wish to do so.

Y4 News

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check – w/c 2nd June

In June, Y4 children across the country will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC). The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Most children in Athelstan will attempt the check during the first week back after half term. (If your child happens to be absent on the day, there is a window for them to take the check on their return to school.) The check takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and the children have been practising diligently all year. If you would like more information, see the attached leaflet or speak to one of the Y4 team. To support your child with the check, please access Times Tables Rockstars at home - particularly 'Soundcheck' mode. More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2>

Y5 News

No additional news this week.

Y6 News

No additional news this week.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Well done to Y6NB who have achieved the highest attendance for the third time in a row! Most improved attendance this week were Coral & Y4B.

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	88.4%
Green	88.3%
Blue	79.3%
Coral	95.4%
Ochre	88.7%
Violet	92.8%
Y2RJ	94.3%
Y2MS	91%
Y2AC	94.7%
Y3A	94.3%
Y3B	92.4%
Y3G	91.3%
Y4J	91.4%
Y4W	95.5%
Y4B	95.5%
Y5BT	89.4%
Y5HB	84.8%
Y5DF	94.7%
Y6JT	87.7%
Y6NB	96.6%
Y6LB	89.3%



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

Have a lovely half term!