



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 13 – Friday 5th December 2025



Stars of the Week



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

CORAL	Bella D
OCHRE	Mikail U
VIOLET	Oscar H
Y2AC	Lily M
Y2MS	Sonny B
Y2RJ	Reuben S
Y3A	Alana F
Y3B	Bjorn H-R
Y3G	Lucas W
Y4B	Arna W
Y4J	Ibrahim A
Y4W	Isabelle B
Y5BT	Miley L
Y5DF	Zoe T
Y5HB	Kyla G-R
Y6JT	Bella B
Y6LB	Nusaybah A & Macey F
Y6NB	Zayn Y



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!

Mirka H – Y4W

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

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Milk – Spring Term 2026

The cost of school milk for the spring term (Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026) is £12.65. If you would like your child to have school milk when we return to school after the Christmas holiday, you will need to make an online payment through ParentPay, **by no later Friday 12th December 2025. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED.** We will take the payment for milk as the authority to order your child's milk for the spring term. **Children who qualify for income based free school meals are entitled to free milk, and this will be ordered automatically by school for them.** If your child is now 5 years of age (or they will have turned 5 **before** 5th January 2026) and they do not qualify for income based free school meals, you will need to make the payment via ParentPay. If your child will be under the age of 5 on Monday 5th January 2026, they will still be entitled to free milk, and this will be ordered automatically for them by school. If you would like your child to receive school milk during the spring term but you haven't already set up your child's ParentPay account, please speak to a member of staff in the office.

Disney on Ice Raffle Tickets

Sheffield United Community Foundation have very kindly donated 4 tickets for Disney on Ice - Find Your Hero at the Utilita Arena Sheffield, on the 21st December at 6.30pm.

Tickets are now on sale priced at 50p per ticket. All money raised will go into the school fund for the benefit of our pupils. Please send the exact amount of money and the number of tickets you would like to purchase in a named envelope to school with your child by Friday 12th December. The winner will be drawn week commencing 15th December.

Christmas Cards

As we are a Green Flag school, it is even more important that we uphold the values required to tackle climate change. Therefore, as in previous years, we kindly ask that children do not bring individual Christmas cards into school. Children in all year groups will get the opportunity to send their wishes in their year group Christmas card. If any children do bring individual cards, it is the expectation that these are handed out either before or after school in the yard and not during school time. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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.** Most year groups have already had their Outdoor Learning Session. The remaining sessions will take place on the following dates:

Year 1

Ochre class - Tues 16th Dec
Violet class - Thurs 18th Dec
Coral class – Wed 17th Dec

Year 5

Y5HB - Tues 9th Dec
Y5DF - Wed 10th Dec
Y5BT - Thurs 11th Dec

PE Kits

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. Unfortunately, we are noticing an increase in children wearing general non-uniform on these days that is not in line with our policy. Outdoor PE kits should be a plain white t-shirt, plain dark bottoms and a plain sweatshirt/hoody or school jumper. Thank you for your support.

Foundation – Y4 Showcases

The following showcases will be an opportunity for children to demonstrate what they have learnt this term. Showcases will take place in classrooms between 2.45pm and 3.15pm, unless otherwise specified below.

Please come into school through the main reception, to sign in. At the end of the showcase, parents/carers should leave school and wait in the usual place to collect their children at the normal hometime of 3:20pm. Please note, Y5 and Y6 children showcased their work at the Art Exhibitions during the Parents/Carers' Evenings.

Year Group	Date & Time	Where
Foundation	Christmas Sing-a-long Friday 12 th December at 2:45pm	Infant Hall
Y1	Christmas Nativity Concerts (adults only) Tuesday 9 th December at 1:30pm Thursday 11 th December at 10am.	Junior Hall
Y2	Thursday 10 th December – 2:45pm	Classrooms
Y3	Monday 8 th December – 2:45pm	Classrooms
Y4	Wednesday 10 th December – 2:45pm	Classrooms

Christmas Parties

Your child will be bringing home a letter next week with further information about the Christmas parties.

Please see below the dates for the parties for each year group:

Foundation	Monday 15 th December
Y1	Monday 15 th December
Y2	Wednesday 17 th December
Y3	Thursday 18 th December
Y4	Thursday 18 th December
Y5	Thursday 18 th December
Y6	Wednesday 17 th December

A message from the PTA

Secret Santa

We will be holding our very popular Secret Santa sale again this year, where the children will be able to purchase presents for their family and friends for £2.50 each. There is no limit to the amount that each child can buy. Please can children bring their money in a **named envelope** to make the purchasing process easier and where possible, the correct money.

The sales will take place in the Junior Hall (with the exception of Foundation & Y1) on the following dates/times:

Monday 15th December

11:45am – Y2AC Class

12:15pm – Y2MS & Y2RJ

Tuesday 16th December

12:15pm – Year 3

12:45pm – Year 6

Wednesday 17th December

12:15pm – Year 4

12:45pm – Year 5

Foundation and Year 1 Children - Gifts will be available to purchase in the Foundation & Y1 shared areas on each day.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

No additional news this week.

Y1 News

Book of the Fortnight

Our book of the fortnight is **Izzy Gizmo** by Pip Jones. Our vocabulary words are: **invent, dismantled, mended, succeed, gadget** and **glitch**.

Nativity – Important Information

All tickets were sent home last week for both performances. Please keep these safe as no duplicates will be issued. **Both performances are adult only, please therefore arrange childcare for any siblings. Please note, anyone arriving with children will be refused entry.**

Nativity Eco-Café

Please see the attached flyer regarding the Eco-Café that will be running before both performances. Doors will open 10-15 minutes before the performance start time, to give parents/carers the chance to purchase a hot drink and mince pie should they wish to do so.

Y2 News

Story Advent Calendar

Year 2 would like to begin a late story advent starting next week. We are asking all year 2 children to bring their favourite book into school wrapped in wrapping paper. Each day we will then choose a book to share with the class. After each book is read it will then be sent home the same day. We can't wait to share some of our favourite stories!

Y3 News

Stone Age Day

As part of our history topic on the Stone Age, we have arranged for an in-school Stone Age Experience, on Thursday 11th December. Children will be learning about the Stone Age, through a range of activities. Children are invited to come to school dressed as cavemen/cavewomen, for the full day. If your child does not wish to dress up, they need to wear their school uniform as normal for the full day.

Y4 News

Y4W Class Treat

On Tuesday 9th December, Y4W will be having their class treat in the afternoon. We will be watching cartoons and having an extra playtime with the sports equipment. Children may bring a change of clothes for the afternoon and a healthy snack, should they wish to do so.

Y5 News

No additional news this week.

Y6 News

No additional news this week.

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](#)



Monday 08.12.25	Y3 Showcase – 2:45pm
Tuesday 09.12.25	Y1 Nativity - 1:30pm - adults only
Wednesday 10.12.25	Y4 Showcase – 2:45pm
Thursday 11.12.25	Y1 Nativity - 10am - adults only
	Y2 Showcase – 2:45pm
	Y3 Stone Age Day
Friday 12.12.25	Rocksteady Concert – 9:30am (invite only)
	Foundation Sing-a-long 2:45pm
Monday 15.12.25 - Friday 19.12.25	Christmas Jumper/Colours Week
	Christmas Parties Week
Monday 15.12.25 – Wednesday 17.12.25	PTA Secret Santa Sales
Wednesday 17.12.25	Christmas Dinner Special Menu
Friday 19.12.25	Break up for the Christmas holidays on this day so children will attend on this day
Monday 22.12.25	Christmas holidays begin
Monday 05.01.26	Children return to school

Have a lovely weekend!

