



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 37 – Friday 3rd July 2026



Gold Award Winners



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

Blue	Aniya K
Green	CeCe J
Red	Hajra K
Coral	Umayyah
Ochre	Cooper H
Violet	Harry H
Y2AC	Zander H
Y2MS	Sonny B
Y2RJ	Emmie M
Y3A	Laya A & Noah R
Y3B	Gunes B & Roman H
Y3G	Toshaani S & Mia L-B
Y4B	Ayaan R & Amaal M
Y4J	Ibrahim I & Sarrinah A
Y4W	Robyn W-K & Joanna U
Y5BT	Jasleen S & Muhammad Z
Y5DF	Lina J & Maroof M
Y5HB	Rebecca O & Noah Gore

Pen Licences

Well done to Evie R in Y4W who has been awarded their pen licence this week!

Sporting Achievements

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

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Staffing News

We are pleased to let you know that Mr Thompson has been successful in the recruitment process for our new Assistant Headteacher. He will take on responsibility for attendance and assessment across school as well as teaching in Mrs Baker's class every Friday.

Mrs Ashton has also been successful in becoming our new Lead Practitioner which will involve a whole-school focus on professional development and supporting our new teachers next year.

Sports Awards

We are delighted to share that our school won the **Handsworth Grange Hub Award** at the Sheffield Schools PE Awards last night. We are also incredibly proud of Mrs Watson, who received a **Highly Commended Award for School Leadership** in recognition of her dedication and commitment to PE and school sport. These achievements are a fantastic reflection of the hard work and enthusiasm of our whole school community.

Phonics Screening and Multiplication Times Table Checks

The results for the Phonics Screening (including any Year 2 children who had to resit this year) and Multiplication Times Table Checks have been shared with parents/carers by email. If your child is in Year 1, Year 2 or Year 4 and you do not receive an email with these results by the end of the week, please contact the office team so that we can check we have the correct contact details for you.

School Street Celebration

On July 7th we are holding a celebration of school street! Many of you may not know or remember how dangerous it was around school before our school street. We are proud to be one of the few schools in Sheffield to have been granted school street status. By closing the road at the beginning and end of the day, we are helping to keep our children and community safer during these times. We really appreciate parents supporting us in this and would like to see as many of you walking, cycling or scootering on the day. We will be having music, a raffle and the chance for you to ride a bike to create a smoothie, our local councillors will be visiting and there will be free fruit for breakfast available to everyone passing the school street zone. We look forward to seeing you and answering any questions you may have.

A Message from Food Works

At our [warehouse in Handsworth](#) we collect, store, and share surplus food in our market – turning potential waste into valuable resources for the community. This is where our work begins.

From there, [our two cafes](#) bring it all to life – transforming rescued and locally grown ingredients into affordable, nutritious meals that reach people across Sheffield. We also [grow our own fresh produce](#) at Norton Nurseries, adding even more locally grown food to the meals and markets that nourish our city. Together, these hubs are how we connect food, people, and purpose.

Food Works Handsworth

Here you can visit the market, collect patron boxes and buy [Just Me - Ready Meals - Food Works](#)

Both the market stock and Just Meals are available on a pay what you can afford basis with a minimum contribution of £1.00 each. Because our supply varies daily, the contents of the shelves do too. [What We Do - Food Works](#)

Teacher Splash

During the week commencing **6th July**, we will be holding a **Teacher Splash** fundraising event. Pupils will have the chance to soak their teachers, support staff and Senior Leaders for a **£1 donation**, helping to fund upcoming school events. Each KS2 year group will be allocated a specific day to take part during their lunch break.

Dates for each year group are as follows:

Tuesday 7th July: Y3

Wednesday 8th July: Y5

Thursday 9th July: Y6

Friday 10th July: Y4

Royal Ballet & Opera Dance for Rights

We are very excited to be taking part in the Royal Ballet & Opera Dance for Rights event on Tuesday 7th July. This will be for ALL KS2 children (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6). Children should wear their PE kit and trainers that they can comfortably move in for the day.

Fiesta Fun Day

On Thursday 9th July, we will be holding 'Fiesta Fun Day', a celebration of Spain and Spanish culture. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing the colours of the Spanish flag (red and yellow) or anything reflecting Spanish-speaking countries, should they wish to do so. Each year group will be doing some arts and crafts; therefore, an old shirt or apron would also be useful to prevent them from getting messy!

Taylor Shaw Special Menu's

To celebrate Fiesta Fun Day, Taylor Shaw will be cooking up the following special menu on Thursday 9th June:

Red – Chicken Paella

White - Halal Chicken Paella

Green – Margherita Pizza

Brown - Jacket Potato

Blue – Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Dessert: A selection of desserts

On Tuesday 14th July, Taylor Shaw will be cooking up the following special picnic menu:

Red – Sausage Roll, Margherita Pizza Finger and a choice of either Cheese or Tuna Wrap

White - Halal Sausage Roll, Margherita Pizza Finger and a choice of either Cheese or Tuna Wrap

Green – Cheese Roll, Margherita Pizza finger and a choice of either Cheese or Tuna Wrap

Brown - Jacket Potato

Blue – Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Dessert: Ice Cream or Jelly

Key Stage 2 Careers Fair Afternoon

On Tuesday 14th July, we will be holding a Careers Fair afternoon for our Key Stage 2 pupils. This exciting event will give children the opportunity to learn about a wide range of careers and hear first-hand from people working in different professions. We would love to hear from any parents, carers, family members or friends who would be willing to volunteer some time to talk to our pupils about their job or career pathway. Whether you work in healthcare, construction, education, business, technology, the arts, public services, or any other field, your experiences could help inspire our children and broaden their understanding of the world of work. If you would be interested in taking part, please email Miss Windle on gwindle@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk by Friday 3rd July.

We would be delighted to hear from you.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We want to bring parents/carers and staff together to plan some fun things for the children and continue to support our school. The goal is simple: work together, keep things low-pressure, and have a bit of a social along the way. You don't need any special skills or loads of free time. Whether you want to help lead, share ideas, or just lend a hand for half an hour at an event, you are all welcome.

Want to find out more?

Pop in for a chat: We're having an informal, casual drop-in on **Thursday 9th July at 3:35pm** in the **Junior Hall**. Come grab a seat and share your thoughts.

Can't make it? Mrs Gill is helping to coordinate things, so please drop her a quick email at lgill@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk to register your interest or share ideas!

Sports Days

Parents/Carers and family members are welcome to come and watch the events on the school field!

Please see the remaining dates and times:

Date & Time	Year Group
Rearranged Date – Monday 6 th July – 1:30pm – 3pm	Year 3
Rearranged Date – Wednesday 8 th July – 9:00am – 10:00am	Foundation
Rearranged Date – Wednesday 15 th July – 1:30pm – 3pm	Year 5

Your child should come to school in their **PE kit** and wear it for the full day. Please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather (e.g., a hat and sun cream for warm weather) and that they bring a **water bottle**.

Please note the following important details for the day:

- **Access:** Each Sports Day will be held on the field in the afternoon (see above for timings). Please enter the field via **Holyoake Avenue**. There will be no access to the main school yard or premises for spectators.
- **Parking:** Please be mindful of local residents if you are parking a vehicle nearby.
- **Safeguarding:** For child protection reasons, we strictly ask that you **do not take photos or videos of other children** at any time.
- **Weather Notice:** In the event of extreme weather, Senior Leadership will make a decision and message parents/carers as early as possible in the morning if it is deemed unsafe for the event to go ahead.

SEND Parent/Carer Meetings

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) Parent/Carer Meetings

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th July at 9am**

The meeting will be **at Athelstan Primary School**

Please note at this meeting we will be joined by Katie Bryon from Let's Verbalise to discuss Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy.

Please confirm attendance by emailing annamarie.emmett@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Class Treats

On Friday 10th July, Foundation Stage will be having their class treats in the afternoon. Children can come to school in non-uniform for the day and bring a small toy (no electronics) for the afternoon should they wish to do so.

Reading Books and Records

As we approach the end of the school year, please ensure that your child brings their reading record and any school reading books back to school next week. We will be collecting these so they can be organised and ready to hand out to children next year.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We really appreciate your help in ensuring all reading books and records are returned.

Y1 News

Book of the Fortnight

Our book of the fortnight is **Sally and the Limpet**. Our vocabulary words are: **limpet, squelching, heaved, humming, pinchers** and **chemicals**.

Y2 News

Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit

As you are aware, the Y2 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park had to be cancelled last week due to the extreme heat. We have been trying to reschedule the visit for an alternative date but unfortunately, due to it being such a busy time of year, we have been unable to secure a coach. Therefore, the trip will have to be cancelled. If you made a payment for the trip on ParentPay, you will be refunded.

Y3 News

Weston Park Visits

Y3 will be visiting Weston Park to enhance their cityscape drawing skills, as part of their current art topic. A contribution of £2.00 per child is required to cover the cost of the bus fare. If you haven't already done so, please send £2.00 in cash with your child.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the following google form to give permission for your child to attend the visit: <https://forms.gle/ij7SSgDZEYgz8tzPA>

The remaining visits will take place on the following dates:

Y3G – Wednesday 8th July

Y3A – Rearranged date – Tuesday 14th July

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 News

Y5 History/Geography Walk

Y5BT will be taking part in a walk around the Kelham Island area and the River Don on Wednesday 8th July. A contribution of £2.00 per child is required to cover the cost of the bus fare. Please send cash in a named envelope and hand to the class teacher/office.

Fruit Smoothie

Year 5 children are being given an amazing opportunity to create a fruit smoothie using a bike on Tuesday 7th July! This is part of our School Street Celebration and the fruit has been provided free to our school by Rosie Frazer and her team at Modeshift Stars and the Food Works Sheffield. If your child has any allergies to any fruit, or you do not wish for them to take part, please can you email their class teacher beforehand.

RSHE Lessons

Next week, Year 5 children will be learning about the changes in the adolescent body during their RSHE lessons. The two main topics covered will be: 'How do I stay clean as I get older?' and 'What is Menstruation?'. If you would like to know more about what the lessons will entail, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to share this information with you.

Y6 News

Y6 Gulliver's Valley

Year 6 are due to visit Gulliver's Valley on Wednesday 15th July 2026.

We are asking for a contribution of £9.00 per child towards the cost of the coach. We would be grateful if parents/carers could please log on to ParentPay as soon as possible and make a payment if they haven't already done so. Thank you for your support.

Handsworth Grange Community Sports College

As part of the transition to Handsworth Grange, the Head of Year 7 will be visiting Athelstan over the coming weeks to meet with pupils and deliver a series of short transition sessions for those who will be moving on to Handsworth Grange in September. The sessions will take place in small groups, giving pupils the opportunity to get to know the Head of Year 7, ask questions and begin to feel more confident about the move to secondary school.

ParentPay Accounts

As our Y6 children will soon be leaving us, please check your child's ParentPay account for both school meals and also any outstanding payments, including trips and any Breakfast Club attendance. If the account is in arrears, please make an urgent payment, to clear the outstanding debt and to cover the cost of school meals for the rest of the school year. The cost of school meals is £2.95 per day. **If your child's ParentPay account is not in credit by Monday 6th July, no further school meals will be permitted and you will be contacted to provide your child with a packed lunch.**

Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Our Y6 Leavers' Assembly is on Friday 17th July at 1:30pm. The assembly will take place in the Junior Hall and will last for approximately 45 minutes. **The assembly is for adults only, so please arrange childcare for any siblings.**

T-Shirt Signing & Leavers' Books

If your child would like to take part in the traditional shirt signing as they come to the end of their time at Athelstan, please could we ask that they bring in a **separate** shirt/polo shirt on Friday 17th July. As it is the Leavers' Assembly on this day, we would prefer them to wear the **unsigned** shirt for the assembly. We will also be providing all children with an Athelstan Leavers' Book for signing on Friday.



**Well done to Violet Class who have achieved this week's highest attendance.
Most improved attendance this week were Red & Y3G.**

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	93.2%
Green	93%
Blue	94.5%
Coral	98.3%
Ochre	87%
Violet	98.9%
Y2RJ	97%
Y2MS	94.3%
Y2AC	98.7%
Y3A	98.7%
Y3B	89%
Y3G	98.3%
Y4J	88.3%
Y4W	97.7%
Y4B	92.8%
Y5BT	90.6%
Y5HB	94.7%
Y5DF	86.3%
Y6JT	92.3%
Y6NB	90%
Y6LB	92.4%



W/C Monday 06.07.26	KS2 Teacher Splash - £1 donation
Tuesday 07.07.26	School Street Celebration
	KS2 Royal Ballet & Opera Dance for Rights
Thursday 09.07.26	Fiesta Fun Day – Non-Uniform (no donation)
Friday 10.07.26	Rocksteady Concert
Tuesday 14.07.26	KS2 Career's Fair Afternoon
Friday 17.07.26	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (Adults Only) – 1:30pm
	Final day in school before the summer holiday

Have a lovely weekend!