



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



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Gold Award Winners



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

Blue	Jack
Green	Jack
Red	Aiyana
Coral	Lola
Ochre	Lara
Violet	Layla
Y2AC	Harrison
Y2MS	Tommy
Y2RJ	Maia, Joshua & Darcie

End of Year Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the final bell of the school year approaches, we wanted to take a moment to look back, catch our breath, and say a massive thank you to every single one of you.

We are so grateful for you working with us to support your children's learning. Whether this was helping your child learn their spellings and times tables, listening to them read in the evenings, or just getting them to school on time with their PE kits intact, your daily efforts do not go unnoticed. We've had some packed school showcases this year, lots of volunteers to help out on trips and a great turn out during sports days; your presence and energy have made our school a vibrant place to be. We'd both like to thank you for navigating this year alongside us with support, engagement and an open mind.

At the heart of every great school is a community of parents and carers who care deeply. This year, you have proven that time and time again.

Our absolute favourite part of this job has been watching your children grow, learn, and surprise us with their resilience and humour every single day. They are an absolute credit to you and have made us very proud, whether through their performance on the stage at the Montgomery Theatre, holding the door open as we walk through or simply by giving us a big smile and wishing us good morning.

Now, it is time for a well-deserved break. We hope the summer holidays bring you plenty of sunshine, slower mornings, and quality time together as a family.

Thank you once again for making our time as Acting Heads so incredibly rewarding. Have a wonderful, safe, and happy summer!

Ms Barry and Mrs Watson

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Staffing News

Today we have said goodbye to Mr Mills, Mrs Drabble, Mrs Sloan and Miss Shepherd. We would like to say a big thank you for bringing so much to our school and for helping our children to thrive. They will all be truly missed.

End of Year Staff Gifts

We would like to thank all children, parents and carers for your very kind, generous gifts and well wishes.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be running from Thursday 3rd September, for Y1-Y6 children. Booking slots will be available to purchase on ParentPay during the summer holidays. Foundation New Starters will be able to attend from Monday 7th September.

752 Bus

Following SYMCA's latest round of school transport tendering, there will be a change of operator on service 752 from 1 September 2026. The service will be operated by Linburg Touring, replacing First South Yorkshire. This change relates solely to the operator providing the service. There are no changes to the route, stopping arrangements or timetable and service 752 will continue to operate as it does currently

Dinner Money Price Increase September 2026

In September, the price of school dinners will increase to £3.15 per meal. No action need be taken, ParentPay will be changed to the new price and will start from Thursday 3rd September 2026. As always, please ensure your child's ParentPay account is in credit to enable them to continue to order school meals.

Donations for our Outdoor Learning

We are looking for donations to help improve our outdoor learning provision. We need - Guttering, buckets & spades and general sand toys, colanders, cutlery (not knives), tongs and serving spoons (metal would be preferable). Any spare packs of seeds and bulbs for planting, sweeping brushes, dustpans and brushes, story books, pestle and mortar. Any ribbon or nice fabrics too! If any donations could be brought to the Breakfast Club doors, that would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to a member of the Y1 Team should you have any queries.

Mini Police

Some of our Year 5 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Mini Police programme this year. Working alongside local officers and PCSO's, they have learned about community safety, teamwork, responsibility and the important role the police play in keeping us safe. They represented our school community with enthusiasm, maturity, and pride. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and the positive example they have set for others.



YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

No additional news this week.

Y1 News

No additional news this week.

Y2 News

Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit

If you made a payment for the trip on ParentPay, you have been refunded. This should be in the Parent Account section on your ParentPay account and can either be used to pay for other items such as breakfast club, school meals and trips etc or parents can withdraw this credit.

Payment for School Meals from September

Children in Y2 have now reached the end of their universal free school meal entitlement. **If you wish for your child to continue to have school meals in September, payment for these will need to be made through ParentPay.** If you need any help using your ParentPay account, please speak to a member of the office team. If you feel your child may be entitled to **income based free school meals**, please contact the office, as they can check this on your behalf.

Y3 News

No additional news this week.

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 News

No additional news this week.

Y6 News

A Message from the Year 6 Team

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

Firstly, we would like to apologise for the delay in sharing this year's SATs results. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have been unable to provide them as quickly as we had hoped. However, we wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate something far more important.

Year 6, you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves. Over the years you have spent at Athelstan, you have grown into kind, thoughtful, resilient and caring young people. You have embraced challenges, supported one another, shown determination when things have been difficult and demonstrated the values that make our school community so special.

The dedication, perseverance and positive attitude you showed in preparing for and completing your SATs were outstanding. Regardless of the numbers on a results sheet, you have already achieved so much. SATs provide only a snapshot of how you performed on a few days under test conditions. They cannot measure your creativity, kindness, humour, resilience, leadership, friendships or the many other qualities that make each of you unique.

Congratulations, Year 6, and thank you for the many happy memories you have created during your time at Athelstan. We wish you every success and happiness for the future.

We would like to wish you all a lovely summer holiday!

