ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER

Letter Number 2 – Friday 11th September 2026

Gold Award Winners

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

Y3AB	Ava M
Y3HB	Myla C
Y3KCB	Emelia D
Y4EM	Seth M
Y4LG	Harper M
Y4TB	Lucas W
Y5BT	Samira A
Y5JA	Lyla A
Y5JM	Isabelle M
Y6DF	Jessica A
Y6LB	Kyla GR

Attendance & Reporting Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please follow the absence procedure below:

On the first day of your child's absence, you should contact the school office on 01142692301, before 9.30am, by leaving a message on the absence line (option 2) or speaking to a member of the Admin Team (option 3) providing the reason for their absence. We understand that you may also wish to notify the teacher directly, however, the office must be informed to ensure this isn't missed during the school day.

Failure to contact school about your child's absence will result in your child receiving an unauthorised absence mark. These are closely monitored by Sheffield City Council, and an Attendance and Inclusion Officer may contact you for further details.

You may also be visited at home, by a member of the school/local authority staff, if you fail to report your child's absence.

From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.

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

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Street Reminder
Please can we remind parents/carers that we have the School Street in place at the start and end of each school day to keep our children and the families safe around school grounds. Staff working on the barrier should be treated with respect and not be intimidated into letting drivers through the barrier. Thank you for your support.

Dinner Money Price Increase
The price of school meals has now increased to £3.15 per meal. If your child is in year groups Y3-Y6 and they do not qualify for income based free school meals, please ensure your child's ParentPay account is in credit to enable them to continue to order school meals.

Payment for School Meals – Y3 Children
Children in Y3 have reached the end of their universal free school meal entitlement. If you wish for your child to continue to have school meals, 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. If you are unsure if your child is entitled to this, please get in touch.

ParentPay One-Click Payments
When making payments on ParentPay, we strongly recommend that Parents/Carers **do not** use the 'One Click Payment' option and instead add the payment item to the basket and checkout using a debit card as you would with any online shopping. This is because the 'One Click Payment' can take up to seven days for ParentPay to attempt to take the payment from bank accounts, which we have found do sometimes fail. Should you have any queries, please speak to a member of the Office Team.

Foundation – Y4 Reading Mornings
Parents and carers are invited to come into school each week to enjoy some special reading time with their children. Sharing a story together is a wonderful way to encourage a love of reading, build confidence and spend quality time together. This will start from next week, with parents and carers welcome on the following days:
Year 2 - Mondays
Year 3 - Tuesdays
Year 4 - Wednesdays
Foundation Stage - Thursdays
Year 1 - Fridays
We look forward to welcoming families into school and seeing lots of children and adults enjoying books together.

KS2 Breaktime Snacks
All pupils in KS2 are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack to eat during morning playtime. This could be a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Snacks containing/covered in chocolate, sausage rolls, crisps and cake bars are not considered a healthy snack. In KS2, there is a tuck shop during playtime, run by the School Council, selling healthy snacks to pupils. Pupils in FS and KS1 are provided with fruit, free of charge.

SEND Parent/Carer Meeting
You are invited to attend a SEND Parent Group Meeting. We welcome parents of children/young people with any SEND. No diagnosis necessary. The meeting will be with a Project Worker from the Sheffield Parent Carer Forum, as part of the Autism in Schools/PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) Project. The Autism in Schools/PINS Projects aim to improve the student experience for all children/young people with SEND. As part of the project, we are inviting parents/carers to share the experiences of their children in school and to meet and chat with other parents. The next meeting will be held in school on Thursday 17th September at 9am.
We will be joined at this meeting by Katie Byron from Let's Verbalise. Please confirm attendance by emailing annamarie.emmett@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

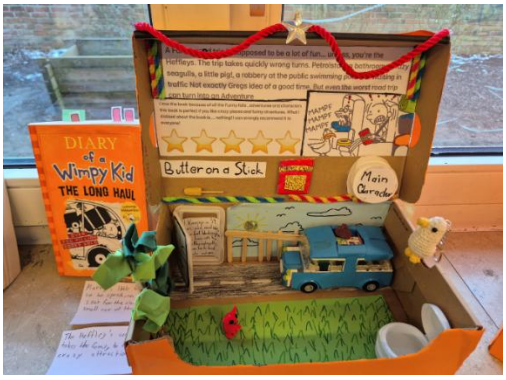
Y1-Y6 PE Lessons

Please find details of PE and swimming days below.
Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have a PE lesson.
All jewellery MUST be removed for physical education and related out-of-hours activities (i.e. After School Clubs). Staff will NOT assist any pupil in the removal, or replacement of jewellery prior to, or following, a physical education lesson or out-of-hours activity.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Coral	PE				PE
Ochre			PE		PE
Violet		PE		PE	
Y2AS		PE		PE	
Y2CL			PE		PE
Y2DC		PE		PE	
Y3AB			PE		PE
Y3HB	PE			PE	
Y3KCB			PE		PE
Y4LG	Swimming			PE	
Y4TB				PE	
Y4EM					PE
Y5BT	PE		PE		
Y5JA		PE	PE		
Y5JM		PE		PE	
Y6DF		PE		PE	
Y6LB	PE	PE			
Y6GW			PE		PE

Book in a Box Competition

As part of the National Year of Reading, we are excited to launch a whole-school reading and art competition called 'Book in a Box'! We are inviting children to choose their favourite story and get creative by recreating the story, or a favourite scene from it, inside a box. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to combine their love of reading with their creativity and imagination, and we can't wait to see their wonderful ideas! There will be one winner from each year group, so everyone has a chance to be recognised. Please hand entries in to your child's class teacher by Monday 19th October at 9:00am. Please make sure that all entries have your child's name and class clearly written on them. We look forward to seeing your favourite stories come to life in a box!



YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Next Week

The children have done so well coming into school independently and have made a fantastic start to Foundation Stage. We are so proud of how well they have settled in!
From Monday, we kindly ask that Parents/Carers do not enter the classroom in the mornings. A member of the teaching team will be at the door if you need to pass on any messages or information. We know that it can be upsetting for Parents/Carers when children are unsettled during drop-off, however, we would like to assure you that they do settle very quickly. Staff will always contact Parents/Carers in the event that any child does not settle or is too unwell to stay at school. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Older Siblings

Please be aware, Foundation Stage children should be collected by an adult at the end of the day. Older siblings must be 16 or over to collect unsupervised.

PE Lessons

Foundation children won't be starting PE lessons until after the Christmas holiday.

Teacher Email Addresses

Blue – Miss Cheevers – acheevers@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Green – Mrs Kerfoot – ckerfoot@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk & Mrs Taylor – ltaylor@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Red - Mr McGrath – rmcgrath@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y1 News

Teacher Email Addresses

Coral – Miss Cattell – scattell@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Ochre – Miss Wilkinson – iwilkinson@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Violet - Mrs Jenkins – ljenkins@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk & Mrs Simpkins jsimpkins@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Forest Schools

Forest School Sessions start for Y1 children next week. Please refer to the letter you have been emailed for further information about these sessions and what your child should wear.
Each class will have their session on the following days:
Ochre – Tuesday
Coral – Wednesday
Violet – Friday

Reading Books

Children can change their reading books a Friday during the Y1 Reading Morning.

Junk Modelling

We would be grateful of any junk modelling resources such as egg and cereal boxes and clean juice or milk bottles etc. Please give these to your child's class teacher.

Y2 News

Teacher Email Addresses

Y2AS – Mrs Ashton – sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk & Mrs Stillings – gstillings@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y2CL – Miss Lang – clang@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y2DC – Miss Clough – dclough@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y3 News

Teacher Email Addresses

Y3AB – Mrs Barraclough – abarraclough@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y3HB – Miss Bouskill – hbouskill@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y3KCB – Miss Cleaves-Blake – kcleaves-blake@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y4 News

Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons take place on Mondays. Children should arrive to school wearing their swimming costume or shorts underneath their school uniform. They should bring a towel and underwear to change into after their lesson. Long hair must be tied up and jewellery, goggles or swimming caps are not permitted. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time and remembers their kit each week.
Please follow the link below for some further information: https://www.sheffieldschoolswimming.co.uk/info-for-parents/

Teacher Email Addresses

Y4LG – Mrs Gill – lgill@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y4TB – Mr Bentley – tbentley@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y4EM – Miss Meese – emeese@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y5 News

Teacher Email Addresses

Y5BT – Miss Booth – cbooth@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk & Miss Thornsby – jthornsby@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y5JA – Mr Abbiw – jabbiw@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y5JM – Mr Morrison – jmorrison@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y6 News

Teacher Email Addresses

Y6DF – Mr Fernley – dfernley@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y6GW – Miss Windle – gwindle@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Y6LB – Mrs Baker – lbaker@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Wednesday 16.09.26	Parent/Carers' drop-in to discuss how well their child has settled into their new class (3:30 – 4:00pm)
Wednesday 14.10.26	Individual Photographs
Thursday 22.10.26	Non-uniform day for Sheffield Children's Hospital Snowflake
	Break up for the half term holiday on this day so children will attend on this day
Friday 23.10.26	INSET Day (school closed for children)
Monday 26.10.26	Half term holiday begins
Monday 02.11.26	Children return to school
Friday 06.11.26	Whole School Flu Immunisations