



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 3 – Friday 18th September 2026



Gold Award Winners



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

CORAL	Mila O
OCHRE	Alfie C
VIOLET	Zac B
Y2AS	Grace T
Y2CL	Riva B
Y2DC	Cooper H
Y3AB	Dexter I
Y3HB	Sonny B
Y3KCB	Daisy K
Y4EM	Alayna A
Y4LG	Jackson A
Y4TB	Lacey G
Y5BT	Minahil A
Y5JA	Evie H
Y5JM	Jed J
Y6DF	Sulaiman R
Y6GW	Amelia U
Y6LB	Hassan A

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.

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Social Media - Twitter/X

Following recent guidance and best practice advice regarding online safeguarding, we have taken the decision to discontinue our school Twitter/X account, effective immediately. While social media has been a convenient way to share daily updates and celebrate pupils' achievements, our priority must always be the safety, privacy, and online well-being of our school community.

Moving forward, all official announcements, event reminders, and pupils' highlights will be shared through our direct communication channels, including the weekly newsletter, email and app messages. We currently have an Insta account for Early Years which we will shortly be extending to cover the whole school.

We invite you to make sure your contact details and app notifications are up to date so you never miss an update. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to keep our digital environment as safe as possible for all our pupils.

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.

Please see below:

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, sweets 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.

Tuck shop Y3-Y6

Tuck shop is up and running. It would be really helpful if you bring the correct change and items are either 20p, 30p or 50p. Please help our tuck shop helpers by disposing of the rubbish correctly. A list of the items can be found on the school website.

Flu Immunisations

The School Immunisations Team will be coming to Athelstan on Friday 6th November to administer flu vaccinations to pupils. **Please note, the team cannot administer this without parental consent.** Please see the attached for further information of how to give parental consent or opt-out. The form must be completed either way to confirm if you give or do not give consent for your child to receive the immunisation.

Jewellery Policy

Jewellery is not permitted to be worn during any Physical Education activity at Athelstan Primary School or when representing the school for out-of-school events, for safety reasons. As a school we follow the up-to-date guidance from 'Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity' to comply with Health Safety. Under exceptional circumstances, including religious observance, earrings may be covered up with medical tape for PE. The medical tape must be provided by and applied by parents/carers and a disclaimer must be signed. By signing this disclaimer, parents/carers take full responsibility for their child and they will NOT hold the staff or the school responsible or liable for any resulting damage or injury to their child as a result of taped earrings in Physical Education Activities.

Athelstan Primary School PTA - Rainbow Raffle!

We need your help to create our Rainbow Hampers! We are collecting new, non-perishable items such as toys, treats, toiletries, stationery, etc. See the attached poster for further details.

Each year group is asked to collect different coloured items. Please see below for your child's year group colour:

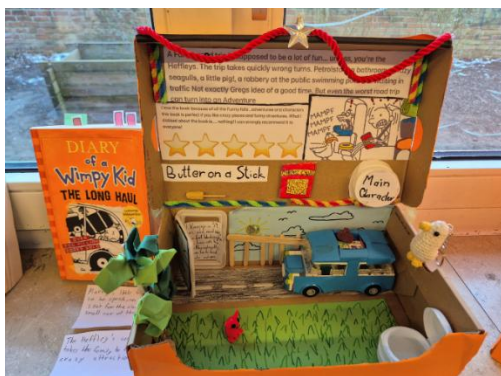
FS: Black | Y1: Blue | Y2: Yellow | Y3: White | Y4: Purple | Y5: Green | Y6: Orange

Please send any items into class with your child **by Friday 16th October**. Electronic raffle tickets are **50p each**. Please send money into school with your child in a named envelope and detail how many tickets you would like to purchase.

The raffle will be drawn during w/c Monday 19th October. All proceeds will go directly to school funds to benefit all of our children. Thank you for your support!

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!



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

Donations

We would love to add some more **superhero outfits** to our dressing-up areas! If you have any superhero costumes that your child has outgrown or no longer uses, we would be very grateful for any donations. Please pass them on to your child's class teacher. We are also looking for **hats for our role-play area**. Top hats, silly hats, sun hats or any other fun and imaginative hats would be very welcome! Thank you for helping us to make our role-play areas even more exciting and imaginative for the children.

Pumpkin Picking

We would be grateful for pumpkin donations (all shapes and sizes) for our pumpkin picking farm shop.

Read Write Inc Session – Monday 28th September 9am-9:30am

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 Yard until morning registration is complete.

Foundation Health Screening

The School Nursing team from the Sheffield Children's Hospital will attend school to carry out the height and weight screening, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), and the hearing screening, during this academic year.

In addition, the Vision team from the Sheffield Children's Hospital will attend school to carry out the vision check. If you would like support or to discuss your child's health, i.e. eating, sleeping, toileting issues, etc., please copy the link below to complete the "Ready for School" questionnaire.

<https://www.sheffield.childscreening.co.uk/Forms/SHQ>

Please complete the questionnaire before **16th October 2026**.

Your unique school code for **Athelstan Primary School** is **SF107083**

If you wish to opt out of this screening then please send an email to: scn-tr.ncmpoptout@nhs.net before **16th October 2026**.

Please include in your email the following details:

Name of child who you are opting out for

Date of birth of the child

School the child attends

Which screening you are opting out of

For more information about the programme please visit

website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-entry-health-screening/> or call Admin: 0114 3053224 (option 4)

Y1 News

Forest Schools

Forest School Sessions have now started 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

Y2 News

No additional news this week.

Y3 News

No additional news this week.

Y4 News

As part of our history curriculum learning about the Anglo-Saxons, Y4 would like to visit the Weston Park Museum. A contribution of £9.50 per child is required to cover the cost of the transport and the workshop. Payments should be made through ParentPay as soon as possible before 25th September. Each class will visit on the following dates:

Y4LG – Friday 2nd October

Y4EM – Friday 2nd October

Y4TB – Friday 9th October

Y5 News

No additional news this week.

Y6 News

Sheffield Blitz Walk

As part of our History topic, Y6 will be visiting Sheffield City Centre, to walk the sites of the Sheffield Blitz. A contribution of £2.00 per child is required to cover the cost of the bus fare. Payment should be made through ParentPay, our online payment system or cash (in a named envelope).

Each class will visit on the dates as follows:

Y6DF – Friday 2nd October

Y6LB – Monday 5th October

Y6GW – Friday 9th October

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**Well done to Y2AS who have achieved this week's highest attendance.
Well done on 100%**

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	96%
Green	98.2%
Blue	97.2%
Coral	98%
Ochre	87.6%
Violet	95.2%
Y2AS	100%
Y2CL	94.1%
Y2DC	97.7%
Y3AB	95.3%
Y3HB	98.7%
Y3KCB	96.7%
Y4EM	97%
Y4LG	92%
Y4TB	97%
Y5BT	97.2%
Y5JA	95.2%
Y5JM	93.2%
Y6DF	89%
Y6GW	94.7%
Y6LB	95.9%



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