



Letter Number 20 – Friday 6th February 2026



Stars of the Week



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

BLUE	Olivia B
GREEN	Omari S
RED	Finley G
CORAL	Lola S
OCHRE	Zaynab I
VIOLET	Amelie H
Y2AC	Brinley C
Y2MS	Fatimah M
Y2RJ	Violet L
Y3A	Carson W
Y3B	Milana L-B
Y3G	Rehaan S
Y4B	Chloe M
Y4J	Evie W
Y4W	Armeen S
Y5BT	Maisie-Leigh B
Y5DF	Helen A
Y5HB	Darcey A
Y6JT	Daniyaal Y & Uswah I
Y6LB	Lucy S
Y6NB	Liam H



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!

**Georgia B – Y5HB
Musa T – Y5HB
Matei S – Y5HB**

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Packed Lunch Policy

As the cold weather continues, we have listened to the views of parents and pupils, and as a result, have amended our policy to allow pupils to bring in hot food. Please see the relevant section from our updated policy below:

Hot Food

The school cannot heat food due to food safety and operational reasons. However, if you wish to send hot food, please use a child-safe insulated food flask that can keep it warm until lunch. Please ensure the food is cooked thoroughly at home and immediately placed in the flask. Hot drinks are not permitted due to the risk of spillage and scalds.

Ordering School Meals

If your child is going to arrive at school late (due to a medical appointment or other reason) and needs a school meal that day, please notify the office in advance by 9:30am, as meal orders must be placed with the kitchen before this time. Children who arrive at school after 9:30am, and do not have a meal pre-booked may not receive the school meal of their choice, as only the jacket potato option will be available at this time. Thank you for your support.

Children's Sleep Awareness Month

February is Children's Sleep Awareness Month. We all know that a good night's sleep is needed for our children to support their learning, well-being and development. Please follow the links below for some information which you may find useful:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/>

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/children-young-people-and-families-information-advice/sleep-and-children/>

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/health-and-wellbeing/help-with-sleep-problems/where-to-go-for-information-on-sleep-problems/>

If you wanted to refer to a sleep specialist, you can do this in two ways via the Early Years Partnership Process or by email to sheffieldduty.sleepreferrals@nhs.net Parents can also self-refer to their own health visitor by ringing 0114 3053224.

Chinese New Year Art Competition

This week we are launching a Chinese New Year art competition to celebrate the Year of the Horse! The competition encourages pupils to express their creativity through artwork inspired by the Year of the Horse, symbolising energy, independence and forward momentum, while engaging with Chinese culture in an accessible and inspiring way. **Please submit all entries to your class teacher by Friday 20th February;** this gives you time over the holidays to create art at home. A selection of entries will be sent to Sheffield University. The First prize will be a £10 Amazon e-Gift voucher, and there will be two runners up who will receive a £5 e-Gift Voucher. The overall winner of the competition will receive a £20 Amazon e-Gift voucher; this is judged by the Confucius Institute at the university, not by school. Winners will be showcased and celebrated at the Exhibition Launch Party. The Exhibition Launch party and ceremony will be on the 12th March at the Diamond at Sheffield University. The exhibition will then be open to the public from the 13th-20th of March at the Diamond. The competition is open to KS1 and KS2. You will need to have your full name and your class on the artwork otherwise your entry will not count. Digital artwork, 3D models and sculptures are NOT accepted. Please ensure all work is on A4 paper or card. Good luck; we cannot wait to see what you can create!

Sheffield Young Artist Competition

We are thrilled to be taking part in the Sheffield Young Artists' competition again this year. We'd love children in Y1 to Y6 to take part and create a piece of artwork at home for the competition. There is no theme in particular, so you can create any artwork you like! The only rules for entering the competition are that you must complete your artwork on thin card, canvas or paper, no larger than A4 size. You also need to write your full name, date of birth, class and 'Sheffield Young Artist' on the back of the artwork.

Please hand your artwork to your class teacher, no later than Monday 23rd February (any artwork handed in after this date will not be accepted). Our favourite pieces of artwork will then be chosen and submitted to the competition. Some will then be selected to be displayed at The Sheffield Young Artists' Main Exhibition which will be on 24th and 25th April at Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, S1 2JB.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Green Class

Please ensure book bags are in school from Wednesday to Friday for Green class. These are the days we listen to children read and change their books. Thank you for your support.

Outdoor Learning

Children will be taking part in Outdoor Learning sessions next week. Please ensure children have a puddle suit/waterproof clothing, wellies and that they are dressed in warm clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. Please bring wellies in a separate bag if possible.

Children will be taking part on the following days:

Green – Tuesday 10th February

Blue – Wednesday 11th February

Red – Thursday 12th February

Y1 News

Book of the Fortnight

Our book of the fortnight is **Beware of the Bears**. Our vocabulary words are: **whacked, revenge, mischievous, tangoed, catapulting** and **biffed**.

Outdoor Learning

There have been some changes to our Outdoor Learning Dates. The new dates are:

Violet – Tuesday 10th February

Ochre – Friday 13th February

Y2 News

No additional news this week.

Y3 News

Our Year 3s are currently working on their latest writing project, "**People's History**." They have been busy crafting meaningful stories about the lives of family members and teachers within our Athelstan community. The children are so excited to publish their work and share these stories with you! Please join us for a **Year 3 Publishing Celebration** on **Thursday 12th February at 2:45pm** in the Y3 classrooms. Please arrive at school through the main office to sign in.

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 News

Y5 Outdoor Learning

Due to the weather conditions this week, outdoor learning has been rearranged for next week. The new dates are:

Y5DF – Wednesday 11th February

Y5BT – Thursday 12th February

Y5HB – Friday 13th February

Y6 News

Y6NB Marble Treat

Y6NB will be having their marble treat on Friday 13th February in the afternoon. We will be having some extra playtime (weather permitting), playing some games and watching part of a film. Children may bring healthy snacks and a change of clothes for the afternoon if they wish to do so.

Whole School Outdoor Learning

To help promote wellbeing across school, each year group will be having an afternoon of outdoor learning each half term. 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.

The remaining sessions will take place on the following dates:

Foundation

Green – Tuesday 10th February

Blue – Wednesday 11th February

Red – Thursday 12th February

Year 1

Violet – Tuesday 10th February

Ochre – Friday 13th February

Year 5

Y5DF – Wednesday 11th February

Y5BT – Thursday 12th February

Y5HB – Friday 13th February

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

**Well done to Y6NB, who achieved the highest attendance this week!
Also, Y6JT was the most improved attendance.**

Class	Last Week's Attendance
Red	93.5%
Green	86.3%
Blue	87.4%
Coral	95%
Ochre	87%
Violet	87.5%
Y2RJ	92%
Y2MS	93.4%
Y2AC	97%
Y3A	96%
Y3B	92.1%
Y3G	94.7%
Y4J	89.3%
Y4W	91%
Y4B	93.9%
Y5BT	89%
Y5HB	94%
Y5DF	90.7%
Y6JT	97.1%
Y6NB	98.6%
Y6LB	96.6%



FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10.02.26	Athelstan Choir - Young Voices Performance - Utilita Arena Sheffield
Friday 13.02.26	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 16.02.26	Half term holiday begins
Monday 23.02.26	Children return to school
Thursday 05.03.26	World Book Day
Friday 20.03.26	Red Nose Day

Have a lovely weekend!

