



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 12 – Friday 28th November 2025



Stars of the Week



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

CORAL	Hallelujah A-R
OCHRE	Cooper H
VIOLET	Jax H
Y2AC	Dion M
Y2MS	Lachlan P
Y2RJ	Emmie M
Y3A	Alice F
Y3B	Cecilia H
Y3G	Maryam F
Y4B	Affan Q
Y4J	Luogen G-H
Y4W	Mirka H
Y5BT	Teddy S
Y5DF	Iva S & Helen J
Y5HB	Jack S
Y6JT	Ilsa S
Y6NB	Orestas D

Attendance

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving to school late each morning. We know that sometimes this can be unavoidable; however, arriving late does impact your child's and other children's learning. Please be reminded that the doors open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am.

Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone the office before 9.30am, each day.

- We do encourage parents/carers to leave a message on our absence line (0114 269 2301 and press option 2) as this is checked throughout the day. Please leave your child's name, class and the nature of their illness.
- If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to be off school for 48 hours from the last bout.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Milk – Spring Term 2026

The cost of school milk for the spring term (Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026) is £12.65. If you would like your child to have school milk when we return to school after the Christmas holiday, you will need to make an online payment through ParentPay, **by no later Friday 12th December 2025. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED.**

We will take the payment for milk as the authority to order your child's milk for the spring term.

Children who qualify for income based free school meals are entitled to free milk, and this will be ordered automatically by school for them.

If your child is now 5 years of age (or they will have turned 5 **before** 5th January 2026) and they do not qualify for income based free school meals, you will need to make the payment via ParentPay.

If your child will be under the age of 5 on Monday 5th January 2026, they will still be entitled to free milk, and this will be ordered automatically for them by school.

If you would like your child to receive school milk during the spring term but you haven't already set up your child's ParentPay account, please speak to a member of staff in the office.

Disney on Ice Raffle Tickets

Sheffield United Community Foundation have very kindly donated 4 tickets for Disney on Ice - Find Your Hero at the Utilita Arena Sheffield, on the 21st December at 6.30pm.

Tickets are now on sale priced at 50p per ticket. All money raised will go into the school fund for the benefit of our pupils. Please send the exact amount of money and the number of tickets you would like to purchase in a named envelope to school with your child by Friday 12th December. The winner will be drawn week commencing 15th December.

Athelstan Skaters in Defying Gravity on Ice: Friday 5th and Saturday 6th December

You may already know that two of our amazing students, Bonnie in Y4J and Eloise in Y6LB, are skating stars and spend lots of time practising at the rink. Next week, they will both be appearing in 'Defying Gravity on Ice' at Ice Sheffield. There are 4 shows and we are sure it would be wonderful to see some friendly Athelstan representation at all of them!

Friday 5th December 12pm and 7pm

Saturday 6th December 12pm and 7pm

If you are interested in supporting the girls and purchasing tickets to watch the shows, visit the link below.

<https://www.everyoneactive.com/news/defying-gravity-on-ice/>

Good luck Bonnie and Eloise!

Eco Warrior Art Competition – Christmas Card Design

We are excited to launch this year's Eco Warrior Art Competition! Children are invited to design a 2D Christmas Card for their year group, focusing on creativity and eco-friendly themes.

Each child's design should be flat (2D) so it can be easily copied. A winner will be chosen from each year group, and their artwork will be transformed into a large Christmas Card to represent the entire year group.

We can't wait to see the wonderful, environmentally inspired designs our pupils create!

Christmas Cards

As we are a Green Flag school, it is even more important that we uphold the values required to tackle climate change. Therefore, as in previous years, we kindly ask that children do not bring individual Christmas cards into school. Children in all year groups will get the opportunity to send their wishes in their year group Christmas card. If any children do bring individual cards, it is the expectation that these are handed out either before or after school in the yard and not during school time. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Design a Kit Competition

Sheffield United have teamed up with kit manufacturer, Errea, to offer school pupils the chance to design a kit. The winner of the "Design a Kit" competition will see their design come to life, as it will be created by Errea and a full set sent to the winner's school! The template kit for all pupils to design their kit on has been sent again as an attachment to this newsletter. Please give all entries to Miss Windle before the competition ends on 19th December 2025.

A message from the PTA

Secret Santa

We will be holding our very popular Secret Santa sale again this year, where the children will be able to purchase presents for their family and friends for £2.50 each. There is no limit to the amount that each child can buy. Please can children bring their money in a **named envelope** to make the purchasing process easier and where possible, the correct money.

The sales will take place in the Junior Hall (with the exception of Foundation & Y1) on the following dates/times:

Monday 15th December

11:45am – Y2AC Class

12:15pm – Y2MS & Y2RJ

Tuesday 16th December

12:15pm – Year 3

12:45pm – Year 6

Wednesday 17th December

12:15pm – Year 4

12:45pm – Year 5

Foundation and Year 1 Children - Gifts will be available to purchase in the Foundation & Y1 shared areas on each day.



Outdoor Learning

To help promote wellbeing across school, each year group will be having an afternoon of outdoor learning each half term. See attached poster for more information. **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.**

Some year groups have already had their Outdoor Learning Session and some sessions have changed again. The remaining sessions will take place on the following dates:

Year 1

Ochre class - Tues 16th Dec

Violet class - Thurs 18th Dec

Coral class – Wed 17th Dec

Year 3

Y3G - Tues 2nd Dec

Y3B - Wed 3rd Dec

Y3A - Thurs 4th Dec

Year 4

Y4B - Tues 2nd Dec

Y4J - Wed 3rd Dec

Y4W - Thurs 4th Dec

Year 5

Y5HB - Tues 9th Dec

Y5DF - Wed 10th Dec

Y5BT - Thurs 11th Dec

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

No additional news this week.

Y1 News

Book of the Fortnight

Our book of the fortnight is **Izzy Gizmo** by Pip Jones. Our vocabulary words are: **invent, dismantled, mended, succeed, gadget** and **glitch**.

Nativity – Important Information

The rehearsals are underway for this year's Nativity. If your child has brought a script home, we would be grateful if you could help them to learn their lines.

All tickets have been sent home this week for both performances. Please keep these safe as no duplicates will be issued.

Both performances are adult only, please therefore arrange childcare for any siblings. Please note, anyone arriving with children will be refused entry.

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

Y2RJ Class Treat

On Friday 5th December, Y2RJ will be having their marble treat in the afternoon. Weather permitting, we will be playing games outside, building Lego and mindful colouring. Children can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon if they wish to do so.

Y3 News

Stone Age Day

As part of our history topic on the Stone Age, we have arranged for an in-school Stone Age Experience, on Thursday 11th December. Children will be learning about the Stone Age, through a range of activities. Children are invited to come to school dressed as cavemen/cavewomen, for the full day. If your child does not wish to dress up, they need to wear their school uniform as normal for the full day.

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 News

No additional news this week.

Y6 News

No additional news this week.

Mindfulness at Athelstan

breath barometer - 3 minute pause (youtube.com)

finger breath - 3 minute pause (youtube.com)

hugging breath - 3-minute pause (youtube.com)



Makaton

Makaton is used by many people as a support to communication. Our hope is to enable all students to be able to confidently communicate with their peers and all staff in school. Please follow the link below to our website if you would like to join us on this learning journey:

<https://athelstan-primary-school.primarysite.media/playlist/makaton>

Food Works – Handsworth

Please follow the links below for further information about Food Works:

[Market – Food Works](#)

[Handsworth – Food Works](#)



Tuesday 09.12.25	Y1 Nativity - 1:30pm - adults only
Thursday 11.12.25	Y1 Nativity - 10am - adults only
Friday 12.12.25	Rocksteady Concert – 9:30am (invite only)
Monday 15.12.25 - Friday 19.12.25	Christmas Jumper/Colours Week
Monday 15.12.25 – Wednesday 17.12.25	PTA Secret Santa Sales
Wednesday 17.12.25	Christmas Dinner Special Menu
Friday 19.12.25	Break up for the Christmas holidays on this day so children will attend on this day
Monday 22.12.25	Christmas holidays begin
Monday 05.01.26	Children return to school

Have a lovely weekend!

