



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 5 – Friday 2nd October 2026



Gold Award Winners



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

CORAL	Dawood A
OCHRE	Dlin M
VIOLET	Freya M
Y2AS	Bella D
Y2CL	Iza M
Y2DC	Toshan P
Y3AB	Ethan P
Y3HB	Lachlan P
Y3KCB	Rory C
Y4LG	Amber L
Y4TB	Roman
Y5BT	Thomas M
Y5JA	Harli W
Y5JM	Freya H
Y6GW	Jasper R
Y6LB	Rebecca O

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

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:

<https://www.athelstanprimaryschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=4>

Packed Lunch Policy

Please can parents/carer refer to our Packed Lunch Policy:

<https://www.athelstanprimaryschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=1132>

As we have children and staff with nut allergies, nuts and nut products (e.g., peanut butter and Nutella etc) should not be sent to school. We are also finding a lot of items including pizza, chips and chicken nuggets etc. which are not permitted. Thank you for your support.

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.

Whole School Photographs

Jane Stapleton Photography will be in school on **Wednesday 14th October**, to take individual photographs of children in all year groups. Children who have siblings in school will have their photographs taken both individually and together during the school day.

Pre-school Siblings - For those children who have pre-school siblings that do not attend Athelstan, there will be an earlier photoshoot to have a sibling photograph, but these will only take place between 8.15am and 8.45am. **Please ensure you bring your non-Athelstan pre-school children between these times only.** Non-Athelstan children who arrive after 8.45am will not be able to have their photograph taken, as this will impact on the school day. Please enter school via the main reception area. Please bear with us at this busy time.

If your child has a PE lesson or Forest Schools/Outdoor Learning session on this day, please ensure that they come to school wearing their full school uniform and bring their PE kit/change of clothes in a named bag to change into.

If you have any queries, please email Amy Brownhill on abrownhill@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Sporting Achievements Outside of School

Do you have a young sports star at home? We want to celebrate our pupils' outside-of-school sporting achievements! Whether it's gymnastics, football, swimming, martial arts, or dance, please email clang@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk with details of what your child has achieved so we can include a special shoutout in our school newsletter. We are also updating our sports wall in the hall! Please send in photos of your child with their medals, certificates, or in action so we can add them to our display. Please include your child's name, class, and a quick sentence about their achievement

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!

Non-Uniform Day – Snowflake Appeal – Sheffield Children's Hospital

On Thursday 22nd October, we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise money to sponsor a snowflake for The Sheffield Children's Hospital. We are hoping to raise as much money as we can for this amazing cause and would be grateful if each child could bring a minimum donation of £1.00 on the day. Thank you for your support!

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

Photographs

As part of our 'All About Me' topic, we would love to learn more about the children and the special people in their lives. If possible, please send in a photograph of your child as a baby, along with photographs of family members, by Tuesday next week. The photographs will give the children an opportunity to talk about themselves, their families and their experiences, while helping us to get to know them a little better. Please ensure you write your child's name and class on the back of the photographs. Thank you for your support!

Reading Packs

Reading packs have been sent home with your child this week. Inside the plastic wallet, you will find a reading record where you can record each time your child reads with you. We expect children to read five times a week. Your child will also have a sound blending book. They should practise reading the individual sounds and then blending them together, for example m-a-t → mat. Please practise these sounds regularly so that your child becomes increasingly confident and fluent. Alongside this, your child has chosen a Reading for Pleasure book. This is a storybook for you to enjoy and share together at home. Please talk about the story, look at the pictures and enjoy the book together. We will change both the sound blending book and the Reading for Pleasure book each week when we read with your child. Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading at home.

Donations

We would be grateful for any donations of the following items:

- 1. Dressing-up outfits** - 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. 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.
- 2. Spare Clothes** - We are kindly asking families to donate any clean, good-condition trousers, underwear and socks that are no longer needed at home. These items will be kept in school as spare clothing for children who may need a change of clothes during the school day. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and will help us ensure that we have suitable spare clothing available when needed. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
- 3. Pumpkins** - We would be grateful for pumpkin donations (all shapes and sizes) for our pumpkin picking farm shop.

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

Book of the Fortnight

Our book of the fortnight is **The Naughty Bus**. Our vocabulary words are: **important, reflection, handsome, lonely, rescue** and **promise**.

Junk Modelling

We would be grateful for donations of any cardboard boxes, clean plastic bottles or cartons etc for our junk modelling. Please give donations to the class teacher.

Pine Cones

We are collecting pine cones! If you spot any when you are out and about, we would be grateful if you could collect these and hand them to the class teacher.

Learning Logs

All Y1 children will be receiving a 'Learning Log'. The aim of this is to update you on what the children have been learning at school and will give you some ideas of activities you might want to do together at home. They will be sent out each Thursday and we ask you to return them by the following Tuesday if you have taken part.

Forest Schools

Forest School Sessions are continuing each week for Y1 children. **Volunteers** – If you are available to volunteer to help during one of the sessions, please speak to your child's class teacher. 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

Local Area Walks

As part of our geography topic this term, Y3 children will be going on a walk around the local area. If you would like to volunteer to assist us on one of the walks, please email your child's class teacher and they will let you know. The walks will take place between 1:20pm and 3pm.

Each class will be going on the following dates:

Monday 12th October – Y3AB – abarraclough@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Friday 16th October – Y3HB – hbouskill@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Monday 19th October – Y3KCB – kcleaves-blake@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y4 News

Weston Park Museum Visit

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

Outdoor Learning

Y4 children will be taking part in outdoor learning sessions. Children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear, to change into for these sessions, as they will be taking place outdoors in all weather conditions. The sessions will take place on the following days:

Tuesday 13th October – Y4TB

Wednesday 14th October – Y4LG

Thursday 15th October – Y4EM

Y5 News

Wonder Dome Mobile Planetarium

As part of our science curriculum about space, the Y5 children will be stepping into a Wonder Dome and be transported on a cosmic journey on Monday 19th October. It will be a thrilling adventure exploring the wonders of the Universe. Children will learn about planet formation to the birth and death of stars, from launching rockets to stepping foot on other worlds. A contribution of £5.22 per child is required to cover the cost of the experience. We would be grateful if parents/carers could make a contribution as soon as possible via ParentPay.

Outdoor Learning

Y5 children will be taking part in outdoor learning sessions. Children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear, to change into for these sessions, as they will be taking place outdoors in all weather conditions. The sessions will take place on the following days:

Tuesday 20th October – Y5JM

Wednesday 21st October – Y5BT

Thursday 22nd October – Y5JA – Due to Mr Abbiw being on a visit in the afternoon, his session will be held in the morning. Children should therefore arrive to school wearing their outdoor learning clothes and bring a change of clothes for the afternoon session.

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 can be made through ParentPay, our online payment system, or in cash (in a named envelope).

The remaining visits are as follows:

Y6LB – Monday 5th October

Y6GW – Friday 9th October

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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

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Manor Adventure – Medication Drop-ins.

If your child has any sort of medication, please ensure that you attend one of the Medication Drop-In Sessions on Friday 13th or Monday 16th November at 3:30pm, where Mr Thompson and Mrs Godwin will go through the medication and permission for school staff to administer this while your child is on the residential. Please enter school via the office.



Well done to Green Class, who have achieved the highest attendance for two weeks in a row!

This week's most improved attendance is Violet Class.

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	98.2%
Green	99.3%
Blue	96.5%
Coral	96.7%
Ochre	92.1%
Violet	93.1%
Y2AS	93.6%
Y2CL	95.5%
Y2DC	95%
Y3AB	95%
Y3HB	94%
Y3KCB	97.3%
Y4EM	96.7%
Y4LG	95.7%
Y4TB	98%
Y5BT	96.6%
Y5JA	94.1%
Y5JM	97.4%
Y6DF	92.6%
Y6GW	97%
Y6LB	97.2%



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