



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 6 – Friday 9th October 2026



Gold Award Winners



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

CORAL	Poppy M
OCHRE	Mia O
VIOLET	Adam F
Y2AS	Logan T
Y2CL	Millie L
Y2DC	Oscar P
Y3AB	Shelia B
Y3HB	Joseph C
Y3KCB	Nellie H
Y4EM	Alivia T & Tehila E
Y4LG	Cassius K
Y4TB	Eadie H
Y5BT	Cassidy M
Y5JA	Alyssa N
Y5JM	Noah G
Y6DF	Mensah S & Rowan H
Y6GW	Helen J
Y6LB	Georgia B

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

AI Policy

We would like to alert parents and carers to our new AI Policy, which is attached and can also be found on our website (e-Safety page under the Parents/Carers tab). Parents are able to report any issues or concerns relating to AI by emailing one of our Safeguarding Team: Lisa Watson, Anna Waring, James Thompson, Selina Ashton and Emma Fox.

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

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.

Cycle to School

Decathlon are offering free bike checks to help make sure children are safe on their bikes. Why not take your bikes down and get them checked? If your child comes to school on their bike, please send Mrs Stillings a photograph of them on gstillings@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

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.

Volunteers Needed: Rainbow Raffle! ⚡

Our Rainbow Raffle is just around the corner, and the children are so excited seeing all the colourful goodies coming in! But we need a tiny bit of help from our wonderful parent community.

Do you have just 30 minutes to spare during the last week of term? We are looking for a few volunteers to help us assemble the hampers on either Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th October. Grab a hot drink, join a few fellow parents and help us package up the hampers. If you can lend a hand, please drop a quick email to hello@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Thank you so much for always supporting our school!

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!



Tyre Donations

If anyone has any old tyres that they are able to donate to us as part of our outdoor areas, it would be greatly appreciated.

🏆 🌟 Sporting Achievements 🌟 🏆

Congratulations to Ava R in Y5JM for receiving a participation medal in her dance shows.
Gunes B in Y4LG has moved up from 'Advanced' to 'Advanced Plus' in gymnastics, good luck in your upcoming competition!
Isabelle M in Y5JM has started competing at British Showjumping and won her first 60cm show jumping class, her sister Amelia in Green Class and her pony Missy also won 3rd in a show jumping competition!
Well done to Adam in Coral Class who won 'Messi of the week' in football.
Elsie F in Y6GW achieved dance of the week and got to take 'Toby Teddy' home for the week!
Well done to Edith V in Y3HB showing amazing skills in football!
Congratulations to Sofia K-P in Red Class for receiving her Level 3 Floors and Pieces certificate and medal.

Well done to all our Sports Stars!

Don't forget to email Miss Lang on clang@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk with details of what your child has achieved so that we can give them a shout-out!

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

Coats

Please send your child to school with a coat every day, as the weather is getting colder and we often use the outdoor area. We will also be practising putting on our coats independently and zipping them up as part of our curriculum, so having their own coat in school will give the children lots of opportunities to practise this important skill.

Where's my Teddy?

Next week Foundation will be learning the story 'Where's my Teddy?' We'll be talking about what teddy or toy is special to them and why. On Friday we would love it if each child could bring in a special teddy or toy that they can talk about during learning time. Please ensure that their special toy is labelled with their name so they do not lose it.

Donations

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

1. **Pumpkins** - We would be grateful for pumpkin donations (all shapes and sizes) for our pumpkin picking farm shop.
2. **Small Pieces of Wood** - We are looking for donations of small pieces of wood to use for our upcoming hedgehog woodwork project. If you have any suitable offcuts or scraps of untreated wood that you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.
3. **Pine Cone** - We are also looking for donations of pine cones, which we will be using to make owls next term. If you have any pine cones you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

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 **Room on the Broom**. Our vocabulary words are: **politely, eagerly, firmly, braid, moors** and **grateful**.

Read Write Inc Lesson

On Tuesday 3rd November, Parents/Carers are invited to join their children to take part in a Read Write Inc lesson. More details regarding timings will follow next week.

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.

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

Local Area Walks

Y1 would like to go 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 1pm and 3pm and each class will be going on the following dates:

Monday 19th October - **Coral** - scattell@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Tuesday 20th October - **Violet** - ljenkins@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk or jsimpkins@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Wednesday 21st October - **Ochre** - iwilkinson@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y2 News

Outdoor Learning

On Thursday 22nd October, Y2 children will be taking part in an outdoor learning session. Sessions take place in all weather conditions; therefore, children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear to change into for the afternoon session.

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

Outdoor Learning

On Thursday 22nd October, Y3 children will be taking part in an outdoor learning session. Sessions take place in all weather conditions; therefore, children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear to change into for the afternoon session.

Y4 News

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 outdoor learning 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 (non-uniform day).

Y6 News

Height and Weight 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), during this academic year. 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

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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 Y5BT who have achieved the highest attendance.
This week's most improved attendance is Y2AS.**

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	96.4%
Green	98.6%
Blue	91%
Coral	96%
Ochre	92.1%
Violet	96.6%
Y2AS	99.1%
Y2CL	96.4%
Y2DC	87.7%
Y3AB	97%
Y3HB	96.7%
Y3KCB	97.3%
Y4EM	95.3%
Y4LG	93%
Y4TB	96%
Y5BT	99.3%
Y5JA	93.3%
Y5JM	96.1%
Y6DF	96.8%
Y6GW	94%
Y6LB	94.5%



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
Tuesday 03.11.26	Y1 Read Write Inc Session
Friday 06.11.26	Whole School Flu Immunisations