



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 11 – Friday 21st November 2025



Stars of the Week



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

CORAL	Nova-Rayne T
OCHRE	Lara S
VIOLET	Grae C-C
Y2AC	Kayden L
Y2MS	Millie C
Y2RJ	Aria K
Y3A	Kai N
Y3B	Ellie R
Y3G	Brooklyn S
Y4J	Evie H
Y4W	Ronny R
Y5BT	Sulaiman R
Y5DF	Moez T
Y5HB	Poppy K



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!

Katie Y5HB

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.

A Message from Athelstan's Senior Mental Health Lead – Selina Ashton

Are you worried about your child's mental health? I am a trained Child Mental Health First Aider and a trained 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. We can also discuss what we can do in school to support your child.

Appointments will be 20 minutes and will be available on the following date:

Wed 3rd December between 8:30 – 10am

If you would like an appointment then please contact Selina Ashton on

sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

After School Clubs

This Half-term

All clubs will have their final session the week commencing 8th December. There will be **no clubs** last week of school before we break up for Christmas.

After the Christmas Holidays

Emails have been sent out today regarding After School Clubs running after the Christmas holiday. All completed forms should be submitted by Friday 28th November. You will be notified by email if your child has been allocated a place.

The Snowflake Appeal

We are pleased to announce the outstanding success of our recent charity fundraising efforts. Through the combined support for our **non-uniform day** and the **Adopt-a-Bear** event, the school community raised a total of **£1,123.01** for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity Snowflake Appeal. We can't wait to see our snowflake lit up on the hospital building as a wonderful symbol of our support.

We must also give a special thank you to all the families who generously donated the bears for the adoption event. Furthermore, we are immensely proud of our dedicated Student Council. They worked so hard to organise the bears, design the beautiful adoption certificates, promote the event and run the event smoothly on the day.

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.

From Monday 24th November, we will be selling raffle tickets for 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 with your child by Friday 12th December. The winner will be drawn week commencing 15th December.

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. Please note, some classes have changed the date.**

Y2 have had their sessions this week. The remaining sessions will take place on the following dates:

Foundation

Red Class - Tues 25th Nov

Blue Class - Wed 26th Nov

Green Class - Thurs 27th Nov

Year 1

Ochre class - Tues 16th Dec

Violet class - Thurs 18th Dec

Coral class – Wed 17th Dec

Year 3

Y3B - Tues 2nd Dec

Y3A - Wed 3rd Dec

Y3G - Thurs 4th Dec

Year 4

Y4B - Tues 2nd Dec

Y4J - Wed 3rd Dec

Y4W - Thurs 4th Dec

Year 5

Y5B - Tues 9th Dec

Y5F - Wed 10th Dec

Y5BT - Thurs 11th Dec

Year 6

Due to Manor Adventure Y6 will not be having a wellbeing afternoon this half term, but will start from Spring 1.

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 as an attachment in the newsletter.** Please give all entries to Miss Windle before the competition ends on 19th December 2025.

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!

Butterfly Garden Donations

Nadege who runs mindfulness sessions across school and at lunchtime in the Butterfly Garden, is desperately in need of wool, so that the children can make pom poms and do some crochet.

If you have any spare wool or yarn that you no longer need, can you please bring it into the school office or send it into school with your child. We would really appreciate it.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Outdoor Learning Days

Please see the change of dates detailed above, and ensure your child comes to school on wearing suitable outdoor learning clothes for the full day.

Y1 News

Book of the Fortnight

Our book of the fortnight is **Spider Sandwiches** by Claire Freedman and Sue Hendra. Our vocabulary words are: **appetite, mucky, glug, pickled, mould** and **oozes**.

Nativity

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. Further information about the performances and tickets will be sent out next week.

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

Y2MS Class Treat

On Friday 28th November, Y2MS will be having their marble treat in the afternoon. Weather permitting, we will be having 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

Y5DF Class Treat

On Thursday 27th November, Y5DF will be having their marble treat in the afternoon. Children can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon if they wish do so and we will be watching a PG rated film.

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
Monday 15.12.25 - Friday 19.12.25	Christmas Jumper/Colours Week
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!

