



Letter Number 21 – Friday 13th February 2026



Stars of the Week



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

BLUE	Lila U
GREEN	Eva-Grace F
RED	Zayna A
CORAL	Eli FM
OCHRE	Faith C
VIOLET	Hamza M
Y2AC	Leyton H
Y2MS	Malachi B
Y2RJ	Nazmin B
Y3A	Charlie C
Y3B	Amber L
Y3G	Lacey G
Y4B	Max H
Y4J	Noah J & Jessica G
Y4W	Yousuf K
Y5BT	Isabella F
Y5HB	Matei S
Y6JT	Uswah I and Sophia S
Y6LB	Alex P
Y6NB	Amelie T



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!

**Parker B – Y6LB
Tise A – Y6LB
Lucy S – Y6LB
Nusaybah A – Y6LB**

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Message from the Governing Body

The Governing Body would like to officially welcome Martin Fallon to the team as Executive Headteacher. Martin is already a familiar face at Athelstan, having supported us recently alongside his role as Headteacher at Mosborough Primary. We look forward to benefiting from his wealth of experience as we work together to ensure the very best for our pupils.

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 Monday 23rd 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.

PE Lessons

Please find details of PE below.

Children in all year groups need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have their PE lesson.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blue					PE
Green			PE		
Red					PE
Coral			PE		PE
Ochre	PE	PE			
Violet	PE	PE			
Y2AC				PE	PE
Y2MS			PE		PE
Y2RJ		PE	PE		
Y3A			PE		PE
Y3B			PE	PE	
Y3G	PE			PE	
Y4B	PE	PE			
Y4J	PE				PE
Y4W		PE		PE	
Y5BT		PE	PE		
Y5DF		PE		PE	
Y5HB	PE	PE			
Y6JT			PE		PE
Y6LB	PE			PE	
Y6NB		PE		PE	

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

No additional news this week.

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**.

Forest School Sessions

Starting after half term, Y1 will be having their weekly Forest School sessions again. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing to take part in these sessions. Each class will have their session on the following day:

Violet – Wednesdays

Coral - Thursdays

Ochre – Fridays

Y2 News

No additional news this week.

Y3 News

Cardboard Packaging

After half term, Y3 will be learning about shell structures in Design and Technology. This includes investigating different packaging. Could you please send your child with an empty, cardboard packaging box on the first Monday back (empty cereal boxes, pizza boxes, chocolate boxes etc) the more unusual the shape the better.

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 News

Manor Adventure Residential

Children who will be in Y6 next school year, will have a chance to go on a residential visit to Manor Adventure at Willersley Castle in Matlock from Wednesday 18th November to Friday 20th November 2026. To secure your child's place, please ensure you complete the consent form as soon as possible before Monday 23rd March 2026.

Y6 News

No additional news this week.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Well done to Violet Class, who achieved both the highest and most improved attendance!

Class	Last Week's Attendance
Red	92.5%
Green	95.3%
Blue	89.1%
Coral	94.6%
Ochre	98.3%
Violet	99%
Y2RJ	91%
Y2MS	93.4%
Y2AC	94.7%
Y3A	92.3%
Y3B	95.9%
Y3G	97%
Y4J	91.7%
Y4W	94.5%
Y4B	90.4%
Y5BT	92.6%
Y5HB	96.3%
Y5DF	95%
Y6JT	92.3%
Y6NB	97.2%
Y6LB	94.5%



FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Half Term!

