



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 10 – Friday 14th November 2025



Stars of the Week



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

CORAL	Adam M
OCHRE	Oscar H-B
VIOLET	Aria O-S
Y2AC	Evelyn B
Y2MS	Autumn P
Y2RJ	Grace A
Y3A	Sophie C-D
Y3B	Arwa A
Y3G	Ibraheem T
Y4B	George C
Y4J	Livvy B
Y4W	Freya H
Y5BT	Olivia O
Y5DF	Isabelle D
Y5HB	Laila A
Y6JT	Isla H
Y6LB	Joseph S
Y6NB	Halle C



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!

Saanvika – Y3B

Cassius – Y3B

Eliza – Y3A

Alana – Y3A

Robin - Y4J

Areeha – Y4J

Macey – Y6LB

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Driving and Parking Around School Grounds

Please can we remind parents/carers about driving safely and to ensure that you park considerately and legally around school grounds and residential areas. We are extremely concerned about the safety of our children. We invest a huge amount of money in keeping our children safe, but we simply do not have the resources to monitor parking and safety outside school grounds.

Please take note of the following points:

- Follow the rules and restrictions of double yellow lines
- Do not block the school gates
- Do not block residential driveways
- Do not park in the care home or on the pavements
- Pay extra due care and attention
- The bus must always have access to the bus stop – no parking is permitted here at all times!
- Be kind and courteous to all members of the community. We urge parents/carers to report any threatening language or behaviour to the Police.
- If you witness any illegal or inconsiderate parking, please email photos including the vehicle registration to parkingenforcement@sheffield.gov

Safety around school grounds is a constant concern for us, and we rely on all members of our school community to drive and park considerately. Thank you for your support!

School Photographs

You should have now received the proof and details of how to order the school photographs. The deadline to order with free delivery to school is Tuesday 18th November. Please follow the instructions on the photo proof to order online directly with the photographers.

Athelstan's Winter Book Fair

We are delighted to be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the **infant hall** between **3.20pm** and **3.50pm**, on **Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th** and **Thursday 20th November**.

You will be able to enter the hall school via the **doors at the rear of the building**.

(Please do not use the Breakfast Club doors due to The Blossom Tree After School Club using this space.)

Children will also be able to visit the book fair with their class during the week:

Tuesday 18th November - Y4

Wednesday 19th November - Y1 & Y5

Thursday 20th November - FS & Y3

Friday 21st November - Y2

Monday 24th November - Y6

Every book purchased earns us free books for our school!

Prices start from £1.99, with a quarter of the stock under £5, and there are a number of ways to pay:

1. Cash! Send your child to school with coins or notes (£5 notes appreciated please) in a named envelope.
2. If you attend the book fair after school in person, there is a QR code to pay online via your phone.
3. You can also buy a pre-paid 'gift card' for your child with a set amount of money to spend at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers> . You will simply need to show or print the confirmation email, or forward it to your child's class teacher.

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 dates:

Wed 19th November between 8:30 – 10am

Wed 3rd December between 8:30 – 10am

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

sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

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.

The sessions will take place on the following dates:

Foundation

Green class - Tues 25th Nov

Red Class - Wed 26th Nov

Blue class - Thurs 27th Nov

Year 1

Ochre class - Tues 16th Dec

Violet class - Thurs 18th Dec

Coral class - Fri 19th Dec

Year 2

Y2RJ - Tues 18th Nov

Y2MS - Wed 19th Nov

Y2AC - Thurs 20th Nov

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.

Updated Y1-Y6 PE Lessons

Please find details of PE and swimming days below.

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have a PE lesson.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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			
Y4J	Swimming				PE
Y4W		PE			
Y5BT	PE		PE		
Y5DF		PE		PE	
Y5HB		PE		PE	
Y6JT		PE			PE
Y6LB	PE		PE		
Y6NB		PE		PE	

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.

Autumn Art Competition

We have loved all of the entries for the Autumn Art Competition! All of the artwork looks beautiful. We have ordered the prizes and we will be announcing the winners soon.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

No additional news this week.

Y1 News

Forest Schools

This term, Year 1 children will not be taking part in weekly Forest Schools sessions. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their uniform or their PE kit (when it is their designated PE day). Please refer to the above PE timetable as these days may have changed.

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**.

Y2 News

No additional news this week.

Y3 News

Y3B Class Treat

On Thursday 20th November, Y3B will be having their marble treat in the afternoon. Weather permitting, we will be having an extra playtime outside or watching a film. Children can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon if they wish, although they should already be wearing their PE kits. They can also bring a small teddy and a healthy snack.

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

Monday 17th November: water safety swimming sessions

Y4 children will be completing two water safety lessons in the pool. They will learn the basics of a cold water rescue and what to do in an emergency involving water. In addition to their usual swimming costumes and towels, they will need to bring a set of old clothes which they will be wearing in the water. A pair of pyjamas would be ideal. Both short sleeve and long sleeve tops are fine. The clothes will be worn on top of their usual swimwear.

Please email your child's teacher if you require any clarification:

djohnson@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

cbastock@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

gwindle@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y4J Class Treat

On Wednesday 19th November, Y4J will be having their marble treat in the afternoon. We will be playing games and watching a film. Should they wish to do so, children can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon, a small teddy, and a healthy snack.

Y5 News

No additional news this week.

Y6 News

Manor Adventure Residential

If your child has any sort of medication, please ensure that you attend one of the Medication Drop-In Sessions on Monday 17th or Tuesday 18th November at 3:30pm, where Mr Mills and Mrs Godwin will go through the permissions with you. Please enter school via the office.

Y6 Tuition Clubs

Due to the Y6 Manor Adventure Residential, there will be no Tuition Clubs taking place next week. If your child attends Tuition and is not going on the residential, they will finish school at the usual hometime of 3:20pm.

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](#)



FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17.11.25 -Tuesday 18.11.25	Y6 Manor Adventure Medication Drop-Off
Tuesday 18.11.25 – Thursday 20.11.25	Athelstan Book Fair – 3:20pm – 3:50pm
Wednesday 19.11.25 – Friday 21.11.25	Y6 Manor Adventure Residential
Tuesday 09.12.25	Y1 Nativity - 1:30pm - adults only
Thursday 11.12.25	Y1 Nativity - 10am - adults only
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

Have a lovely weekend!

