



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 9 – Friday 7th November 2025



Stars of the Week



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

CORAL	Umayyah A
OCHRE	Finley A & Harry T
VIOLET	Finley G-H
Y2AC	Harrison B-R
Y2MS	Myla C
Y3A	Eliza G
Y3B	Lucy B
Y3G	Ayobami H
Y4B	Minahil A
Y4J	Areeha S
Y4W	Harry C
Y5BT	Malaia R
Y5DF	Amira K
Y5HB	Malyka R
Y6JT	Riley B
Y6LB	Teddy N
Y6NB	Aseel A

Attendance & Punctuality

As expected in the winter months, seasonal illnesses are circulating and to support parents, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published [advice](#) on how to reduce their spread. Please see the NHS [guidance](#) to know when a child is too ill for school. Pupils should not miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend school with a cough or cold, unless they have a high temperature, diarrhoea or vomiting. Thank you for your support.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

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!

Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day is taking place on Monday 10th November. We would like to invite children to come to school wearing odd socks to support Anti-Bullying show their individuality, and how unique they are. Classes will also be doing activities throughout the week, relating to anti-bullying.



Donations Plea

Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Any toddler-aged movement/motion type toys for our SEN children.
- Black joggers and leggings for us to use as spare clothing, we are extremely low in ages 6-7, 8-9 and above.
- Underwear, socks and tights in all sizes.
- Any costumes that could be used in the Y1 Nativity.

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.

A Message from the PTA

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Halloween Disco last half term - we raised over £1200 for school which is amazing! Watch this space for news of our upcoming annual Secret Santa sales.

Parents/Carers' Evenings

The deadline to book a slot for parents/carers' evenings is 9am on Monday 10th November. If you haven't already done so, please book your slot before then.

A message from our Eco Warriors

The Athelstan Eco café is back! Please come along during the parents/carers' evenings to grab yourselves a hot drink and maybe a sweet treat to celebrate your amazing children and help Athelstan raise money for The Rainforest Alliance.



The poster is enclosed in a decorative border of small black dots. At the top left is the Athelstan Primary School logo, and at the top right is the Rainforest Alliance logo. The title 'Athelstan Eco Café' is in green. Below it, text explains the purpose: 'As part of our support for Global Citizenship we would like to raise money for the Rainforest Alliance.' The location is 'Main Entrance Area' and the times are 'Tuesday 11th November 4.00pm- 6.00pm' and 'Thursday 13th November 4.00pm- 6.00pm'. It notes that 'Rainforest alliance hot drinks, juice and sweet snacks available.' A large orange box says 'Please bring CASH!'. At the bottom, it states 'All our products are produced by farmers supported by the Rainforest Alliance or other ethically sustainable organisations.' and features two cartoon 'Eco Warriors' holding a sign that says 'ECO WARRIOR'.

Athelstan Eco Café

As part of our support for Global Citizenship we would like to raise money for the Rainforest Alliance.

Where? Main Entrance Area

When? Parents/Carers evening:

Tuesday 11th November
4.00pm- 6.00pm

Thursday 13th November
4.00pm- 6.00pm

Rainforest alliance hot drinks, juice and sweet snacks available.

Please bring CASH!

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ECO WARRIOR

After-School & Tuition Clubs

Due to the Parents/Carers' Evenings next week, there will be no after school clubs or Tuition taking place on Tuesday or Thursday. If your child attends a club on these days, they will finish school at the usual hometime of 3:20pm.

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

On Friday 14th November, children are welcome to wear Pudsey themed items or something yellow on the day. There will also be Children in Need themed class activities in the afternoon.

As part of the day, we're running an Adopt a Bear event and money raised from this event will go towards the Snowflake Appeal for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity. Please note there is no additional donation needed for the day other than the adopt a bear event. To help make this event a success, we're asking for donations of clean, pre-loved teddies in good condition. Please send any teddy donations to your child's school councillor.

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

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.

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	Swimming			PE	
Y4J					PE
Y4W		PE			
Y5BT	PE		PE		
Y5DF		PE		PE	
Y5HB		PE		PE	
Y6JT		PE			PE
Y6LB	PE		PE		
Y6NB		PE		PE	

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Reading Records and Book Bags

Please read with your child regularly and write in their reading record every time you have read with them. When a child has read 10 times at home, they receive a special reading award sticker. Please can parents/carers also ensure their child brings their book bag with reading record and reading books in **every day** to school, so that we can change their books and hear them read.

Early Bird Reading Mornings

Our Early Bird Reading Mornings take place on Thursdays each week. Parents/carers are more than welcome to enter the classroom at morning drop-off and read a book with their child every Thursday.

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.

Y2 News

Safeguarding at Hometown

When collecting Y2 children at hometime, parents/carers will now need to stand between the barrier and Buster the Bus to allow the classes to come out and line up safely. For safeguarding purposes, it is also really important that parents/carers do not shout at their children to go to them until the teacher has dismissed them. Thank you for your support.

Y3 News

No additional news this week.

Y4 News

Monday 10th and 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

Y5 News

No additional news this week.

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](#)



Monday 10.11.25	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11.11.25	Parents/Carers' Evening 3:40pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 13.11.25	Parents/Carers' Evening 3:40pm – 6:30pm
Friday 14.11.25	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day & Adopt a Bear
Wednesday 18.11.25 – 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!

