ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER

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Stars of the Week

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

BLUE	Mollie M
GREEN	Theo P
RED	Dlin M
CORAL	Riley H
OCHRE	Willow B
VIOLET	Imogen B
Y2AC	Zander H
Y2MS	Maryam H
Y2RJ	Izyaan M
Y3A	Ezra C
Y3B	Reggie P
Y3G	Eadie H
Y4B	Amaal M
Y4J	Alyssa N
Y4W	Isaac B
Y5BT	Dylan C
Y5DF	Bobby R & Penelope S
Y5HB	Ayat S
Y6JT	Ravneet B
Y6LB	Skye M
Y6NB	Ella N

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Staffing News

Mr Naylor

We have a new member of Team Athelstan! Mr Naylor and his wife had a baby girl on Friday 13th February. Zac Turner is covering the class while he takes his paternity leave. Mr Naylor will return to school on Friday 6th March.

Miss Johnson

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Johnson is expecting her first baby and will be beginning her maternity leave at some point during the second half of the summer term. We will let you know once we have the exact date as well as who will be covering her class for the remainder of the academic year.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

It is World Book Day time again and we can't wait to celebrate! This year, we invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character. We welcome all costumes, big or small. If possible, please also allow your child to bring a copy of their chosen book in so that it can be shared during the school day. Additionally, throughout the day on Thursday 5th March, every year group will hold a parents/carers 'reading cafe' in the hall. All parents and carers are invited to enjoy a drink, a book and a word game with their child's year group. Please see below the timings for each year group:

Foundation	10:25am – 11:05am	Infant Hall
Year 1	9:45am – 10:20am	Infant Hall
Year 2	9:00am – 9:40am	Infant Hall
Year 3	2:05pm – 2:45pm	Junior Hall
Year 4	10:25am – 11:05am	Junior Hall
Year 5	9:45am – 10:20am	Junior Hall
Year 6	1:20pm – 2:00pm	Junior Hall

Science Week Showcases

During the week beginning the 9th March, all of Athelstan will be celebrating Science Week. The theme this year is: Curiosity, what's your question? As part of the week, we would like to invite you to join your children for a science showcase. Showcases will take place in classrooms. Please come into school through the main reception, to sign in unless otherwise stated below. At the end of the showcase, parents/carers should leave school and wait in the usual place to collect their children at the normal hometime of 3:20pm. Please see the date and time of each showcase below:

Foundation	Friday 13th March – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Enter school through the Foundation Yard
Year 1	Friday 13th March – 8:45am – 9:15am	Enter school through the Breakfast Club Doors
Year 2	Tuesday 10th March – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Enter school through the School Office
Year 3	Thursday 12th March – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Enter school through the School Office
Year 4	Monday 9th March – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Enter school through the School Office
Year 5	Wednesday 11th March – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Enter school through the School Office
Year 6	Tuesday 10th March – 2:45pm – 3:15pm	Enter school through the School Office

Messages from The Student Council

Red Nose Day

We are excited to announce that we'll be supporting Comic Relief this year with a day of fun and laughter! To raise money for this fantastic cause, we have three main activities planned:
Wear Red: Children are invited to come to school dressed in red for the day
Bake Sale: We will be hosting a delicious bake sale at the end of the day.
Joke Challenge: Each class will be holding a "Joke Challenge" to see who can make their friends (and teachers!) laugh the loudest.
Donations: This year, we are only asking for donations via the **bake sale**. We will share further details in a future newsletter regarding cake donations (when and where to drop them off) and a price list for the treats.

Parking

Before the half-term break, some of our student council members met with Mrs Stillings and a representative from Modeshift STARS - a national scheme that helps schools create safer, greener, and healthier travel plans. After conducting a survey, the Student Council have a special message for our school community:
"Please help keep us safe by parking responsibly. We kindly ask that you do not block resident driveways, school entrances, or park on double yellow lines. Choosing a safe place to park or even walking the last five minutes of your journey makes a huge difference to our safety."

Sports Stars Wall

We are asking again for photos of children taking part in their sports to display on our Sports Stars Wall in school. If your child plays any sport, please send in a photo of them in action. We would love to celebrate their achievements and showcase their talents! Please email photos to Miss Windle at gwindle@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Message from the PTA

Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to run our usual Mother's Day gift sale this year due to a lack of volunteers. Hopefully, if more parents come forward to offer time to buy and wrap gifts and help with the actual sale itself, we may be able to do the Father's Day sale in June.

SEND Parent/Carer Workshops and Meetings

The Parent/Carer workshops and meetings will be taking place in school on the following dates and times:

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) Parent/Carer Meetings
Thursday 19th March - 9am
Thursday 23rd April - 9am
Thursday 21st May - 9am
Thursday 18th June - 9am
Thursday 9th July - 9am

SEND Workshops
The SEND workshops are run by Kirsty Unwin from Family Learning (she is also a parent of a child in Foundation Stage). The following workshops will be taking place in school:
Autism Workshop – Wednesday 29th April - 9am
ADHD Worksop – Wednesday 6th May - 9am
Emotional Regulation Workshop – Wednesday 10th June - 9am
Child Anxiety Workshop – Wednesday 17th June - 9am

Read for Good Readathon

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored a reader for our Readathon. We are grateful to have received many donations already.

If you still have some sponsorship money awaiting donation, please send this into school in a named envelope as soon as possible, or make a payment online using the following link:
https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor/R4G_SponsorPupilFindSchool1

We should be able to let you know our grand total in next week's newsletter!

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 **Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine.** Our vocabulary words are: **sodden**, **mergansers**, **askew**, **buoyant** and **petticoat**.
Forest School Sessions
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
Y3B Class Treat
Y3B will be having their marble treat on Wednesday 4th March in the afternoon. Children should come to school wearing their PE kits as normal and do not need a change of clothes for the afternoon. We will be having some extra playtime (weather permitting), playing some games and watching part of a film. Children may bring healthy snacks and a small teddy for the afternoon if they wish to do so.

Y4 News
No additional news this week.

Y5 News
Bikeability Cycle Training
Your child should have brought home a letter with further information about participating in these training sessions. If you would like your child to take part, please return the consent form to their class teacher as soon as possible by no later than Tuesday 3rd March.
Y5BT Class Treat
Y5BT will be having their marble treat on Tuesday 3rd March in the afternoon. They will be doing some crafts, watching a film and getting their groove on with Just Dance.
Y5DF Class Treat
Y5DF will be having their marble treat on Wednesday 4th March in the afternoon. They will be having extra time outside (weather permitting) and watching a film.
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
Y6 Leavers' Party
We have been notified by the Parents arranging this that the deadline to make a payment has been extended to Friday 13th March. Please see the attached poster for further information.

Attendance Matters!

Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Well done to Violet Class, who achieved 100% attendance.
Most improved attendance this week was Y2RJ and Y6LB!

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	87.8%
Green	93.6%
Blue	98.6%
Coral	87.5%
Ochre	93%
Violet	**100%**
Y2RJ	99%
Y2MS	96.9%
Y2AC	97.7%
Y3A	**99%**
Y3B	97.9%
Y3G	**99%**
Y4J	93.3%
Y4W	96.8%
Y4B	98.3%
Y5BT	91.3%
Y5HB	94%
Y5DF	98.7%
Y6JT	92.9%
Y6NB	97.2%
Y6LB	94.1%

DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 05.03.26	World Book Day
Friday 20.03.26	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24.03.26	Parent/Carers' Evening – 3:40pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 26.03.26	Parent/Carers' Evening 3:40pm – 6:30pm
Friday 27.03.26	Break up for the Easter holiday
Monday 30.03.26	Easter holiday begins
Monday 13.04.26	Children return to school