



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 7 – Friday 17th October 2025



Stars of the Week



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

CORAL	Oliver W
OCHRE	Aaima S
VIOLET	Noah Z
Y2AC	Ada W
Y2MS	Hania S
Y2RJ	Dexter I
Y3A	Amelia H
Y3B	Zarnish T
Y3G	Ayra S
Y4B	Mahir A
Y4J	Rhys S
Y4W	Haaris K
Y5BT	Willow C
Y5DF	Emilee D-H
Y5HB	Katie H
Y6JT	Sara F
Y6LB	Salvador A
Y6NB	Haris H

Attendance & Punctuality

Please be reminded that the doors open at 8:35am each day with the expectation that children are in class and ready to learn at 8:50am.

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving late through the office. Attendance and punctuality are closely monitored by the local authority.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ParentPay Accounts

Unfortunately, some ParentPay accounts are still showing incorrect balances following a system upgrade. ParentPay have assured us that this is under further investigation and that the balances will be restored. Please bear with us; we will update you as soon as we hear further.

Uniform & Jewellery Policy

Jewellery is not permitted to be worn during any Physical Education activity at Athelstan Primary School or when representing the school for out-of-school events, for safety reasons. As a school we follow the up-to-date guidance from 'Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity' to comply with Health Safety. Under exceptional circumstances, including religious observance, earrings may be covered up with medical tape for PE. The medical tape must be provided by and applied by parents/carers and a disclaimer must be signed. By signing this disclaimer, parents/carers take full responsibility for their child and they will NOT hold the staff or the school responsible or liable for any resulting damage or injury to their child as a result of taped earrings in Physical Education Activities. The updated policy can be found on our website: <https://athelstan-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/policies/>

Flu Immunisations – Monday 20th October

The Immunisation Team will be visiting Athelstan on Monday 20th October, to give the **Seasonal Flu Vaccine** to children. **The team can only administer the vaccine with parental consent.** If you have not already done so, please complete the form to confirm whether you do or do not consent to your child to receive the vaccination.

www.sheffieldchildrensvaccinations.co.uk/Forms/Flu **You will need to use this unique school code: SF107083**

Harvest Appeal

Thank you for all of your kind donations. The student council will be continuing to collect these items until lunchtime on Wednesday 22nd October, when they will be donated to the Handsworth Food Bank.

Non-Uniform Day – Sponsor a Snowflake

On Thursday 23rd October, we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise money to sponsor a snowflake for The Sheffield Children's Hospital. We are hoping to raise as much money as we can for this amazing cause and would be grateful if each child could bring a minimum donation of £1.00. Thank you for your support!

Menu Change – Thursday 23rd October

Taylor Shaw, our caterers, will be cooking the following menu next Thursday 23rd October:

- RED:** Fish fingers and chips with peas or beans
- YELLOW:** Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo
- BLUE:** Tuna mayo sandwich
- DESSERT: Ice cream or jelly

Halloween Safety

Please follow the link below for some further information regarding keeping children safe during the Halloween period: <https://shorturl.at/ASHYS>

Book Fair Competition: Open now!

The book fair will return to Athelstan in November – more details will follow about times and dates for your child's year group. 4 lucky winners in EYFS, KS1, Y3-4 and Y5-6 will be in with a chance of earning a free book from the book fair. All you need to do is design your own bookmark! Please use the template that your teacher has given you. Our Reading Champions will judge the entries, which should be returned to your child's class teacher no later than Monday 10th November.

Save the Date – Children in Need

We'll be marking **Children in Need** on **Friday 14th November** with a range of fun activities in school. This year, while we're joining in with the spirit of the day, **any money raised will go towards the Snowflake Appeal for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity**, a cause chosen by our school community.

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.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Reading Records

Please read with your child regularly and write in the 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.

Phonics Lessons

Next week, the children will begin their phonics lessons in ability groups. You will be receiving some information about the different groups and what they will be learning in each one. Going forward, assessments will take place regularly and we will let you know when your child moves to a different group.

Y1 News

No additional news this week.

Y2 News

Playtime Snacks

Children in Y2 are provided with a healthy snack of fruit every day; therefore, Parents/Carers do not need to send them with a snack for playtime. We apologise for any confusion caused in recent newsletters.

Y2AC Class Treat

Y2AC would like to have their marble treat next Wednesday afternoon please. They would like to have a Halloween party and will be watching a PG rated movie. Children can also bring a healthy snack should they wish to do so. No change of clothes is required, as it is already non-uniform day.

Y3 News

No additional news this week.

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 & Y6 - Hannah Gold – Author Event

On Wednesday, we are joining the multi-award-winning bestselling author, Hannah Gold online for an amazing national book launch. She'll be talking about her amazing new book *The Lone Husky*. Hannah's first book *The Last Bear* was Blue Peter Children's Book of the Year and Waterstones Children's Book of the Year, and since then she has written *The Lost Whale*, *Finding Bear* and *Turtle Moon*. She will be signing books for the children, and these books will be sent to school after the event. Please include your **child's name** and **class** so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; the book will be delivered to school after the event. You can order her book via this link: <https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/the-lone-husky-a-brand-new-arctic-adventure-from-the-sunday-times-best-selling-author-of-the-last-bear/>

Y5 News

Y5BT Class Treat

Y5BT will be having a marble treat on Thursday 23rd October. We are going to be having lots of Halloween fun with dancing, crafts and games. If your child would like to bring an apple and a towel, we will be having apple bobbing as part of the fun! No change of clothes is required, as it is already non-uniform day.

Y5 Space VR Experience

As part of our science curriculum about space, the Year 5 children have the opportunity to take a virtual trip to space on Wednesday 22nd October to support their learning. This is usually a highlight of the academic year and an experience they do not forget.

A contribution of £4.82 per child is required to cover the cost of the experience. Should enough money not be collected to cover the cost, the experience may unfortunately have to be cancelled. Payment should be made through ParentPay, our online payment system by Wednesday 15th October. When making payments on ParentPay, we would recommend that Parents/Carers do not use the 'One Click Payment' option and instead add the payment item to the basket and checkout using a debit card as you would with any online shopping. This is because the 'One Click Payment' can take up to seven days for ParentPay to attempt to take the payment from bank accounts, which we have found do sometimes fail.

If you need any help in using ParentPay, please speak to a member of the team in the office.

Y6 News

Y6 Leavers' Hoodies

Please refer to the letter sent out by email and hard copy yesterday with details of how to place your order. Your child will have also brought home a slip suggesting which size to order. All orders must be placed directly with the company by midnight on **Monday 20th October**.

No late orders will be processed. Children will be able to wear their Leavers' Hoody with the rest of their usual school uniform for the remainder of the school year.



The Spanish Word of the Week is:



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 20.10.25	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 23.10.25	Non-uniform day for Sheffield Children's Hospital Snowflake
	Break up for the half term holiday on this day so children will attend on this day
	Halloween Disco's Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – 4:15pm until 5:15pm Year Groups 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 5:30pm until 6:45pm
Friday 24.10.25	INSET Day (school closed for children)
Monday 27.10.25	Half term holiday begins
Monday 03.11.25	Children return to school

Have a lovely weekend!