



Letter Number 23 – Friday 6th March 2026



Stars of the Week



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

BLUE	Mollie M
GREEN	Niamh G
RED	Arisah A
CORAL	Frankie F
OCHRE	Alex W
VIOLET	Tommy B
Y2AC	Raven P
Y2MS	Raza A-Z
Y2RJ	Gracie G
Y3A	Grayson S
Y3B	Mylia P
Y3G	Mia L-B
Y4B	Aria R
Y4J	Harley-Rae B
Y4W	Noah G
Y5BT	Jasleen S
Y5DF	Imarniyah S
Y5HB	Joseph N
Y6JT	Noah D
Y6LB	Owen S
Y6NB	Melike A

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!

**Hannah K – Y4J
Harli W – Y4J
Kadian M – Y4W**

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Communications with Parents/Carers

Following the recent website update, emails from school now come from:

noreply@athelstan.juniperwebsites.co.uk

Please check your spam/junk folders as some parents/carers have reported that emails have been going there. To ensure you receive school emails, we would recommend adding this to your address book or VIP list. It is essential that we hold up to date contact details for parents/carers, not only to communicate essential information to you, but also to contact you in an emergency situation. Please remember to let us know if you change your telephone number or email address. Please also ensure you have the latest version of "the SchoolApp" downloaded. If you are experiencing any issues with receiving emails or app messages, please speak to a member of the office team who can investigate this further for you.

Appropriate Language

Please can parents/carers support our values and use appropriate language in and around the school grounds. All members of our school community should be treated with respect.

School Street Reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers that we have the School Street in place at the start and end of each school day to keep our children and the families safe around school grounds. Staff working on the barrier should be treated with respect and not be intimidated into letting drivers through the barrier. Thank you for your support.

Nut Aware School

Please be reminded that we are a nut aware school. We cannot have nuts in school in any form. As we have children and staff with nut allergies, nuts and nut products (e.g. peanut butter and Nutella etc) should not be sent to school. Please note that chocolate spread is made from nuts and is therefore not permitted. It is very dangerous for children/staff with airborne allergies, as just being in the same room as someone who has eaten nuts can cause anaphylaxis shock. Thank you for your support.

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

Grace Church Sheffield

Grace Church are hosting a film morning on Saturday 14th March at 10am, when they will be showing 'Finding Nemo'. Doors open 9.45am. It's a free event. Popcorn will be provided, and drinks and snacks will be available to purchase in the cafe. No booking required.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

We are excited to announce that we will 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 wearing something red for the day

Bake Sale: We will be hosting a delicious bake sale for the children.

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**. Next week, we will provide further details about cake donations (when and where to drop them off) and a price list for the treats.

Head Lice

There have been cases of head lice reported in some year groups. Please can parents/carers inspect children's and other family members' hair carefully and, if necessary, take appropriate action to get rid of any unwanted guests!

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. If you are able to volunteer, please email: athelstanparents@gmail.com

'Read in an Unusual Place' Competition

As part of our World Book Day assembly, we launched an exciting new competition that will run each half term to support and promote the National Year of Reading. Our first competition is '**Read in an Unusual Place**'. Children are encouraged to take a photo of themselves reading somewhere creative, unexpected, or out of the ordinary. Our aim is to celebrate reading in a fun and engaging way while reinforcing the message that reading can happen anywhere. Please email photos to your child's class teacher.

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 Workshop – Wednesday 6th May - 9am

Emotional Regulation Workshop – Wednesday 10th June - 9am

Child Anxiety Workshop – Wednesday 17th June - 9am

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 Reminder

Forest School is an important part of our school day and forms part of the children's weekly timetable. All children are expected to take part in Forest School sessions as these provide valuable opportunities for outdoor learning, teamwork, and developing confidence and independence. Please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor activities on their Forest School day. Sessions will go ahead in most weather conditions, so wellies, waterproofs, and suitable outdoor clothing are strongly recommended. Thank you for your continued support. Each class will have their session on the following day:

Violet – Wednesdays

Coral - Thursdays

Ochre – Fridays

Collage Making

Please can Y1 children bring in bits of wallpaper, fabrics, paper etc to help with our collage making. Donations should be given to your child's class teacher.

Y2 News

Cardboard Boxes

Please can Y2 children bring in small cardboard boxes that will be suitable for our DT project, which is making a mining cart. Tea bag boxes are the ideal size. Please send a couple of boxes around this size to school next week.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kits when it is their PE days. We have noticed an increase in children wearing non-uniform instead, which is not permitted.

Y3 News

No additional news this week.

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

Mock SATs

Next week is Mock SATs week. This will run from Monday to Thursday. Please ensure that children are in school on time. Doors open at 8:35am each day. Thank you for your continued support.

Well done Alfie!

Alfie in Y6NB has completed his challenge: 28 Days, 28 Miles. He has raised an outstanding £1635 so far in donations and Gift Aid for the Alzheimer's Society. We are so proud of him! Well done, Alfie on your amazing achievement for such a worthy cause! The Charity have also reached out and are amazed at his efforts.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

**Well done to Y2MS, who achieved this week's attendance.
Most improved attendance this week was Red Class and Y5BT!**

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	93.9%
Green	93%
Blue	98.2%
Coral	97.5%
Ochre	92.6%
Violet	94%
Y2RJ	96%
Y2MS	99.7%
Y2AC	94.7%
Y3A	96%
Y3B	95.2%
Y3G	99.3%
Y4J	90.3%
Y4W	94.8%
Y4B	94.5%
Y5BT	96.5%
Y5HB	92.3%
Y5DF	95.7%
Y6JT	93.9%
Y6NB	96.6%
Y6LB	91%



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

Have a lovely weekend!