



ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER



Letter Number 24 – Friday 13th March 2026



Stars of the Week



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

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| BLUE | Zac B |
| GREEN | Lyla G |
| RED | Mia O |
| CORAL | Elijah S-O |
| OCHRE | Ruqayyah I |
| VIOLET | Iza M |
| Y2AC | Kifah R |
| Y2MS | Delaney K |
| Y2RJ | Raheem A |
| Y3B | Cody S |
| Y3G | Roman W |
| Y4B | Rachel O |
| Y4J | Sarrinah A |
| Y4W | Alanya S |
| Y5BT | Khalid A |
| Y5DF | Odin H-R |
| Y5HB | Liam H |

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!

**Jenson H – Y5DF
Penelope S – Y5DF**

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Message from the Governing Body

We would like to apologise for a clerical error in our last message about the appointment of Martin Fallon. This should have stated that Martin has been appointed as Interim Executive Headteacher alongside his role as Headteacher at Mosborough Primary.

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.

KS2 Breaktime Snacks

All pupils in KS2 are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack to eat during morning playtime. This could be a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Snacks containing/covered in chocolate, sausage rolls, crisps and cake bars are not considered a healthy snack. In KS2, there is a tuck shop during playtime, run by the School Council, selling healthy snacks to pupils. Pupils in FS and KS1 are provided with fruit, free of charge.

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!

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

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 wearing something red for the day
- **Bake Sale:** We will be hosting a delicious bake sale for the children. Prices will range from **50p to £1**.
- **Joke Challenge:** Each class will be holding a "Joke Challenge" to see who can make their friends (and teachers!) laugh the loudest.
- **Cake Donations: Donations of cakes are greatly appreciated by Friday morning.** Please pass all cake donations to class teachers or Student Councillors. We gratefully welcome donations of both home-baked and shop bought cakes however, to ensure the safety of our school community, **all items must be strictly nut-free**. Students with known allergies will be supported by a class teacher or teaching assistant to select shop bought items with verified ingredient labelling. This allows us to guarantee their safety and prevent any risk of cross-contamination.

Parents/Carers' Evenings

Parents/Carers' evenings will be taking place in school week commencing Monday 23rd March. In order to book through our online booking system, parents/carers are required to set up an account. Please look out for an email from: noreply@athelstan.juniperwebsites.co.uk or support.jw@junipereducation.org with your login details and follow the instructions to set up the account. Please check your junk/spam folders if you have not received this in your inbox. You will then receive a further notification when slots are available to book for the Parents/Carers' evenings. **Parents/Carers' must set up this account to be able to book a slot at one of the Parents/Carers' Evenings.**

Family Support at Parents/Carers' Evenings

At our upcoming Parents/Carers' Evenings, we will be joined by colleagues from Sheffield's Family Intervention Service (FIS). They work with schools to offer advice and support for families who may need a little extra help or guidance. Parents/Carers can speak to them about things such as managing behaviour at home, improving routines and boundaries, supporting children's emotional wellbeing or finding services that may support your family. Advice sessions are friendly and supportive conversations designed to help families access the right help at the right time. Did you know? Any family can experience challenging times and may benefit from some extra support. Early help services can offer advice, practical strategies and signposting to support families and children at any stage of childhood. If you would like to find out more, please speak to a member of staff during the Parents/Carers' Evenings or contact the school office.

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: athelstanparents2022@gmail.com

Easter School Holiday Activities

This Easter, children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who are in receipt of income based Free School Meals, can enjoy free fun-filled activities with healthy meals included! Spaces are limited, so book early at: www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org Please note, Parents/Carers will need their child's HAF code to book. If you have misplaced your child's HAF code, these can be retrieved by visiting:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/utilities/form/schools-childcare/report-problem-your-haf-code>

Sheffield United Women - Free Tickets- First Come First Served

We're delighted to share that Sheffield United Women have kindly donated 1,000 free tickets which we are giving away to local children for FREE! For the upcoming Women's fixture against Portsmouth on Saturday 28th March, free junior tickets can be redeemed when using code COMMUNITYFOUNDATION at checkout for a fantastic afternoon of football and fun - the perfect start to the Easter holidays. As the penultimate Blades Women home match of the season draws nearer, this highly anticipated fixture will focus on the community and celebrate the good of society, with the free tickets acting as a 'thank you' to everyone who has engaged in or supported our impactful work over the last year. Free junior tickets can be redeemed at the Sheffield United ticket office or booked online [here](#) when using the code.

'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 – 11am

ADHD Worksop – Wednesday 6th May - 9am – 11am

Emotional Regulation Workshop – Wednesday 10th June - 9am – 11am

Child Anxiety Workshop – Wednesday 17th June - 9am – 11am

Please see the attached flyer on how to book your place on the SEND Workshops.

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Toothbrushing Guide

Please follow the link to some useful information around toothbrushing:

<https://startingreception.co.uk/toothbrushing/#why-matter>

Tapestry

To ensure that no messages or notifications are missed, please can parents/carers check that they have the latest version of the app downloaded.

Y1 News

Book of the Fortnight

Our book of the fortnight is **The Best Eid Ever by Sufiya Ahmed**. Our vocabulary words are: **gazed, Eid Al Fitr, mosque, festival, Ramadan** and **fasted**.

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

Tapestry

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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

Y2RJ Class Treat

On Tuesday 17th March, Y2RJ will be having their class treat in the afternoon. Children should come to school wearing their uniform as normal but can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon and a small toy (no electrical items) should they wish to do so. They will also be watching a PG movie during the afternoon.

Y3 News

No additional news this week.

Y4 News

Y4J Class Treat

On Thursday 19th March, Y4J will be having their class treat in the afternoon. Children should come to school wearing their uniform as normal but can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon and a small toy (no electrical items) and a healthy snack should they wish to do so.

Y5 News

Bikeability

Don't forget, next week is Bikeability Week.

Your child will need to have with them, for all their course sessions:

- A bike which is roadworthy and fits properly (a bike check will be carried out on the first day and any bike which is not roadworthy cannot be used on the course)
- A cycle helmet (which fits!)
- Warm clothing, a water-proof jacket and suitable footwear.

If you have specified on the consent form that your child needs to loan a bike and/or helmet, these have arrived in school and will be loaned out during their session.

Please see below the timetable. Children are aware of which group they are in. All children will need to pass a competency test on the playground before being allowed to go out on the road.

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| Monday 16 th March | AM | Group 1 (Level One - playground) |
| | PM | Group 2 (Level One - playground) |
| Tuesday | AM | Group 2 (Level Two – on the road) |
| | PM | Group 1 (Level Two – on the road) |
| Wednesday | AM | Group 1 (Level Two – on the road) |
| | PM | Group 2 (Level Two – on the road) |
| Thursday | AM | Group 3 (Level One - playground) |
| | PM | Group 3 (Level Two – on the road) |
| Friday | AM | Group 3 (Level Two – on the road) |
| | PM | No training |
| Monday 23 rd March | AM | Group 4 Learn To Ride 1) X5 children, 1 hour 2) X5 children, 1 hour |
| | PM | Group 5 (Level One - playground) |
| Tuesday | AM | Group 5 (Level Two – on the road) |
| | PM | Group 4 (Level One – Playground) |
| Wednesday | AM | Group 5 (Level Two – on the road) |
| | PM | No training |

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

We would like to say well done to all Year 6 children for their hard work during the Mock SATs this week.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

**Well done to Y6JT, who achieved this week's highest attendance.
Most improved attendance this week were Red, Y4J & Y5HB!**

| Class | This Week's Attendance |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Red | 96.6% |
| Green | 93% |
| Blue | 98.2% |
| Coral | 97.5% |
| Ochre | 94.8% |
| Violet | 93.5% |
| Y2RJ | 93.3% |
| Y2MS | 96.7% |
| Y2AC | 94% |
| Y3A | 98% |
| Y3B | 96.9% |
| Y3G | 97% |
| Y4J | 93% |
| Y4W | 97.4% |
| Y4B | 94.5% |
| Y5BT | 94.5% |
| Y5HB | 95% |
| Y5DF | 94.7% |
| Y6JT | 99.7% |
| Y6NB | 95.9% |
| Y6LB | 91.7% |



FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Friday 20.03.26 | Red Nose Day – Wear Red & Bake Sale |
| 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!