

# Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy first half-term! There have been a range of visits linked to the curriculum. The Year 6 residential was great fun and the children had the opportunity to take part in outdoor and adventurous activities.

Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who accompanied the children on this term's visits.
A big thank you to all our children and staff for their hard work this half-term.

We have emailed parents to let them know that Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November.

The meetings will take place in your child's classroom. The booking system (Schoolcloud) will open on Monday 26th October at 12:00 and will close on Thursday 5th November.
The parents' guide has been attached to the email. This also contains the booking link which can be found at the
top of the page.

If you have any issues booking an appointment, please contact the school office after half-term.
We hope all our children and families have a lovely 2-week half-term break. We look forward to welcoming all
the children back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Kind Regards
Miss Milne
Headteacher

## Mobile phones

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Children must not keep their mobile phone on them or in their bag or locker as they are not allowed access to their phone during the school day. Children are also not allowed to take a mobile phone on school trips.
This is in line with statutory guidance 'Mobile Phones in School' (DfE).

# Year 3 Walk About Town

On Tuesday, year 3 went on a walk around town as part of their geography unit - My Local Area'. They were looking at the kinds of builds, vehicles and nature as well as the litter, noise and safety. They had a great time completing their checklist. The children were very polite when we saw local people going about their business.

A great morning! Well done year 3!



# Year 6 Residential to Caythorpe

After waiting for a whole year, finally the 14th September arrived and Y6 children travelled up to Caythorpe Court in Grantham to spend the week on their residential! The week was incredible and fantastic friendships were formed, children's resilience was put to the test and many laughs were had. We participated in so many activities, with favourites being abseiling, climbing, canoeing (with a big swim in the lake after!), orienteering, rifle shooting, survival skills, giant swing and fencing. In the evenings, we played games, did ambush, took part in a race around the world and enjoyed eating marshmallows and singing songs around the campfires. The children behaved so well and worked brilliantly as a team. We were very sad to be leaving but felt proud of ourselves for everything we'd achieved and had a bucketful of memories to take back and tell everyone about.







# Year 5/6 Girls Football

On Tuesday 13th October 13 girls from Year's 5 & 6 participated in a girls 5 aside county pathway tournament at Breckland Leisure Centre. The girls were split into a year 5 and year 6 team competed against 8 other schools. Both teams won their groups and progressed into the semi-finals. The year 5 team unfortunately lost their semi-final before losing on penalties in a 3rd place play off to finish 4th placed.

The year 6 team went on to winning both their semi-final and final to win the tournament and progress to the county finals in March. All the girls that took part played amazingly well all morning and represented the school excellently.





# Cambridge Science Centre

On Thursday 8th October Year 5 visited the Cambridge Science Centre. The children took part in an activity run by the Centre's leaders. They were learning about the mechanics and materials used in moving toys. The children were tasked with building their own land sail and tested their designs before making adaptions and improving their land sail. The children also had the opportunity to explore the Centre's gallery and enjoy the various science activity stations. They all had a wonderful time!







# Year 4 - Trip to Time and Tide Museum and Burgh Castle

On Tuesday 22nd September, we went on a school trip to Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth. We went there to learn all about the Romans. We met Lady Livia and Marcus the Roman solider. Lady Livia took us to the slave market, she wanted to see if we were good enough to buy! We also looked at different artifacts that you would find in a Roman home. Outside we met up with Marcus, he showed us how to be Roman soldiers. We got to look at and try on Roman flexible armour including a helmet and invincible sword. We then practiced using shields and a gladius, we learnt how to protect ourselves forming a shield wall. Suddenly the teachers threw wet sponges at us! It was epic! Soon we headed to Burgh Castle, where we got to see a real-life Roman fort. The lady also showed us artifacts that they found there.

By Alfie in Red Deer class







## School uniform

Please can parents ensure that children come to school in the correct school uniform and correct PE kit. Please click on the link to our uniform page:
Uniform - Attleborough Primary School
We have seen a recent rise in the amount of make-up, fake nails and jewellery in school. This isn't appropriate for school. Children should not wear jewellery (apart from a watch - not a Smartwatch), make-up or nail varnish at school. Those with piercings should only wear plain studs in the interests of safety. These should be removed for PE and Games. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Gates - drop-off and pick up

Our gates open in the morning at 8.40am. At home time, the gates open at approximately 3.20pm as school finishes at 3.25pm. If either of the gates are opened slightly late, this will be because the staff on the gate rota are also dealing with children. Please bear with us when this is the case – we appreciate your patience and understanding when this happens. However, we have had a couple of instances where parents have been rude to staff opening the gate and this is not appropriate. Please refer to our Parent Code of Conduct for further guidance. APS-Parent-and-Carer-Code-of-Conduct-Policy.pdf
Please remind your children to not ride bikes or scooter in the school grounds. Thank you for your support with this. Please also use the pedestrian gate and not the vehicle gates.

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## Head bumps

We are now following a new procedure. If you are notified that your child has bumped their head however small, you will receive an email with an attachment called **'Head Injury Advice Sheet'.**

## Medical Appointments

Ideally, we would appreciate any medical appointments to be made outside of school hours, however, we appreciate this is not always possible.
Optician's appointments are not classed as medical and will therefore be an unauthorised absence.

## Gold Awards

A child from each class is awarded a Gold Award every Friday in Celebration Assembly. The certificates are awarded for good work or behaviour. Congratulations to the following children who have received a certificate recently:

Carter, Maisie M, Zarah, Ryan, Evan, Paisley, Yusuf, Callie, Esmae, Mason K, Amber S, Mia-Rose, Andy, Jacob, Harley, Rose, Alfie, Finn, Olivia, Rowan, Oscar, Penelope, Kaidi, Tasmiyah, Ellie, Willow, Gia, Ava, Sophia, Jett, Freddie, Alistair, Isabella, Marnie, Greyson F, Jake G, Mohammad, Matilda, Aiden, Alexander, Meryem, Oliver J, Archie G, Ayla, Caitlin, Brandon, Grace, Aria-May, Dawson, Louis, Henry, Chloe, Toby,

## Top Table Awards

Each week, the MSAs choose one child who has shown excellent behaviour to have lunch at the special Top Table. Congratulations to Top Table children:

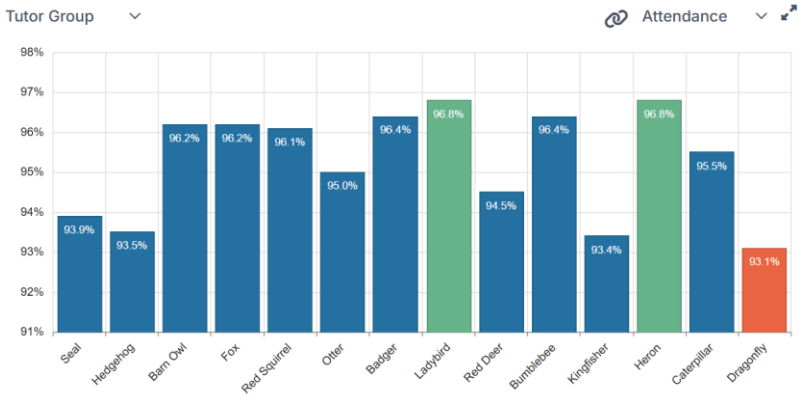
Ada, Maisie M, Adam, Evan, Rupert, Penelope, Tallulah
Jacob H, Oliver, Juliet, Grace, Simeon, Mustafa, Harry F
Gia, Daisy, Brandon, Iris, Kizzie, Albie
Oskar, Olivia, Penny, Stanley S, Riley S, Florence, Stanley
Louie, Matilda T, Freddie C, Anna, Chyna-Marie, Maja, Gianna

## House Points

| AIR | FIRE | WATER | EARTH |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1951 | 2254 | 1987 | 1759 |

## Attendance

A reminder that the gates open at **8.40am** and close at **8.50am**. Children who arrive after **8.50am** need to go through the office and will be marked as late. If your child is absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible on the morning of the absence. If we do not hear from parents by **G.20am**, we will start our first day calling procedures. If we cannot contact parents, we will make a home visit. Please also collect children on time at **3.25pm**. Teachers often have meetings to go to as soon as school finishes.






# GENERAL REMINDERS

## Toys and cards

Please do not allow your child to bring in toys or cards to school (e.g. football/Pokémon cards). They cause arguments and children get upset if they are lost or broken. If they are brought in to school, teachers will keep hold of them until the end of the school day and return them to parents. Thank you for your support with this. The only exception is for children who have an SEN plan and a fidget toy is listed as a strategy.

## Scooters and bikes

It is very busy at the school gates, and on the school site, during drop off and pick up. Children have been reminded that they are not to ride their bikes and scooters in the school grounds. We ask that parents support us with this. If children repeatedly ignore reminders, then they will not be able to bring their bike or scooter into school.

## Uniform

Please ensure children come to school in the correct uniform. Long hair needs to be tied back. The only jewellery children should be wearing are earring studs and a watch. However, smart watches are not allowed in school. Children need to be able to take their earrings out for PE.

## Smoking/Vaping

We are a non-smoking site. We also request that parents move away from the gates if they wish to smoke or vape, while waiting for the gates to open. This is to prevent other parents and children from being affected by smoking in the queue. We would really appreciate parents' support with this.

## Club attendance

If your child is not attending a club that they are normally booked into, please let the office know. This is so our records can be updated. A register is taken at each club, and we do need to know in advance if children are not attending.

## Safeguarding

If you have any concerns for the safety or welfare of a child at any time, but particularly during the holidays, please share your concern by calling either of the following numbers: NSPCC – 0808 800 5000 Child Advice and Duty Service: 0344 800 8020 Calls can be anonymous.

## Online payments

We are now a cashless school and we ask that all parents pay online via the My Child At School app. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the office.

## Concerns or queries

If you have a concern or query, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. The next step is to speak to the Phase Leader:
**EYFS**: Mrs Wisken, **Key Stage 1**: Mrs Shingfield, **Year 3 and 4**: Mrs Faulkner **Year 5 and 6**: Mrs Bartram
If you still feel your concern has not been addressed, then please arrange a time, via the school office, to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

## Key dates for the Autumn term

| Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 3rd November | YR & YR6 Heigh & Weight Screening |
| Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November | Parents Evening |
| **Friday 13th November** | Non-Uniform Day |
| **Monday 16th November** | School Photographer |
| Tuesday 24th November | Year 2 Tower of London |
| Friday 4th December | Friends of Attleborough Disco |
| Monday 7th December | Year 3 Norwich Castle Trip |
| Tuesday 8th December | Year 6 Crucial Crew |
| Tuesday 8th December | Reception Nativity 9:45am |
| Wednesday 9th December | School Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 9th December | Reception Nativity 9:45am |
| Thursday 10th December | Year 1 & 2 Nativity 9:45am |
| Friday 11th December | Year 1 & 2 Nativity 9:45am |
| Monday 14th December | Year 5 and 6 Carols at the church 2pm |
| Tuesday 15th December | Rocksteady Concert 2pm |
| Wednesday 16th December | Year 5 and 6 Theatre Trip |
| Thursday 17th December | Year 3 and 4 Carols at the church 2pm |
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**Term dates at Attleborough Primary School for 2026/2027**

**Autumn Term**

- Autumn 1 half term starts: Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Half term: 19th October to 30th October 2026
- Autumn 2 half term starts: Monday 2nd November 2026
- Last day of term: Friday 18th December 2026

**Spring Term**

- Spring 1 half term starts: Tuesday 5th January 2027
- Half term: 15th February to 19th February 2027
- Spring 2 half term starts: Monday 22nd February 2027
- Last day of term: Thursday 25th March 2027

**Summer Term**

- Summer 1 half term starts: Monday 12th April 2027
- Bank Holiday/school closed: Monday 3rd May 2027
- Half term: 31st May to 4th June 2027
- Summer 2 half term starts: Monday 7th June 2027
- Last day of term: Thursday 22nd July 2027