



Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy half-term! I would like to thank all the children and staff for all their hard work this term. We have had a range of educational visits, assessments and parents' evenings. Year 5 and Year 6 had an exciting visit from the RAF this week. We also had a very positive Trust visit earlier this half-term.

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Gray and Mrs Thelwell today. We will miss them and would like to wish them the best of luck for the future.

After Easter, we welcome Miss Watkinson and Mrs Burt. Mrs Watkinson will teach on Mondays and Tuesdays in Yr 2 Bumblebee class. Mr Kiddy will continue to teach Wednesdays to Fridays in Bumblebees. Mrs Burt will be the new class teacher for Caterpillar class (Reception) for the summer term. I will hopefully have an update for Barn Owl parents about Mrs Shingfield on Tuesday 14th April.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent survey. We originally had a 65 responses and now have 159.

If you did not manage to arrange a parents' evening appointment with your child's class teacher, please contact the class teacher, or the office, after the Easter holidays.

The Friends have organised a disco for **Friday 17th April** (the first week back). A letter was sent home this week:

Friends of Attleborough Primary School
Registered Charity No:1042866

Disco

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We would like to wish all of our children and families a lovely Easter holiday! Thank you to parents for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 15th April**.

Best wishes

Fiona Milne
Headteacher

Year 4 How Hill Residential

Some of Year 4 had a wonderful residential visit to How Hill. During our visit, we enjoyed a range of activities including a nature trail, pond dipping, weaving, a boat trip, dissecting owl pellets and watching footage from nature cameras. We all had a fantastic few days and made lots of great memories!



House Treat

Spring 1's house treat was won by Fire. For their reward, the children had a chance to do some sensory play. There was a range of activities including coloured gelli, snow, kinesthetic sand, play dough, coloured, crackling water and pin boards. They all had a great time exploring! Well done Fire!

Spring 2's house treat has been won by Earth! Lots of great behaviour this term holding doors opening, using manners, being kind to others, trying hard with learning and following the school rules! Keep up the good work! Earth will have their treat on the first Thursday back after Easter making bracelets.



Year 3 Trip to Thetford Forest

Year 3 had a fantastic day exploring Thetford Forest as part of our geography topic on rainforests. The aim of the trip was to compare a local forest environment with the Amazon rainforest, and the children threw themselves into the experience with great enthusiasm.

We began by learning a little about the history of Thetford Forest before setting off on a walking nature trail. Along the route, the children compared the plants and animals found here with those we have been studying in the Amazon. There was plenty of excitement when some groups discovered animal footprints, while others spotted a drey nestled high in the trees!

As we moved through the forest, the children studied the different layers of the woodland and discussed how these compare to the layers of a rainforest. They enjoyed the fresh air, sunshine and peaceful surroundings and of course the beautiful views that the forest has to offer. A highlight for many was our “Best Pine Cone” competition, which led to some very determined searching.

After a well-earned picnic lunch, there was even time for a little fun in the play area before heading back to school.

It was a wonderful day of learning, exploring and enjoying the outdoors. Well done, Year 3!



RAF Visit Inspires Year 5 for British Science Week

As part of our exciting British Science Week celebrations, which this year ran from 6th–15th March 2026, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fantastic hands-on workshop delivered by the Royal Air Force. This year’s national theme, “Curiosity: what’s your question?”, couldn’t have been a better fit for the experience.

During the session, the children had the rare opportunity to explore what it feels like to fly a plane using a realistic flight simulator, sparking lots of questions about aerodynamics and engineering. They were also fascinated to learn about the specialist clothing and equipment used by RAF pilots, including those who fly advanced aircraft such as the F-35 fighter jet.

In addition, pupils took part in a range of engaging STEM challenges, encouraging teamwork, problem-solving, and the kind of curious thinking at the heart of this year’s British Science Week theme. The activities not only showcased the importance of science and technology but also inspired many to imagine future careers in aviation, engineering, and beyond.

It was a memorable experience for all, and we’re grateful to the RAF for helping us celebrate British Science Week in such an inspiring way.



Panathlon Trip

The Panathlon event at Thetford Academy on Friday 20th March was a brilliant day out for everyone involved. Eight children from Attleborough Primary and eight children from Rosecroft shared a bus, and they all represented their schools beautifully – great behaviour, lots of smiles, and plenty of teamwork. The children threw themselves into a range of target games, curling and bowling to lively parachute activities, and it was lovely to see them challenging themselves and cheering each other on. At the end of the day, every child proudly received a medal and certificate for taking part, which was the perfect finish to a fun and memorable experience.



Year 2 Norwich Cathedral Trip

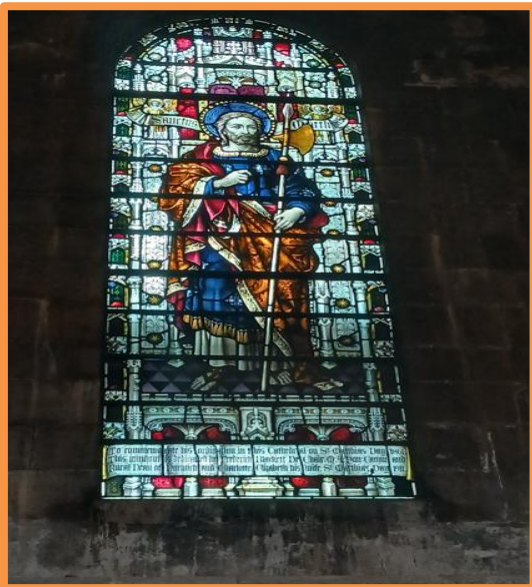
This week Year 2 went to Norwich Cathedral to learn about the features of Cathedrals as well as the local historical figure Edith Cavell.

'I liked seeing the Statue of Edith Cavell because she helped soldiers in the First World War, no matter what side they were fighting on.' Austin - Ladybird

'The stained-glass windows were really colourful and beautiful.' - Maisie - Ladybird

'I liked looking at the cathedral from the outside because it was really tall! There are peregrine falcons nesting on top of the spire!' Stanley - Bumblebee

'I liked spotting all the features inside the cathedral and the roof bosses' - Anna – Bumblebee



World Book Day

World Book Day was a rip-roaring success at Attleborough Primary this year! Not only did the children embrace the chance to dress up as favourite book characters for the day, but they all participated in 'The Big Attleborough Book Club'. The children all chose what book they would like to hear being read and travelled through the school to find the teacher or TA who was to read that title.

They then were given the opportunity to borrow the book, if they wished. Lots of books are now being loaned, swapped and discussed across the school, which is such a lovely book-loving atmosphere to be a part of!

Well done children and adults for embracing the day! Mrs Banks.



Red Nose Day 2026

This year's Red Nose Day theme was 'Take yourself funny for money'. The children came in looking fantastic with their crazy hair and mismatched outfits!



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.

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'.



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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:

Olivia R, Ava B, Austin B, Belle-Rose, Daniel A, Anna, Riley S, Ruby, Mason, Gabriella, Tiala, Amber, Charlotte, Oakley, Amelie, Mariella, Zachary W, Lola, Eshaal, Ronnie, Sienna S, Sienna J, Evie, Leo, Rosebell, Oakley M, Harry HB, Tion, Carter, Rocco, Freddie C, Caitlyn, Eliza, Oscar T, Jacob M, Aiden, Leo D, Tasmiyah, Mia-Rose, Harry F, Grace P

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:

13/03/26 - Amara, Evan, Frank, Leon, Aliya, Kilina

20/03/26 - Louie, Indie, Henry, Dhanyasri, Thalia, John

27/03/26 - Freddie C, Tilly-Rose, Rory, Isaac F, Amber W, Kilina

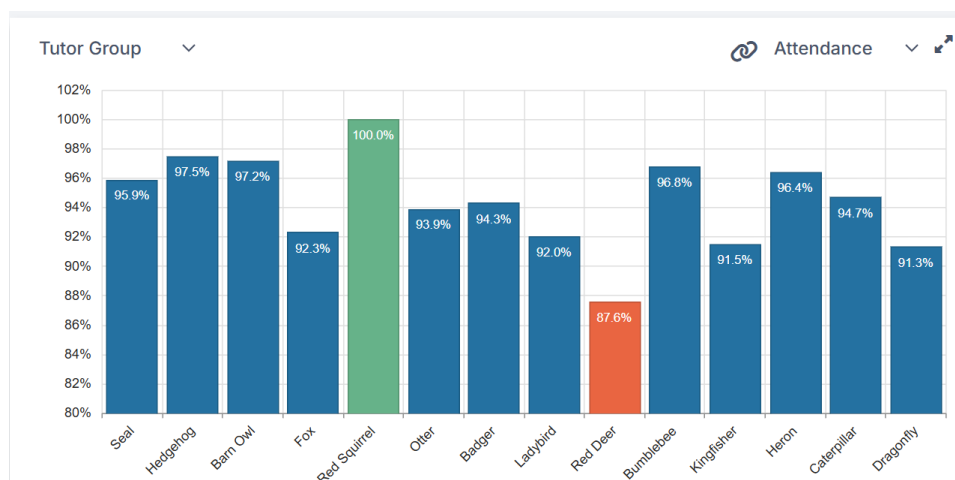
House Points

AIR	FIRE	WATER	EARTH
779	790	775	797

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 **9.20am**, 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. Attendance Ted now spends the week with the class with the highest attendance.

Attendance this week: **23/3/26 – 27/3/26**. Well done to Red Squirrels with 100% attendance! They will have Attendance Ted in their class the first week back.



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.

School Term Dates:

2025/2026 TERM DATES	
Monday 1st September 2025	Staff training (Children not in school)
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Staff training (Children not in school)
Wednesday 3 rd September to Friday 24 th October 2025	Autumn Term 1
<i>Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025</i>	<i>Half- term</i>
Monday 3rd November 2025	Staff training (Children not in school)
Tuesday 4 th November to Friday 16 th December 2025	Autumn Term 2
Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Monday 5 th January 2026	Christmas Holidays (<i>including a staff training day on Monday 5th January</i>)
Tuesday 6 th January - Friday 13 th February 2026	Spring Term 1
<i>Monday 1st February - Friday 20th February 2026</i>	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 23 rd February - Friday 27 th March 2026	Spring Term 2
<i>Monday 30th March- Monday 13th April 2026</i>	<i>Easter Holidays (including staff training days on Monday 13th April)</i>
Tuesday 14th April 2026	Staff training (Children not in school)
Wednesday 15 th April - Friday 22 nd May 2026	Summer Term 1 Children are not in school on Monday 4 th May (Bank Holiday)
<i>Monday 25th May - Friday 23rd May 2026</i>	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 1 st June - Friday 17 th July 2026	Summer Term 2 (Last day of term Friday 17 th July)