



Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

This half-term seems to have flown by! A big thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work! Thank you to parents for completing the attendance survey. We received a lot of responses to this, which has been really helpful. Could we also ask that parents complete the annual parent survey. Please click on the link below:

[Attleborough Primary- Parent View 2026](#)

Please could this be completed by the 6th March.

Parents' Evenings are coming up next half-term. They will be held during the week beginning **23rd March**. The meetings will be in person and held in your child's classroom. We will send out the booking link and guidance after half-term. These meetings are so teachers can inform you about your child's progress and attainment so we encourage all parents to book an appointment.

Some key dates for Spring 2:

Friday 13th February	Last day of Spring 1
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	Half-term break
Monday 23rd February	First day of Spring 2
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th March	Year 4 How Hill residential visit
Friday 20th March	SEN parents' café (9.00am and 3.30pm in the hall with Mrs Barker)
Wk beginning Monday 23rd March	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 24th March	Year 2 visit to Norwich Cathedral
Tuesday 24th March	Rocksteady concert for parents of children in Rocksteady 2:15pm
Wednesday 25th March	RAF visiting Yr 5 and Yr 6 for science activities – flight simulator and coding
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 visit to Thetford Forest
Friday 27th March	Last day of Spring term

Our SENCO, Mrs Barker, is holding two SEN parents' cafés on **Friday 20th March**. One is at **9am** and the other at **3.30pm** (in the school hall). All parents are welcome to attend. Mrs Barker will be talking about SEN provision and this is also an opportunity for parents to meet other parents of children who have SEN.

We break up for half-term today – we hope everyone has a lovely break! We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 23rd February**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Fiona Milne

Headteacher

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.

Norwich Castle Visit Report – Tuesday 2nd December *(apologies this should have been on the last newsletter).*

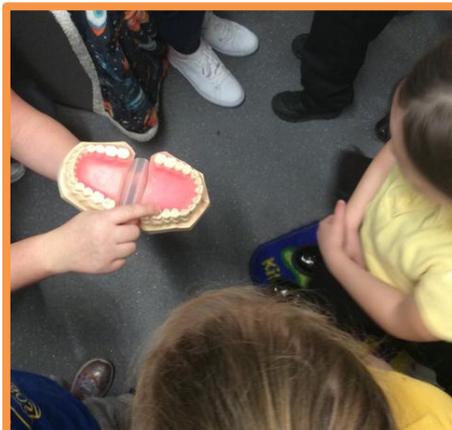
Our Year 3 children had an amazing day at Norwich Castle exploring the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians! During our visit, we saw real artefacts and discovered what daily life was like thousands of years ago. The children loved dressing up as Ancient Egyptians and learning about the food they ate. The highlight for many was when we found out how mummification worked and even saw X-rays of a real mummy – Ankh Hor, a priest of Amun from over 2,500 years ago – along with mummified animals such as a cat and a crocodile! Everyone enjoyed making beautiful Egyptian collars inspired by Tutankhamun, which they proudly wore home.

The day ended with a lively debate about whether artefacts should remain in tombs or be displayed for people to learn from. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and confidence shine throughout the day. A huge thank you to the parents who joined us – your support made the trip even more special. The children had a fantastic time, learned so much, and came back full of excitement and new knowledge about this incredible civilisation!



Reception Dental Visit

As part of our 'People who help us' topic, the Reception children really enjoyed a visit from the local dentists from Zandielle Dentists in Attleborough. They talked to the children about the importance of looking after their teeth and very kindly gave each child a pack to take home including a toothbrush and toothpaste!



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.

Friends of Attleborough Primary **A very special gift.**

The Friends of Attleborough Primary School would like to share some special news. We have been left a very generous inheritance from the late Mr Ian Winter, a long-standing member of the Attleborough community and former local newsagent.

We are incredibly grateful for this thoughtful and unexpected gift, which will have a lasting impact on the children of our school. Mr Winter's generosity will help us to enhance pupils' experiences for many years to come, and we are honoured to be able to use his gift in a way that benefits the whole school.

The Friends are now beginning the exciting process of exploring how these funds can best support the children. Early ideas include investing in outdoor play equipment, sensory and engagement resources for all 14 classrooms, and funding special events and experiences for each year group.

We will work closely with the school to ensure any plans reflect the needs and interests of the children.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ian Winter and his family. His kindness will make a real difference to the lives of Attleborough Primary School pupils, both now and in the future.

Year 6 Mosque Visit

Year Six enjoyed a really good visit to Cambridge Central Mosque this half-term, as part of our RE topic. We caught the train from Attleborough to Cambridge, then walked to the Mosque.

We had a tour of the outside area, including the peaceful gardens, which are home to around 30 different herbs and many flowers. We learnt about how the eco mosque was built and saw the impressive wooden structure with spruce from Norwegian forests. Inside the mosque, we admired the tessellating shapes on both the floor and the walls, which include lettering taken from the Quran, before seeing the washrooms and the main prayer room. This was an impressive space! Up to 1000 people come to pray in the mosque, with the busiest day being Friday - the Muslim holy day.

We learnt about the different clocks they had on the wall showing the prayer times for Muslims and about Ramadan, which will take place in February. All of the children behaved impeccably and showed how curious they were by asking some really good questions. It was a brilliant trip!



Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 10th February, Mr Myhill took 17 children from Y5 and Y6 to participate in a Tag-Rugby festival held at Wymondham Prep School which was organised by Active Education. There were 10 teams at the event which were split into two groups of 5, so each of our teams competed in 4 matches. All of the children had a fantastic morning and represented the school brilliantly by showing great resilience against schools with much more experience of playing rugby. Well done to all involved!



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'.

Reception

The children in Reception enjoyed a walk around Attleborough Town as part of their current topic to do with the people who help us and our local area. We talked about what we saw such as the library, church and town sign. We also visited the bakery who kindly gave all of the children a biscuit! Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to join us on the walk.



Edenred voucher scheme coming to an end in March 2026 ...

The Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) comes to an end on 31 March and will be replaced by a new Crisis Resilience Fund (CRF).

This change means that as a family who currently receive Edenred vouchers, through the HSF scheme, you will receive your last vouchers in March. The council's Client Hardship Service (CHS) will continue and there will also be support for families in crisis as part of the new scheme. However, eligibility for free school meals will not lead to automatic entitlement.

Why is this happening?

Since 2021, the County Council has been providing vouchers of about £15 per month per child to families who have children who are eligible for free school meals. This has been possible because of funding provided by government called the HSF. This fund comes to an end on 31 March.

The government is putting a new Crisis and Resilience Fund in place that will start on 1 April. The government's rules for this new fund are different; NCC cannot use this money to pay for voucher schemes like this.

What happens next?

The council is currently planning for the introduction of the CRF and we will update you when we have more information.

The Government is clear that the future scheme must be needs tested and include wraparound support. This means that the current eligibility criteria cannot apply.

Although HSF is coming to an end, there will be ongoing support for families in crisis.

NCC would encourage people to visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving which will be kept up to date with any help on offer.

If families have any unspent vouchers, we would encourage them to redeem them as soon as possible and for the March vouchers to be redeemed within the three-month timeframe to ensure they do not expire.

If families are in difficulty, NCC would encourage them to contact the Family Hubs services www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs where there is broader support on debt and welfare rights.

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is continuing, and the Easter programme will launch in the coming weeks. Families can visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun to sign up.

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:

23/01/2026 – Rowan, Amelia B, Isabella, Gabriella, Amelia T, Denis

30/01/2026 – Madeleine, Isabella, Brody, Mason, Craig, Katy

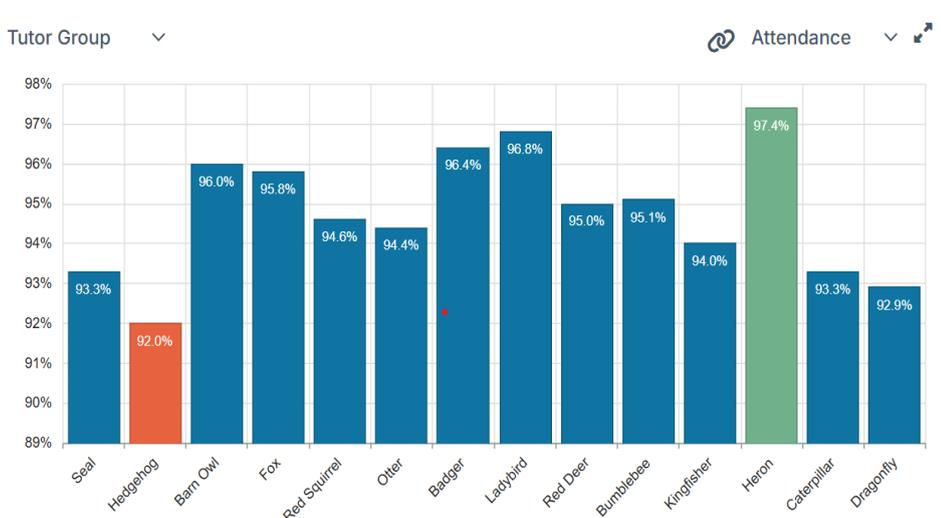
05/02/2026 – Elliot R-M, Lola, Cody, Ava M, Mila, Martha

House Points

AIR	FIRE	WATER	EARTH
1335	1340	1301	1243

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.



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 3rd September to Friday 24th 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 4th November to Friday 19th December 2025	Autumn Term 2
Monday 22nd December 2025 to Monday 5th January 2026	Christmas Holidays (<i>including a staff training day on Monday 5th January</i>)
Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February 2026	Spring Term 1
<i>Monday 16th February – Friday 20st February 2026</i>	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th 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>
<i>Tuesday 14th April 2026</i>	Staff training (Children not in school)
Wednesday 15th April – Friday 22nd May 2026	Summer Term 1 Children are not in school on Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday)
<i>Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026</i>	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026	Summer Term 2 (Last day of term Friday 17 th July)