



The Attleborough and
Rosecroft Primary Federation

Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

While Christmas now feels like a very long time ago, I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break.

Congratulations to our Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Wardale, who was awarded an MBE in the King's New Year's Honours List for her services to education. Helen has worked tirelessly to ensure the best possible outcomes for pupils, staff and families within the Attleborough and Rosecroft Primary Federation and is playing a key role currently in guiding us through the academisation process as we look to join the Sapientia Education Trust on 1st March 2025.

The curriculum overviews have been sent to all parents and we hope you find these informative. Parents' evenings will be held after the February half-term break. This half-term, parents of children with SEN have been invited to meetings with their child's class teacher.

We have had quite a lot of children asking for cups so they can get a drink. Please could you ensure your child brings their water bottle to school so they can easily access water during the day.

This half-term we welcomed Mr Cordeaux and Mr Chester who joined Mrs Matless in the Year 4 team. The smaller class sizes have had a positive impact on Year 4 already.

Unfortunately, Mrs Barker (our SENCO) is still unwell. We hope she starts to feel better soon. She will not be in school this half-term. Mr Clogans will be coming in to school to cover the SENCO role. Mrs Stringer and Mrs Faulkner also continue to support with SEND during Mrs Barker's absence.

We hope to appoint a caretaker and an office administration assistant this half-term.

Please find attached a poster for our Reception parents which shows the dates of the parent cafes.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Fiona Milne
Acting Headteacher

Poppy appeal

Mrs Stevens has let us know that we raised the most money in the local area by selling poppies and other Remembrance Day items in November. A big thank you to our parents for supporting this. We raised £285!



Attendance - lateness

A reminder that the gates open at **8.40am** and close at **8.50am**. Children arriving after the gates have closed need to go through the office. We ask that parents ensure children arrive at school before the gates close, so they are not marked as late. Many thanks for your support with this. We also have a number of children who are late being collected. Children need to be collected at **3.25pm** please. Teachers often have meetings to attend as soon as school finishes.

National tests for 2025

Year 1

In June, all children in Year 1 take part in a national phonics screening check. The purpose of the check is to confirm that all children have learned phonics decoding to an age-appropriate standard.

Please click on the link below to access the phonics screening information for parents:

[Phonics screening check: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Year 4

In June, all children in Year 4 take part in the national multiplication check (MTC). The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12 x 12, which is essential for future success in maths. Please click on the link below to access the MTC information for parents:

[Information for parents: multiplication tables check](#)

We now have Times Table Rock Stars in place to support children with learning their tables and we have purchased 30 new ipads so children can regularly practice at school. Please support your child to practice on Times Table Rock Stars at home.

Year 6

Year 6 children take end of Key Stage 2 national curriculum tests in reading, maths and GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling). These are known as SATs. SATs week is Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May 2025.

Please click on the link below to access the information for parents:

[2025 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

School Assessments

As part of our assessment procedures, we now use NTS tests at the end of each term (Autumn, Spring and Summer) to assess Years 3 – 5 children in reading, maths and GPS (grammar, spelling and punctuation). Year 2 are assessed in reading and maths using the NTS tests. Little Wandle assessments are also used for phonics assessment.

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.

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.

Reading

Reading is so important as being able to read, at an age-appropriate level or higher, ensures that children can access all areas of the curriculum. Please hear your child read daily and read to them daily. Please record this in your child's reading record. We check these regularly. Thank you for your support with this.

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.

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 this week:

Harper, Maisie, Ivie, Tianita, Riley, Eddie, Mason

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:

10.1.25: Amber, Amelia, Ashton, Presley, Simeon, Millie, Henry, Piper, Ivie, Lilly D, Ameila T, Ava P, Rosalie, Ellis and Jerome

17.1.25 : Kayla-Mae, Liam M, Deona, Lisa, Henry, Jakub, Florence, Stanley, Daniel, Edward, William, Faun, Jack B, Hollie.

House Points

AIR	FIRE	WATER	EARTH
814	792	824	792

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.

Reception <i>Caterpillar</i>	Year 1 <i>Red Squirrel</i>	Year 2 <i>Ladybirds</i>	Year 3 <i>Fox</i>	Year 4 <i>Red Deer</i>	Year 5 <i>Barn Owl</i>	Year 6 <i>Seal</i>
95.0%	94.0%	96.5%	92.2%	96.2%	96.1%	94.1%
Reception <i>Dragonfly</i>	Year 1 <i>Hedgehog</i>	Year 2 <i>Bumblebees</i>	Year 3 <i>Badger</i>	Year 4 <i>Kingfisher</i>	Year 5 <i>Otter</i>	Year 6 <i>Heron</i>
95.1%	95.8%	95.8%	93.6%	94.4%	95.4%	95.1%
				Year 4 <i>Red Kite</i>		
				94.9%		

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.

Emails from school

Please could parents ensure that email addresses ending in **@attleboroughprimary.org.uk** are added to your safe senders list. Some parents are finding emails from staff are going into their junk inbox.

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.

Online payments

We are now a cashless school and we ask that all parents pay online via the Pupil Asset Payment Portal. To access this, please use your browser to search for the Pupil Asset log in page. If you have not used the system before, please select 'First time logging in' and use the email address we have on record for you. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the office.

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.

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.

2024/2025 TERM DATES

Monday 2nd September 2024	Staff training (Children not in school)
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	Staff training (Children not in school)
Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Thursday 24th October	Autumn Term 1
Friday 25th October 2024	Staff training (Children not in school)
<i>Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November</i>	<i>Half- term</i>
Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December	Autumn Term 2
Monday 23rd December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025	Christmas Holidays (including a staff training day on Monday 6 th January)
Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025	Spring Term 1
<i>Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025</i>	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April 2025	Spring Term 2
<i>Monday 7th April – Tuesday 22nd April 2025</i>	<i>Easter Holidays (including a staff training day on Tuesday 22nd April)</i>
<i>Monday 5th May 2025</i>	<i>Bank Holiday (school closed)</i>
Wednesday 23rd April – Friday 23rd May 2025	Summer Term 1
<i>Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025</i>	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Summer Term 2 (Last day of term Tuesday 22 nd July)