



## Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy term so far! Year 6 visited the mosque in Cambridge as part of their RE topic and they also went to Letton Hall (Crucial Crew). Year 4 enjoyed their residential to How Hill, the RAF came into school to lead some exciting activities as part of Science Week and Premier Sports came in to lead lacrosse sessions. Well done to both our Yr 3&4 and Year 5&6 football teams who represented our school at the county finals. Thank you to all the staff involved in organising these events - and well done to all the children who took part so enthusiastically and for their excellent behaviour.

We have extended the deadline for the parents' survey. This will now close on 31<sup>st</sup> March. We would really appreciate it if all parents could complete it. Thank you to parents who have already filled it out. It just takes a couple of minutes. Please click on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/D14KukN7a5>

Mrs Stevens, from the Royal British Legion, has met with school staff about the 80<sup>th</sup> VE day anniversary this year and we are really excited to be involved. We are going to try to break the Guinness World Record to make the world's largest poppy made of handprints. The RBL are also organising other events. The VE day '80' street party celebration will be held at our school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. The RBL VJ 80 Summer Ball will be held at Connaught Hall on Saturday **23<sup>rd</sup> August**. Please find the posters attached to this email with further information.

Best wishes

Fiona Milne

Acting Headteacher

### Year 4 How Hill Residential – a report by Nevaeh and Samuel

**When we got to How Hill, we had some time to sort our rooms out before starting our activities. We did thatching and made a roof, orienteering, owl pellet dissection and the boat trip on the River Ant was amazing! In the evenings, we did weaving which we all really enjoyed as well as watching footage of wildlife captured on our cameras that we set up.**

A huge thank you to Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Matless, Mrs Todd and Mr Cordeaux for taking the children to How Hill. The staff said the children had a brilliant time and they all behaved very well – the staff are very proud of them!

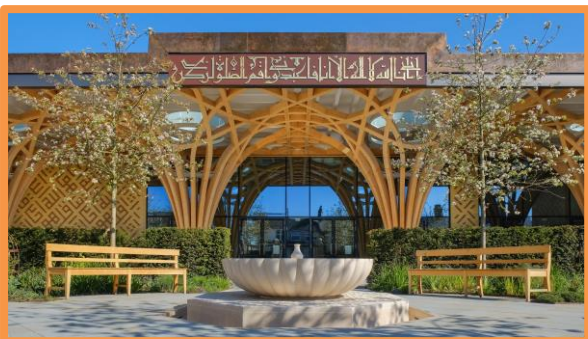


### **Year 6 visit to Cambridge Mosque – by Sam and Mrs Page**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, Year 6 went to Cambridge Mosque. We learned about all of the architecture, materials used to build it and the significance of symmetry in the mosque. The building is designed to look like trees and the beautiful gardens outside are planted with trees that appear in the Qu'ran. When we went inside, we took off our shoes and walked across the marble, geometric patterned floor; this design was called 'Gods Breath', and the walls were filled with geometric Arabic patterns, which translated into 'Allah'. There were clocks which displayed the 5 times Muslim people would be called to prayer on that day. As Ramadan was starting tomorrow, people were busy preparing for evening prayer.

We learned about the Islamic practice of 'wudu', where Muslims wash before praying. The girls covered their hair with a scarf and then we went into the prayer hall. In here, the '*Mihraab*' points north to Mecca, so Muslims know what direction to face when praying. We learned that the 'Imam', or prayer leader, lives at the mosque.

Then we went to the women's section and discovered that a wall decoration, the 'Kiswah' had actually been on the cube in Mecca. We had a brilliant time and learned a lot!



### **British Science Week**

All the children enjoyed some exciting activities as part of British Science Week last week. We have had LIVE Science lessons with wildlife expert Mike Linley, Year 4 participated in the WWF International Polar Bear Day and Year 1 explored the fascinating world of pets and their habitats in an interactive STEM Week special with the Blue Cross.

We also had some special visitors in school – The Royal Air Force. The RAF worked with Year 6 completing some coding work where the children programmed robots and Year 5 were able to experience what it is like to fly a plane on a flight simulator as well as being challenged with some other STEM activities.

An exciting and busy week for all! **(Mrs Coppard)**

**A big thank you to Mrs Coppard for organising this and to the RAF staff:**

**Flt Lt. Anthony Tickel  
WO. Mo Howard  
WO. Paul Edwards  
Sgt. Jonathan Todd  
Cpl. Jim Taylor  
AS1. Joe Nissler  
AS1. Sam Jones**





### **Football report written by Lucy and Mila**

After a very wet qualifying tournament a few weeks ago, the two girls' football teams made it through to the county finals at Goals in Norwich. There were 16 teams altogether and matches were played 5 a-side - everybody had to play each other.

Year 3/4 came 7<sup>th</sup> and Year 5/6 came 13<sup>th</sup>.

An amazing effort by all the girls that showed good sportsmanship and teamwork.



### **Year 6 Crucial Crew – report by Thomas S (Heron)**

My Year 6 peers and I paid a visit to Letton Hall to take part in a wonderful experience called Crucial Crew. Crucial Crew is all of the emergency services combined, showcasing to us what they do and teaching us exceedingly important life skills.

Once we had arrived, we were led into a library and explained what we would be doing first. My group took part in an activity to show us the importance of 'our voice counts.'

Next, we learned how to do CPR on a human. Me and my classmates really enjoyed this part of the day because it could save someone's life in the future.

After that, we went to talk about our emotions and how to control them. We discussed how we can calm down and different ways we can talk to people about our worries. Then we talked about what emotions we can feel at different times.

We met back in the library and congratulated the Crucial Crew for their hard work. Finally, we got back on the bus and headed back to school.

### **Staffing update**

Mrs Barker, our SENCO, will be returning to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to welcoming her back. Mr Clogans, our interim SENCO, will remain with us until the Easter holidays. We would like to thank Mr Clogans for all of his hard work while Mrs Barker has been unwell.

We have appointed Miss Swatman to teach Hedgehogs for the summer term. Thank you to Mrs Banks and Mrs Faulkner for taking over Hedgehogs this term. Mrs Faulkner will teach Hedgehogs for the first couple of days back after the Easter holidays, alongside Miss Swatman, so there is a smooth transition. We are currently advertising for a maternity cover teacher for Ladybirds, and I will let parents know once we have appointed.

We currently have adverts for permanent teachers for September, and for a HLTA position on Education Job Finder:

[Homepage](#) | [Education Job Finder](#)

### **Red Nose Day**

Red Nose day is this Friday (21<sup>st</sup> March). This is a non-uniform day. Children can come to school in something red (but don't worry if you don't have anything red – own clothes are fine). Mrs Willingham has set up a Just Giving page if parents would like to donate – the link was emailed to parents today. Unfortunately, we are unable to take cash donations.

### **Message from the Friends of Attleborough Primary School**

The Friends have now got a post-box in the school foyer. Any correspondence for the attention of the Friends can now be posted here. Many thanks.

### **KEY DATES SPRING 2**

<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 6.00pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 7.30pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 visit to Thetford Forest
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Friends' disco – all year groups after school – further details to follow
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Year 1 visit to Africa Alive
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of Spring term

### **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:

**28/2/25: Sienna, Ryan, Alistair, Eliza, Louis, Logan, Liam, Jake, Riley, Leo, Logan, Denis, Duane, Noah, Devdath**

**14/3/25: Annabelle, Alex, Daniella, Madison, Annabelle, Oscar, Scarlett, Pippa, Jasper, Rosie, Nicole, Seth, Emmanuel, Charlotte, Ewan**

### **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:

**14/2/25: Arthur, Daniel, Oscar, Shelby, Harry, Oakley, Wojciech**

**28/2/25: Huxley, Leia, Tia, Gabriella, Amelia, Isla**

**14/3/25: Alfie, Stanley, Greyson, Joseph, Charlotte, Igne, Lara**

### **House Points**

<b>AIR</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>WATER</b>	<b>EARTH</b>
<b>1833</b>	<b>1832</b>	<b>1829</b>	<b>1692</b>

## 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.

<b>Reception</b> <i>Caterpillar</i>	<b>Year 1</b> <i>Red Squirrel</i>	<b>Year 2</b> <i>Ladybirds</i>	<b>Year 3</b> <i>Fox</i>	<b>Year 4</b> <i>Red Deer</i>	<b>Year 5</b> <i>Barn Owl</i>	<b>Year 6</b> <i>Seal</i>
<b>94.0%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>92.3%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>92.3%</b>
<b>Reception</b> <i>Dragonfly</i>	<b>Year 1</b> <i>Hedgehog</i>	<b>Year 2</b> <i>Bumblebees</i>	<b>Year 3</b> <i>Badger</i>	<b>Year 4</b> <i>Kingfisher</i>	<b>Year 5</b> <i>Otter</i>	<b>Year 6</b> <i>Heron</i>
<b>94.0%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
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## Attendance – late arrival and late collection

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. We also have several 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. Many thanks for your support with this.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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 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.

### 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

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