



Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

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Tuesday 17th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

There has been a lot going on in school this half-term! Year 1 children have completed the statutory phonics screening check and Year 4 completed the statutory Multiplication Tables Check. The Year 6 writing 'at expected' is looking extremely positive, so a massive thank you to all of our Year 6 children, Mrs Bartram and Mrs Page for all their hard work on writing this year. The SATS results for Year 6 children will be sent out with the reports on Monday 14th July.

A big thank you to Mrs Shingfield for organising the Year 2 residential, and to Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Barker, Miss Applegate and Mrs Andrews for accompanying the children. The children had a great time! Coming up, we have the Year 2/Year 6 visit to the Norfolk Show, the Year 3 visit to Pensthorpe and the Yr 1 visit to the beach. We also have Sports Days to look forward to.

On Friday, parents were emailed about the teaching arrangements for September and the information about transition day on Tuesday 17th June. Your child should have brought home a slip yesterday to say which teacher they will have next year.

As we are now part of Sapientia, we have a new Attendance Policy. It is attached to the email. Please be aware that leave of absence from school will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not generally considered an exceptional circumstance. The school register is a legal document, and we have to ensure that the codes entered for absences are accurate. Please do not tell us your child is ill if you are actually on holiday. If we have evidence that this is the case, then the register code will need to be changed, the absence will be amended to unauthorised and there may be a referral for a Fixed Penalty Notice. Please find attached the NCC leaflet about FPNs which we sent to parents last year. There is a very clear link between children's attendance and their attainment, so it is important that parents aim for their child's attendance to be 96% or above. Thank you for your support with this.

We ask that parents do not ring the gate buzzer before 8.40am. The office opens at 8.40am -when the gates open - and the office staff will be able to deal with any queries then. At home time, please wait for the gates to open before coming into the office for general queries.

Please do not allow your child to bring in toys or cards from home. This causes upset if they are lost and are often the cause of arguments in school.

We have had some very hot days recently. When it is hot, please apply suncream to your child before they come to school and ensure they have a hat and a water bottle.

If you smoke or vape, we politely ask that you don't do this while waiting at the gates to pick children up or drop children off. We have had a complaint about this as local residents need walk past- some with babies. In the mornings, our pupils are waiting at the gates, and we want to prevent them being affected by adults smoking. Thank you for your support with this.

Many thanks to the Friends. They have organised a disco (Friday 27th June) and the Year 6 prom (Friday 4th July). The Friends's letter gives full details.

By the end of this term, we hope our new website will go live and we will also be having new signage.

Best wishes
Fiona Milne
Headteacher



VE Day Commemorations

On the week of the 2nd June, Attleborough Primary had their belated commemorations for VE Day. The week was kickstarted with an assembly held by RBL Branch Secretary Jennie Stevens on remembrance, bravery and unity. On Wednesday the children were invited to school in optional World War Two style dress. It was lovely to see such a great uptake on this and the effort children had gone to with their costumes. On Friday, we had some very special assemblies throughout the afternoon. The children heard from a number of veterans who we invited into school including: Carl Brandwood, Tyrone Power, Steve Tuffen and RBL chairman Gareth Stevens, as well as active serviceman in the RAF Sgt. Jonathan Todd. We were also lucky enough to have Vera Staines (a military wife) as well as members of the Edwards family leading the assemblies too. Hearing these individuals' stories and experiences first hand is invaluable for the children's understanding of the bravery and sacrifice of those who not only serve in the Armed Forces but also the members of their families too. As always, we are incredibly grateful to the RBL for their support in facilitating these experiences for our children.

House Treat Summer 1

Earth were the winners of the house treat for the first half of the summer term. For the treat, the children went on a rainbow treasure hunt. The Year 2s completed their treasure hunt in the forest school and had great fun trying to find the different coloured treasure. The rest of the school had their treat in the hall using the climbing frame and PE equipment due to the weather. The treasure was hidden under different apparatus and equipment. The fastest team to find all the coloured treasure were the winners. KS2 had an additional challenge where different coloured treasure was worth different amounts of points. The team with the highest value treasure also won a prize. All the children really enjoyed the treat. Thank you to Mr Howard for running the activity and to Miss Martin for organising it. (We are still looking for some gold treasure in the forest school that was clearly hidden too well!!) I wonder if anyone will find it?

Pupil Asset Update

In September we are moving away from Pupil Asset to a new management information system called Bromcom. We are currently in the process of setting this up **so please do not** make any more amendments to your child's records (amend address, phone number etc) as the data we currently hold will be transferred to the new system.

If you have any changes of contact information, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

We will also be changing the way parents/carers pay for meals and trips using the new system but this change will not be in place until September so please continue to use Pupil Asset until we have further details of the new system which we will pass to you as soon as we know.



Year 2 Residential - Hautbois Hall

Half of Year 2 had an overnight stay to Hautbois Hall from Thursday 5th to Friday 6th June. Children had an exciting time learning how to build a shelter and make a campfire; whizzing down the zipline; working as a team on the low ropes course and using their geography mapping skills in orienteering. Despite the few hours of sleep on Thursday night and downpours at times on Friday morning, everyone was in good spirits and a good time was had by all! Thank you to Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Barker, Miss Applegate and Mrs Andrews for giving up their time (and sleep!) to help make this a memorable experience.

Making Sense of SEND event in Norwich

Making Sense of SEND are free events for parents and carers who have a child or young person with SEND.

Friendly advisers can talk to you about a range of issues from children struggling at school, childcare, EHCPs, post-16 guidance and health and speech and language services. We'll also be listening to your concerns and answering your questions at our optional Q&A session.

Event details

- Date: Friday 27 June 2025
- Time: 10am-2pm
- Place: County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2UA
- Free refreshments

What's on

- Have your questions answered
- Attend talks on specialist subjects
- Share your experiences with leaders
- Get information & advice from services

[Visit the website to find out more and book your FREE place.](#)

SEND support groups and events - Making Sense of SEND - Norfolk County Council



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Making Sense of SEND are free events for parents/carers who have a child with SEND. They are also for professionals who work with them. Each event has between 15-20 information stands.

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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:

Rocco, Huxley, Isabella, Tilly-Rose, Ronnie, Callie, Valetzia, Edward, Sara, Alexia, Lucy, Oakley, Nhi, Amelia, Darcy, Nojus, Madeleine, Liza, Aurora, Sienna, Ivie, Athea, Aiden, Danielius, Ivy, Ava, Katy, Iris, Bethany

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:

16/5/25: Zarah, Zachary, Eliza, Alice, Lily, Molli-Rosemary, Adam, Cody

6/6/25: Freddie, Eden, Simeon, Henrie, Samuel, George, Ellis

13/6/25: Arya, Ruby L, Valetzia, Martha, Ebony-Rose, Abigail

House Points

AIR	FIRE	WATER	EARTH
997	913	956	933

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>
94%	94%	96%	93%	95%	97%	92%
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>
93%	94%	95%	93%	97%	95%	95%
				Year 4 <i>Red Kite</i>		
				94%		

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.

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	
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Wednesday 23rd April – Friday 23rd May 2025	Summer Term 1
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025	Half term
Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Summer Term 2 (Last day of term Tuesday 22nd July)

2025/2026 term dates are below.

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
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025	<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
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March 2026	Spring Term 2
Monday 30th March– Monday 13th April 2026	<i>Easter Holidays (including staff training days on Monday 13th April)</i>
Tuesday 14th April 2026	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)
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026	Summer Term 2 (Last day of term Friday 17th July)

