



Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 24th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy half-term! Year 6 enjoyed their visit to Duxford, Year 5 had a great time at the Cambridge Science Centre and Year 4 had a lovely time at the Ancient House. The Year 6 residential was great fun and the children had the opportunity to take part in outdoor and adventurous activities. Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who accompanied the children on these visits.

A big thank you goes to all our children and staff for their hard work this half-term. Water won the house treat this half term. Thank you to Miss Martin and Mr Howard for organising this.

Parents' Evening is coming up the week after half-term. An email has been sent to all parents with the schoolcloud booking guide. It is also attached to the email. The system opens for bookings at 5pm today and closes on Monday 3rd November at 12:00. The booking link is below:

<https://attleboroughpri.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Parents have been emailed about the Admissions consultation, and this is also available on our website.

Mrs Barker, our SENCO, is holding two parents' cafes next half-term:

- Reception parents only: **Thursday 6th November at 9am** (in the school hall)
- All parents: **Thursday 11th December at 9am** (in the school hall)

These are SEN information sessions and there will be an opportunity to ask any questions.

Thank you to parents for all the bottle donations today.

We hope all our children and families have a lovely half-term break. A reminder that we have a staff training day on Monday 3rd November and we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Best wishes
Fiona Milne
Headteacher

Year 6 visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum

Year 6 had a brilliant day out at Duxford Imperial War Museum on Wednesday. We saw the airfield constantly in use, many amazingly restored aircraft such as the B-17 Flying Fortress, SR-71 Blackbird and got to take a look inside a Spitfire. We also got to climb on board a Concorde and see all of the different control panels, which was very special! In the Battle of Britain display, we got to go inside an Anderson Air Raid Shelter which we have recently read about in our English text, Goodnight Mr Tom. One of the highlights of our trip was attending a talk from two veterans who both served in the RAF - one of whom was alive during WW2 - and ask them questions about their experiences of war. Our trip has helped us to better our understanding of World War Two and has inspired us to do some fantastic writing since we have returned!

Year 6 Residential Trip

The Year Six children had a fantastic time on their weeklong residential trip to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. They worked well as a team and tackled different individual challenges too. Over the week, they participated in raft building and canoeing, laser tag, rock climbing, abseiling, rifle shooting, zip wire, tunnel trail, trapeze, vertical challenge and orienteering. At night, we sang songs and ate marshmallows over a campfire, played ambush and balloon splash and even celebrated with a silent disco! The children behaved brilliantly, and friendships were formed. It was a special week that we will never forget!



Year 5 Science Cambridge trip

On Thursday 16th October, Year 5 visited the Cambridge Science Centre for the morning, located in Cambridge Science Park. We were very excited to explore the wide-ranging hands-on activities in the Explore Room which sparked our curiosity for all things science! Exhibits included reflecting and refracting light; building paper airplanes and launching them through hoops; investigating the energy needed to power different electrical items around the home and even exploring how all life began from simple forms billions of years ago. Each class also engaged in a workshop where they made model land-yachts. Starting from the same base design, children were each given a piece of A4 paper and three sticks to create a sail for their land-yacht. There were some fantastic designs which children then tested to see which went the furthest - we even got to bring them home! A fantastic day exploring real-life science in a hands-on way; lots of great scientific thinking throughout the morning!



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'.

Taster session for Year 6

Last Friday, the Year 6s went to Attleborough Academy for a taster day with other primary schools. Our lessons included conducting an experiment in science using fire, performing a Greek myth in drama, showing off our ICT skills on scratch and creating beautiful water colour masterpieces in art. The day finished with each group presenting what they had learnt. We had some very brave children standing up and performing on stage and we are now all looking forward to our next transition activities!

Year 4 trip to Ancient House

On Thursday, we went on the train to Ancient House in Thetford to learn more about the Romans. One of our activities was making Mosaics which are patterns that were for poor and wealthy homes. They could go on walls, floors and ceilings. We learnt about battles and what they wore. We also discovered how we know about Roman life today and the food they ate. Everyone found going to Ancient House very much fun!

By Eleanor in Red Deer Class



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:

Ruby-Mae, Olivia, Zarah, Alex, Chester, Ruby, Maisie, Eleanor, Danielle, Lucy, Nell, Rosalie, Spencer, Pixie-Rose, Elina, Victoria, Harper, Adam, Isabella, Andrea, Charlotte, Lois, Jake S, Isaac F, Samuel, Faye, William, Maylie, Charlie, Hugo, Arthur, Elliot, Eliaz, Joshith, Iris, Hannah, Shelby, Pipier, Kristian C, Isla N-M, Isla, C, Ben

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:

3/10/25 – Harley, Adam. Grace, Sonny, Maksas, Riley, Emmanuel

10/10/25 – Oliver, Rose, Grace, Tia, Scarlett, Khadija, Benjamin

17/10/25 – Maisie, Nojus, Freddie, Rupert, David, Alfie, Emmanuel

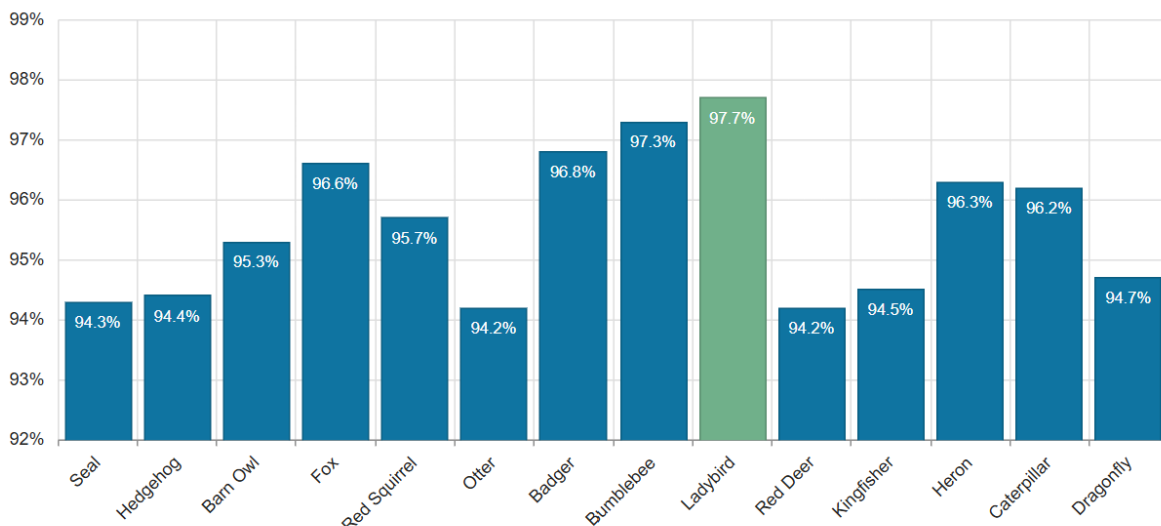
24/10/25-Phoebe, Maisie, Chester, Olivia, Molli-Rosemary, Ava

House Points

AIR	FIRE	WATER	EARTH
4083	3654	4085	3765

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.



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 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.

Key Dates Autumn Term:

Date	Event
Monday 27 th October – Monday 3 rd November	Half-term (Staff training day on Monday 3 rd November)
Tuesday 4 th November	Back to school
Wednesday 5 th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 6 th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 th November	Year 6 and anyone who absent – NHS flu immunisation team back in school
Wednesday 19 th November	Yr 2 visit to the Tower of London
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 3 visit to Norwich Castle
Tuesday 2 nd December	EYFS nativity 9.45am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 3 and 4 carols at the church
Wednesday 10 th December	Yr R and Yr 6 NHS height and weight check (info has been sent to parents)
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 2.00pm
Friday 12 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 9.45am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Rocksteady Concert 2.00pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 carols at the church 2.00pm
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term

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	Half- term
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	Half term
Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March 2026	Spring Term 2
Monday 30th March– Monday 13th April 2026	Easter Holidays (<i>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	Half term
Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026	Summer Term 2 (Last day of term Friday 17th July)

