



Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 29th September

Dear Parents/Carers

The first few weeks of the new academic year have gone by very quickly! The children have settled very well into their new classes. We hope parents found the Welcome Meetings at the start of term helpful. We have now finalised dates for this term. Parents will be sent further details of each event nearer the time.

Date	Event
Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October	Year 6 Residential to Claythorpe Court
Thursday 9th October	Year 4 visit to Thetford Forest
Tuesday 14th October	Year 6 visit to Duxford
Thursday 16th October	Year 5 visit to Cambridge Science
Friday 17th October	Friends' Disco 5.00pm – 6.15pm Reception, Y1, Yr 2 and Yr 3 6.30pm – 7.45pm Yr 4, 5 and 6
Monday 27th October – Monday 3rd November	Half-term (Staff training day on Monday 3 rd November)
Tuesday 4th November	Back to school
Wednesday 5th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 6th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 2nd December	Year 3 visit to Norwich Castle
Tuesday 2nd December	EYFS nativity 9.45am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 9th December	Year 3 and 4 carols at the church
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 2.00pm
Friday 12th December	Year 1 and Year Nativity 9.45am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 16th December	Rocksteady Concert 2.00pm
Wednesday 17th December	Year 5 and Year 6 carols at the church 2.00pm
Friday 19th December	Last day of term

Attendance and punctuality

Good attendance at school is a very high priority. There is a direct link between attendance and children's attainment. Please ensure that your child is in school before the gates close at **8.50am**. Please be aware that we do not authorise family holidays in term time and a referral for a fixed penalty notice may be made. Leave of absence from school is only authorised in exceptional circumstances. If you do decide to take your child on holiday in term time, please do not take them out of school during statutory testing windows.

Year 1 Phonics screening check: **Week beginning Monday 8th June 2026**

Year 2 Phonics retakes (if your child did not pass in Yr 1): **Week beginning Monday 8th June 2026**

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: **Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June 2026**

Year 6 SATS: **Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May**

Is your child a Young Carer?

A young carer is a child who looks after a family member, or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction and cannot cope without their support. (Source NHS England).

If you think your child is a Young Carer, please let us know. There is lots of support we can access, including a school Young Carers group and great events that your child can attend.

Please email Mrs Faulkner or Mrs Barker for further information

c.faulkner@attleboroughprimary.org

a.barker@attleboroughprimary.org



MYCAS App

The MYCAS app has had an update, please download the new version. Please can you also complete the permissions via the app under the section named 'Parental Consent'. Thank you.

Inhalers



If your child requires an inhaler please can you ensure that we have an inhaler in school and that it is date.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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:

Darcy, Tilly, Ayla, Charlie D, Grace, Eshaal, Callie, Greyson, David, Aliya, Martha L, Isaac T, Evie P, Jacob, Harley, Charlie P, Madeleine, Leo P, Austin, Aria-May, Rupert, Muhammad, Scarlett, Jacob, Jake, Grace, Eden, Ezra, Tion, Nojus, Rose, Logan, Natalia, Niklaus, Maisy, Ava, Joseph, Riley, Teddy, Kilina, Ava

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:

12/9/5 - Tilly, Olive, Presley, Yusuf, Amber, Teddy, Rosalie

19/9/25 – Elina, Penny, Eden, Ruby, Liam, Matilda, Piotr

26/9/25 – Oakley, Kaixin, Eden, Lydia, Maksas, Amanda, Tasmiyah

House Points

AIR	FIRE	WATER	EARTH
2459	2122	2395	2197

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>
93.7%	95.4%	98.0%	95.1%	94.2%	92.8%	92.9%
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>
98.5%	93.7%	97.0%	96.2%	94.7%	91.8%	95.9%

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 and Pavillion

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. If your child attends Pavillion, please ensure you let them know if they are not attending. We receive daily lists of children whose parents have booked them in to be collected from school.

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.

2025/2026 TERM DATES

Please be aware that now we are part of Sapientia we have 2 additional training days (listed below).

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)

Staff training days – children are not in school on these days:

Monday 1st September
Tuesday 2nd September
Monday 3rd November
Monday 5th January
Monday 13th April
Tuesday 14th April