



## Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We were due to join Sapientia on 1st March. However, we have been informed that the DfE will have to now defer the conversion date to **1 April 2025**. This is because some of the documentation still needs to be finalised.

I am very pleased to be able to confirm that we have appointed a caretaker. Mr Leigh will be joining us soon.

Year 4 are going on their residential trip to How Hill from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Faulkner will be holding a meeting for parents on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm**. The meeting will take place in the hall.

Mrs Faulkner sent out a Young Carer form to all parents. If your child is a Young Carer, please complete this by 7<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your support with this.

Best wishes

Fiona Milne  
Acting Headteacher

### Friends' News

A big thank you to the Friends for organising the following events for the children:

- Easter disco (all year groups): **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**
- Summer disco (Reception to Year 5): **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**
- Year 6 prom: **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Please be aware that all children – including those with a walking home pass – must be collected by an adult from these events. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

The Friends are in the process of purchasing archery equipment, swimming goggles, swimming hats and leavers' gifts for Year 6. This is all funded by the money raised at Friends' events so thank you to parents for supporting these events.

### 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.

## **Norfolk County Council SEND survey**

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Survey for 2025 is now open **until Sunday 23 February**. This survey is a crucial tool for gathering valuable insights and feedback to improve the support and services provided to children and young people (CYP) with SEND across Norfolk.

The SEND survey gives everyone involved in the lives of CYP with SEND and the CYP themselves (aged 0-25 yrs), a chance to give their views about SEND services and support in Norfolk.

Please click on the link below to access the survey page. The survey link is at the bottom of the page.

[SEND survey 2025 - Norfolk County Council - Citizen Space](#)

## **Benefits-related free school meals/Pupil Premium**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. This is called universal infant free school meals. This is different to benefit-related free school meals and you do not have to apply, but if you receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still register below. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the qualifying benefits listed to get benefit-related free school meals.

The qualifying benefits are:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You must apply for these free school meals if your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6. Please click on this link [Free school meals - Norfolk County Council](#).

An application form is also attached to the email you received.

Children eligible for Pupil Premium benefit from free school meals (up to Year 6), financial assistance with educational visits, and parents receive a cost-of-living voucher worth £15 per month, per child. Please click on this link for more information: [Cost of living vouchers - Norfolk County Council](#)

In addition, Big Norfolk Holiday Fun offers funded activities during the school holidays for children who receive benefits related free school meals.

[Sign up to hear more about Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Norfolk County Council](#)

### Reading and homework

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. Please also support your child with other homework, including Times Table Rock Stars and spelling. If children know all their times tables, this really helps with other areas of maths. Thank you for your support with this.

- By the end of Year 2, children should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for the 2,5 and 10 multiplication tables
- By the end of Year 3, children should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for the 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 multiplication tables
- By the end of Year 4, children should know all their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. The national multiplication tables check (MTC) takes place in June for all Year 4 children. Please click on the link below for more information.

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

### 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:

**24/1/25: Esmail, Frederick, Alfie, Lisa, Amber, Anna, Rowan, Charlie, Jessica, Tiala, Fynley, Martha, Diya, Oakley, Holly, Bradley, Thomas**

**31/1/25: Arthur, Zachary, Max, Paisley, Jacob, Anna, Kayden, Mason, Thalia, Zachary, Ethan, Kilina, Lily, Chloe, Jacob**

### 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:

**24/1/25: Annabelle, Leo, Logan, Jenson, Danielle, Nhi Uyen, Bethany**

**31/1/25: Sienna, Olivia, Callie, Elias, Albie, Piotr, William**

### House Points

AIR	FIRE	WATER	EARTH
1753	1649	1693	1628

### 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>
94.3%	93.4%	95.8%	91.2%	95.4%	95.3%	93.1%
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>
93.3%	94.7%	95.5%	92.8%	96.8%	94.8%	94.5%
				Year 4 <i>Red Kite</i>		
				94.2%		

## 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.

### 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.

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