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Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Online Safety News, Tips and Helpful Advice

Talking to your child about online safety can be daunting. The NSPCC have created a fun dinosaur character 'Techosuarus' to help you have those conversations with your child in a fun and positive way. Please see the link below for parent and carer guides and a children's activity pack. [Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

Photos

If you pre-registered with the online portal for the school photographs, you should now be able to log in and see the proofs to order. If you didn't pre-register with the app, physical copies have been sent home this week. Please take advantage of the multi-buy deals on the Fizz Photography website, including their mix and match offers.

Launch of new website

You may have noticed that on Wednesday, we launched our new school website, although as with all technology, there are one or two areas which still need attention after the rollover.

Additionally, as part of this, we are rolling out a parent app, which will send you updates when anything has changed in the news section including the upload of the whole school weekly newsletter. We await the details of this from the website provider and will aim to send the details out next week.

From Friday 30th October, we will no longer be emailing the whole-school weekly newsletter, instead including it in the news section of the website. The year group newsletters, will continue to be emailed directly.

Reminders

Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) will take place on Monday 19th October. Please follow the link sent to you directly from the NHS, to allow your child to have this in school on this day. This will be the only opportunity to have this in school. However, we will of course provide details of catch-up clinics in the area.

Break the rule day

Our next fundraising Break the Rule day will be held on Thursday 22nd October. Please see attached flyer for more information.

School Disco

Our next school disco will be held on Thursday 22nd October. Please see attached letter regarding this. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 12th October.

Trip to see Sheffield Steelers

A unique opportunity has arisen for 30 of our Y6 pupils to attend an ice hockey match at the Utility Arena in Sheffield to see Sheffield Steelers take on Manchester Storm. This is on the evening of Saturday 7th November 2026. Letters have been sent home today.

Tree Tops Forest School

Please see attached information from Tree Tops Forest School about a half term holiday camp.

The Admin Team

You may have spoken to our new office administrator, Mrs Lowson. She has recently been appointed to support Mrs Erskine in the office. Mrs Lowson works every afternoon and can assist with general administration queries. Mrs Urquhart continues to work in the school office every morning, to support Mrs Erskine and as our Attendance Officer. If your child is absent from school, please use the attendance@athelstan.n-yorks.sch.uk to notify or alternatively on the school telephone number.

Mrs Taylor, has taken over some of the premise's administration and is responsible for compiling risk assessments for any child who has an injury. By having a risk assessment in place, we can ensure that your child continues to attend school with the necessary measures in place to support.

Open Evening for September 2027 School Starters

On Thursday 12th November, 6.00pm, we'll be holding our Open Evening for September 2027 school starters. If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, please come along to hear more about us, talk to staff and have a tour of the school. Please spread the word to anyone else you know with children this age: we're looking forward to meeting them too!

The application window for September 2027 school places will open on Monday 12th October, via the North Yorkshire School Admission website -

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school> .

Help your child love Maths!

Please see attached leaflet regarding in-school sessions regarding boosting number confidence with your children. The sessions are as follows:

Y5/6 13th October at 2pm

Y3/4 19th October at 2pm

Y1/2 2nd November at 2pm

EYFS 9th November at 2pm

Children's University

Following the information on last week's newsletter, information has been sent home today about how children can participate in the Children's University programme.

Children's University celebrates and rewards learning beyond the classroom for children aged 5-14. Pupils can collect hours in their Passport to Learning by taking part in a wide range of activities, including school clubs, music lessons, sports, dance, swimming, martial arts, educational visits and much more.

Reminders

Bikes and Scooters

Will all families please ensure that they are supervising their children on scooters and bikes, or make sure that their older children are aware that no children should be riding their scooter or bike whilst in school, this is both at the start and the end of the school day.

Mobile Phones

No child should ever bring a mobile phone to school, this includes those children who are walking to and from school independently. Children should also not wear smart watches in school.

Attachments

Please see the attachments sent with this Newsletter.

Do you know someone who is looking for a nursery place?

Our nursery is open between 7.30am and 6.00pm in term time, for children aged 2-4.

All types of Early Years Funding Accepted: up to 30 hours' provision per week with nothing to pay.

Choose any combination of sessions to suit your needs.

Contact us to find out more: eyadmin@athesltan.n-yorks.sch.uk 01977 684037

Any new dates or amended dates will be marked in bold

When	Who	What
06/10/2026 & 7/10/2026	Puddles – Y6	Parents' evenings
08/10/2026	Y2	Space workshop
13/10/2026	Y5 & Y6	Numeracy Meeting
19/10/2026	Y3 + Y4	Numeracy Meeting
19/10/2026	Sunshines through to Y6	Flu vaccinations
22/10/2026	Whole School	Break the Rule Day
22/10/2026	Sunshines – Y6	School Disco

22/10/2026	Whole School	Break up for half term
23/10/2026	Inset Day – School closed for pupils	
02/11/2026	Whole School	Back to school
02/11/2026	Y1 & Y2	Numeracy Meeting
03/11/2026	Mrs Priestly & Barton's class	Class Showcase
04/11/2026	Climate Ambassadors	Trip to Harlow Carr
05/11/2026	Mrs Parker's class	Class Showcase
09/11/2026	Sunshines	Numeracy meeting
10/11/2026	Mrs Matwijiszyn's class	Class Showcase
12/11/2026	Miss Green's class	Class Showcase
12/11/2026	New Starters for September 2027 families	Open evening
16/11/2026	Whole school	Odd Socks Day
17/11/2026	Mr Sayers' class	Class Showcase
19/11/2026	Mrs Morgan's class	Class Showcase
20/11/2026	Whole School	Children in Need
24/11/2026	Miss Skelton's class	Class Showcase
26/11/2026	Mrs Aveyard & Mr Preston's class	Class Showcase
26/11/2026	Y3 & Y5	Panto Visit Harrogate
02/12/2026	Y4 & Y6	Panto Visit Harrogate
02/12/2026	Raindrops and Puddles	Babyband
03/12/2026	Sunshines, Y1 & Y2	Riding Lights Theatre group in school
08/12/2026	Sunshines	Christmas Production
09/12/2026	Year 1	Christmas Production
10/12/2026	Year 2	Christmas Production

11/12/2026	Whole School	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
14/10/2026	Y3	Carols
14/12/2026	Y4	Christmas Party
15/12/2026	Y5	Carols
15/12/2026	Y3	Christmas Party
16/12/2026	Y1 & EYFS	Christmas Party
17/12/2026	Y2 & EYFS	Christmas Party
18/12/2026	Y5 & Y6	Christmas Party
18/12/2026	Whole School	Break up for Christmas
04/01/2027	Inset Day – school closed for pupils	
05/01/2027	Whole School	Back to school for the Spring term

Yours truly,



Miss K O'Donnell
Headteacher