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September Achievement Bulletin

Wednesday 1st October 2025

A very warm welcome back to our 2025-2026 school year. We hope you all had a lovely summer.

New starters: We would like to say welcome to **Jacob and Reuben Bennett (FS2 & Year 4)**, **Harry and Elsie-Rose Bickerton (FS2)**, **Leo and Oscar Carruthers-Smith (Year 2 & Year 4)**, **Ivy-Rose Capstick (Nursery)**, **Lolla and Lourdes Kamanda (Year 3 & Year 5)**, **Otilie Owles (FS2)**, **Frankie and Marlo Penn (Year 5 & Year 1)**, **John Sanday (Year 3)**, **Liam, Lydia and Nathan Taku (Year 2, FS2 & Year 4)**, **Nicholas Ward (FS2)** and **Ivor Scurr (Nursery)** who have started their learning journey at Attenborough School this month.

Also, a very warm welcome to **Samantha Hinks**, who has joined the Attenborough Team as part of our SEND support team. We also have numerous inbound colleagues in the process of onboarding – further updates will be given in our October edition.

We'll also be saying farewell to **Hannah Ward** who is posted to the Netherlands in October. Mrs Ward concluded work duties in school on 30th September 2025. We will officially be saying farewell to her during our Achievement assembly on Friday 10th October. Mrs Ward has been a fantastic support to our school; her energy and positivity will be missed by colleagues and children alike. We wish you good luck for the future!

Recognition of Excellence – Teaching & Leadership of Phonics

SOUNDS-WRITE ACCREDITATION- GOLD STANDARD



We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our school has been awarded the **Sounds-Write Gold Award** as part of the Sounds-Write Schools accreditation programme. This achievement is a direct result of our ongoing commitment to provide an excellent phonics education for every child in our school since 2021.

The Sounds-Write Gold Award is granted to schools that have demonstrated **exceptional leadership and teaching in phonics**, with a focus on continuous improvement and achieving the best outcomes for all children. We have created an environment where phonics instruction is a priority in every classroom. Our commitment to improving practice and ensuring that all children benefit from high-quality phonics teaching has been key to our success.

The Gold Award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our teachers and support teams, who are passionate about ensuring that every child becomes a confident and capable reader and writer. Also, to the exceptional leadership provided by Mrs Cunningham since 2021. We remain committed to maintaining the high standards we have set and continue to refine our practice and increase training opportunities for colleagues.

If you'd like to learn more, please visit the Sounds-Write website and follow this link for additional information for parents. Thank you for your continued support to develop strong foundations in core learning skills.

<https://sounds-write.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

September Merit success

Jadeite (130 merits) – Iris Ward

Ruby (90 merits) – Albie Walker

Emerald (70 merits) – Nathan Brown

Platinum (50 merits) – Samyon Rai

Gold (30 merits) – Peter Campbell

Silver (20 merits) – Mairi Campbell



We invite parents to attend our weekly Achievement assemblies for Bronze (10), Gold (30), Platinum (50), Amethyst (100), Jadeite (130) and Obsidian (200).



Term 1 target: +97.3%

Term 1 attendance: 99.5%

TEAM CUP (Autumn Term 1)

Global Citizen values: Being Kind, Being Honest, Listening to others, Being Helpful and Sharing your time and talents with others.

ROWLING	118
EINSTEIN	85
FRANK	80
THUNBERG	62

TEAM READING CUP (Autumn Term 1)

Average reading points per reader. Reading points are achieved after individual quiz completion.

ROWLING	6.6
EINSTEIN	6.1
FRANK	0.9
THUNBERG	5.0



- Attenborough School has a no nut policy. Please ensure children are not bringing any foods in which contain nuts into school.
- If your child is unwell, please ensure you report any absence to the school office by 9am at the latest.
- Please make sure you label all items of clothing that children are bringing into school as our lost property stock is growing.
- School drop-off is from 08:30–08:45. Please do not drop your children off before this time as there is no supervision in place.

Impact beyond our school gates

Charity work – Empathy and helping others.



Over the summer holidays, Calise Rhodes took on a challenge to climb Ben Nevis. In doing so, she managed to raise an incredible £1225 for Hero Paws, a charity supporting Forces dogs and their families in retirement. Calise's charity-fund raising efforts for The Little Princess Trust and Brain Tumour Support have previously been acknowledged with Kingfisher Awards and she has now raised a total of £3,283.24. A significant achievement and commitment, well done Calise, we are all very proud of you, thank you!



At our Summer Fest before the holidays, Anna Parkinson and Rose Cunningham ran a stall selling bracelets that they had made. All in aid of raising money for Smile for children. Anna and Rose managed to raise an impressive total of €55.20. Well done girls and thank you!

Sporting success – Developing personal talent.



Congratulations to Frankie Penn who has successfully gained a place in SCP Paderborn 07's Football Academy as part of their Under 11 team. This is a significant achievement, and we look forward to hearing all about Frankie's success as the football season progresses. Well done, Frankie!

On wider note, it's also very pleasing to see an increase in engagement with local sporting clubs. We now have a number of pupils who are enriching their personal talents on the 'German net' – well done to all involved- keep playing, competing and practising those German language skills!

WE CARE Award Winners

Congratulations to the latest winners our of our **WE CARE** Awards and for showing their **Working together; Empathy; Creativity; Ambition; Reflection** and **Enquiry** skills.

Arabella Cavaliero, Iris Ward, Oscar Carruthers-Smith, Finley Ingram and Peter Campbell

Kingfisher Award Winners – Outstanding values and conduct in our school or community.

Kingfisher winners are kind individuals with a caring nature. They demonstrate positivity to others and approach new things with enthusiasm.

Calise Rhodes, Rose Cunningham, Anna Parkinson

2025-26 Reading Success



Well done to all readers who have started our reading journey for 2025-26. As a school, our readers have so far collectively read and quizzed on **680,985 words**.

Reading Crown (Children are awarded these when they exceed their reading target on accelerated reader for three consecutive half terms for the first time). Congratulations to **Delilah Baldwin, Stuie Brown & Matilda Baldwin**.

Bronze Star (Children are awarded these when they exceed their reading target on accelerated reader for three consecutive half terms for the third time). Congratulations to **Luka Barker, Evie Tyler-Roots & Mason Craig**.

Silver Star (Children are awarded these when they exceed their reading target on accelerated reader for three consecutive half terms for the third time). Congratulations to **Noah Woodruff, Samyon Rai & Anna Parkinson**.



Key Dates Autumn Half Term 1

~~W/C 15th September – Parent Welcome Meetings, please sign up via the QR around the school.~~

~~Thursday 25th September – Ski Trip Meeting (Year 3 – Year 6)~~

Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th October – After-School Clubs Week 1

Friday 17th October – Friends of Attenborough Halloween Disco

W/C 20th October – Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd October – After School Clubs Week 2

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – Half Term

Tuesday 04th November – School Photographs |

Tuesday 04th & Thursday 06th
November – After School Clubs
Week 3

Wednesday 05th November – Poppy
Run (more information to follow)

