



Dear Families,

At last we have signs that summer is on its way. (I know next week doesn't look so great!) It has been lovely watching the children enjoying the sunshine and even getting outside to do some of their learning.

Next week is Year 6 SATs week - children across the country will be taking tests in maths, reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. We wish all of our Y6 pupils lots of luck. We are proud of every single one of you and the progress you have made this year and over your time at King Athelstan. Get plenty of rest this weekend and just do your best next week. It doesn't matter what the outcome is, just that you tried as hard as you do every day. You are amazing!

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher



### Matisse Class Assembly

Matisse hosted their class assembly this week and showed their families all their learning about the Tudors, King Henry VIII, his six wives and what happened to each of them. There was some wonderful singing and very expressive acting! Well done Matisse!



### Panathlon Festival

Well done to the 8 children who took part in the KS1 Panathlon Festival at The AELTC in Raynes Park. The children participated in nine different games including slalom races, basketball, boccia and target practice. They really enjoyed the morning and represented the school so well. They each received a medal and certificate from the organisers, and we are very proud of their achievements!



### Summer Weather/Outdoor Learning



Nursery have been learning about growing and planted beans - look how they have grown! Year 1 took advantage of the lovely weather on Thursday with some outdoor learning! Now that the sunny weather is here, please put sun cream on your children in the morning before school and ensure they wear a named sun hat and bring a named refillable water bottle to school every day. We will have our next Outdoor Learning



Nursery beans!

Day on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**. This is in-line with the international Outdoor Classroom Day which we join twice a year <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/>. All children will get the opportunity to spend time outside learning. For this day, children are able to wear comfy weather-appropriate clothing in order to access these outdoor learning sessions. We look forward to getting outside and hope for fine weather!

## SEND Support Plan Meetings

Families of children with SEND Support Plans will have meetings with their teachers this term **in-person** to review your child's provision on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30-4:30** or **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 4.00-5:30**. Appointments will last **10 minutes**. Look out for the letter in emails, with details of how to book.

## Trips/Visits

Please remember that we need your consent to take your child on the exciting trips we plan every term. The only exception to this is if it is a local trip in Kingston as every family agreed to local permissions when they started school.

We usually need extra adults to accompany trips and are so grateful to parents and carers who volunteer to come. All volunteers need to have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and be able to produce an in-date DBS certificate. You can apply for a DBS via our website [here](#). Each application costs the school £15 so we ask applicants to pay for it (or part of it) if possible via ParentPay under 'DBS Check for Volunteers - Voluntary Item'.

Many, but not all, trips and visits have a cost for a coach, an entrance fee or workshop. We divide the whole cost by the number of children attending and ask families to pay their portion. We recognise that extra costs are difficult for some families, and so have the option to overpay (on ParentPay) for those who wish to do this. It is a very generous action and we are very grateful to families who do this as it helps to ensure that no trip or visit is cancelled due to lack of funds.

All letters notifying parents of upcoming trips and visits are sent via email, so make sure the office always has your correct address/es. All event letters are also put onto the school website for information [here](#). We use ParentPay to collate all trip information, even if there is no cost involved. On ParentPay you will be asked to give consent, pay if there is a cost, offer to be a volunteer, and any other confirmations we might need for specific trips or events. Thank you.

Please go to ParentPay for the following trips:

- Y5 author visit at the Rose Theatre 20.5.24
- Y1 trip to the Library & Kingston Museum 23.5.24
- Y6 Kids Out trip to Chessington 12.6.24
- Y5 Workshop 24.6.24
- Y3 trip to the Science Museum 28.6.24
- Y1 trip to Littlehampton 11.7.24



## Walk to School Week

This year we are participating in the Walk to School Week from **20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> May**. It is a five-day walking challenge, which aims to encourage families out of their cars and onto their feet! Children will be sharing ideas about how to travel to school in different ways and will be recording their mode of transport each day on a class chart. We would be very grateful if families can encourage their children to get to school by foot, bike and scooter instead of using the car, even if this is simply parking away from school and doing the last bit of the journey by foot. Look out for more information and ideas in the next week.



## House Points

This week, **Yellow (Cambridge)** are the winners on a huge 35 points. **Green (Villiers)** are second with 26 points, and **Red (Dawson)** and **Blue (Hawks)** are joint third on 25.



## Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to everyone who has been kind enough to purchase items from our List - it is very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. There is, of course, no obligation to buy anything.





## Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Louis

Van Gogh Y1 - Nadia

Hockney Y2 - Tasya

Matisse Y2 - Whole Class

Cassatt Y3 - Jasper

Da Vinci Y3 - Ollie

Mehretu Y4 - Sophia

Wiley Y4 - Alessandro

Warhol Y5 - Katie

Dali Y5 - Elaie & Max

Kahlo Y6 - Frankie

Riley Y6 - Karyn

PE KS1 - Aythan in Matisse Y2

PE KS2 - Raiya in Dali Y5

Summer from Wiley Class Y4 received a Diversity & Equality certificate.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jamie	Alannah	Eloise	Grace	Gaby	Loveen
Aaron	Joe	Ottillie	Robbie	Isla	Ava

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MAY 2024

Mon 13-Thur 16	Y6 SATs & breakfast at 8.15am daily
Thursday 16	PCSA Quiz Night - at school <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Monday 20	Y5 trip to Rose Theatre
Monday 20 +	Walk to School Week
Monday 20	Y6 Bikeability this week
Wednesday 22	Nelson Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Wednesday 22	Y6 PGL Parent/Carer meeting 6-7pm
Thursday 23	Y6 PGL Parent/Carer meeting 9-10am
Thursday 23	Y1 trip to the Library & Kingston Museum
Thursday 23	Outdoor Learning Day - wear own clothes
Mon 27 May	Half term week

### JUNE 2024

Tuesday 4	Y6 to visit Hogsmill Garden
Wednesday 5	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Thursday 6	International Day
Fri 7 - Mon 10	Y6 PGL Residential trip
Tuesday 11	Y6 PGL children not in school
Wednesday 12	Y6 Kids Out - Chessington World of Adventures
Thursday 13	Class Photographs
Friday 14	PCSA Indie Disco, adults only <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Monday 17	Choir concert at the Rose Theatre

Tuesday 18	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in person between 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 20	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations - in person between 4.00-5.30pm
Friday 21	Reception Cake Sale
Friday 21	PCSA Y5 Disco 7-8.30pm <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Monday 24	Y5 Workshop at The Hollyfield School
Monday 24	Y6 Junior Roadwatch
Tuesday 25	Y3 Country Dancing Festival
Wednesday 26	EYFS Sports Day at school
Thursday 27	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day at Athelstan Park
Friday 28	Y3 trip to the Science Museum - <a href="#">go to ParentPay</a>
<b>JULY 2024</b>	
Monday 1	Y6 Transition Day (Richmond Schools)
1-5 July	1 million step challenge for Diabetes UK
Wednesday 3	Y6 Transition Day (Kingston Schools)
Friday 5	INSET Day - children not in school
Saturday 6	PCSA Summer Fair 12-3pm
Monday 8	Last week of clubs
Wednesday 10	Dali Class Assembly 9am - families welcome
Wednesday 10	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm
Wednesday 10	Thinker's Project Exhibition 5.30-6pm
Thursday 11	Y1 Trip to Littlehampton - <a href="#">go to ParentPay</a>
Friday 12	PCSA Y6 Disco at school 7-8.30pm <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Wednesday 17	Y6 Production 2pm
Thursday 18	Y6 Production 7pm
Sunday 21	PCSA Dragon Boat Racing <a href="#">Tickets here</a>
Tuesday 23	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Tea 2pm. Families invited
Wednesday 24	PCSA Whole school picnic in Athelstan Park from 2.10pm
Wednesday 24	School breaks up for the summer holidays one hour earlier than usual No KOOSA Kids on this day

### KOOSA Kids

**KOOSA kids can now offer extra places on a Wednesday.** This is in response to the waiting list for this session and is an adjustment to maximum capacity. Any information about long term agreements for the Wednesday places for September 2024 will follow soon, as will details for September bookings and the expansion of places available. All bookings can be made for after school or the holiday clubs on their website [here](#).



### PCSA

The PCSA (Parent Carer Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school and to raise money. All parents/carers are automatically members. Upcoming events:

- Thursday 16th May - Quiz night\*
- Friday 14th June - Indie Disco, adults only\*
- Friday 21st June - Year 5 Summer disco\*
- Friday 21st June - Reception cake sale
- Saturday 6th July - Summer Fair 12-3pm
- Friday 12th July - Year 6 leavers disco\*
- Sunday 21st July - Dragon Boat race team ([sign up here](#))
- Friday 4th, 12th & 19th July - Year 6 Ice lolly sales
- Wednesday 24th July - Schools out picnic, Athelstan Park

\*[Tickets for all events can be found here](#)



## Community Messages

In this section of the Digest we include information received from other agencies. We are not promoting these items, but include them in good faith as they may be of interest to King Athelstan families:

**Dons Local Action Group** - On **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** the Dons Local Action Group are hosting their third Family Fun Day. It is a hugely popular event and takes place at the Old Rutlishians Sports Club in Merton Park. With free entry until 1pm families will enjoy a host of attractions, alongside some great food and drink options. All of the information is in the flyer on the right. It would be great to see as many people there as possible for one of the biggest community days of the year. In addition to the Family Fun Day, there is the long established Rutsfest, a festival of music and fun. Again, details including the Rutsfest prices are on the flyer.



**Fairfield Litter Pick** - A huge thank you to the 25 litter heroes who joined the March litter pick as part of "The Great British Spring Clean", and the Kingston Courier who did a little piece about it afterwards (link [here](#)). Six big bags of rubbish were collected (including 3 of recycling) from across Fairfield and the children's playground! The next pick is back on **Saturday 18 May (2-3pm)** to give this popular park a spring clean in time for the long-awaited summer. As always, there will be litter pickers to lend out and sweet treats for participants, so please help spread the word with neighbours, school friends or any other local groups. Thank you.



**The Grow Programme** - The Grow Programme has been funded by the Mayor of London and Kingston Council to support local mums who want to get back to work. There is an introductory event in Kingston on **10 June** in the Everyday Conference Centre, 46 Union Street, Kingston KT1 1RP for any mums interested in finding out how to get back into work. The programme is **FREE** and offers benefits such as a £50 start work bonus. Book a place using this QR code.



**Mill Street Community** - Come along to the Mill Street KT1 area on **Saturday 11 May**: there is lots going on across several venues in a very small area. Bring the kids along for a lovely local day out near the Hogsmill River. Tea and coffee available. Meet the bunnies and chickens and learn about this little gem near the river.



- Kingston Methodist Church, Fairfield South 11am-1pm (<https://www.kingstonmethodist.church/>)
- Mill St sale 10am-1pm KT1 2RG LOADS of bric-a-brac, toys, treasures, baked goods etc along our friendly little street. BRING CASH!
- 🍷 Hogsmill Community Garden Swan Path, open 11am-3pm [https://m.facebook.com/hogsmillcommunitygarden/?wtsid=rdr\\_0ayxpVR5u4vqkUbvY](https://m.facebook.com/hogsmillcommunitygarden/?wtsid=rdr_0ayxpVR5u4vqkUbvY))
- 🖼 Stanley Picker Gallery, Three Bridges Path open 11am-5pm and part of the Kingston Open Artists Studios walk
- 🌳 Forest Schooling UK Three Bridges Path 10am-2pm (<https://www.forestschooling.co.uk/event-details/open-day>)