



Early Years at
King Athelstan Primary School

Welcome to
Reception



Aims of the meeting

- To get to know each other
- To develop our partnership
- To understand starting school routines
- To gain an understanding of your child's day
- To get some practical ideas of how you can help your child at home





Our EYFS Team

Nursery



Alice
(Qualified Teacher)



Barbara
(Level 6 Early Years
Practitioner)



Imogen
(Level 6 Early Years
Practitioner)

Reception

**KLEE CLASS
(NURSERY)**



Jade
(Qualified Teacher)

**NELSON CLASS
(RECEPTION)**



Sophie
(Qualified Teacher)

**KUSUMA CLASS
(RECEPTION)**



Cara
(Level 3 Early Years
Practitioner)

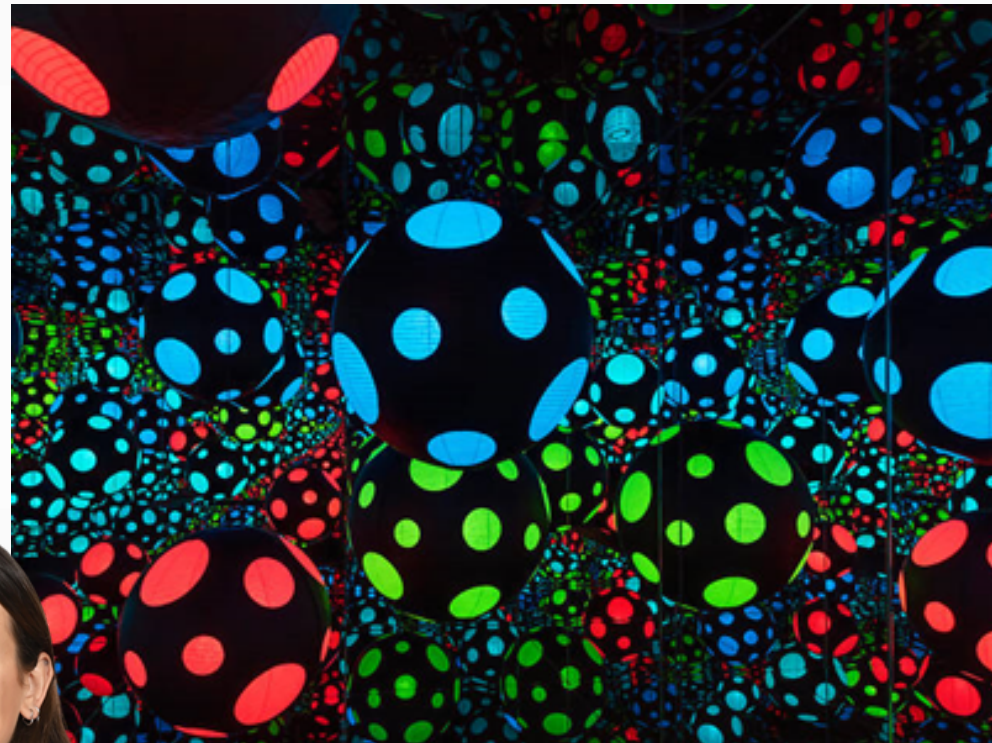
Reception Classes



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There are 2 Reception classes: Nelson and Kusama
Children will be split evenly between the two classes

KUSUMA CLASS



Sophie
(Qualified Teacher)



Cara
(Level 3 Early Years
Practitioner)

NELSON CLASS



Jade
(Qualified Teacher)

EYFS Curriculum



We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage

It is split into 7 different areas of learning:

3 PRIME AREAS



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Building confidence, forming relationships and understanding feelings.



Communication and Language

Developing listening, attention and understanding. Speaking and sharing our ideas.



Physical Development

Building strength, moving with control and developing healthy habits.



4 SPECIFIC AREAS



Literacy

Enjoying stories, exploring letters and sounds, and beginning to read and write.



Mathematics

Exploring numbers, patterns and shapes through fun, hands-on experiences.



Understanding the World

Discovering people, places, communities and the world around us.



Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring creativity through art, music, role play and imaginative design.



Reception Curriculum



Our Curriculum

In our EYFS curriculum, we link 'Planning in the Moment', core texts, and common play behaviours so that children can follow their interests, explore ideas through play, and develop language and understanding in ways that feel natural, engaging, and meaningful to them.



Our Early Years Curriculum

*"We are proud of our school:
Come as you are and leave us great."*



Planning in the Moment

Responsive approach that follows children's interests and engages with their play as it happens.

Core Texts

High-quality books that inspire learning, language development, and cross-curricular connections.

Common Play Behaviours

Schemas and patterns children naturally display: transporting, enclosing, rotating, connecting.

In Reception, our curriculum is designed to be fun, engaging, and supportive, helping children to feel happy, confident, and ready to learn. We build learning around children's interests and give them lots of opportunities to explore, play, and discover.

Planning in the Moment

Learning happens best when children are deeply engaged — our Planning in the Moment approach captures these sparks of curiosity and turns them into powerful learning experiences.



“High-quality play is considered work for young children, as it helps them understand the world, develop critical thinking, and build foundations for later academic success.” Dr Alistar Bryce-Clegg

Literacy in Reception



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Reading is a vital part of your child's learning.

Books are changed each week.

Once children have settled, we start our phonics programme, Read Write Inc (RWI). The RWI book that we have been learning in school will be send home on "Oxford Owl" online portal, alongside a library book.

Please make a comment and sign your child's reading record every day.



Maths in Reception



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Our whole school approach is called Teaching for Mastery.

"Mastering maths means pupils acquiring a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of the subject."

"The phrase 'teaching for mastery' describes the elements of classroom practice and school organisation that combine to give pupils the best chances of mastering maths." (NCETM)
In Reception we follow the NCETM Mastering Number Programme - we focus on developing a deep understanding of numbers to 10.



NCETM
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE
IN THE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS

Stay and Play Sessions

At these sessions you and your child will have the opportunity to experience the Reception environment and ask questions before your child starts in September.

Tuesday 9th June
9.15am - 9.45am

Friday 26th June
9.15am - 9.45am

Tuesday 7th June
2.15pm - 2.45pm

You will find out what class your child is in before this third Stay and Play session. On this day you will spend time in your child's new class.



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Home Visits and Starting Dates

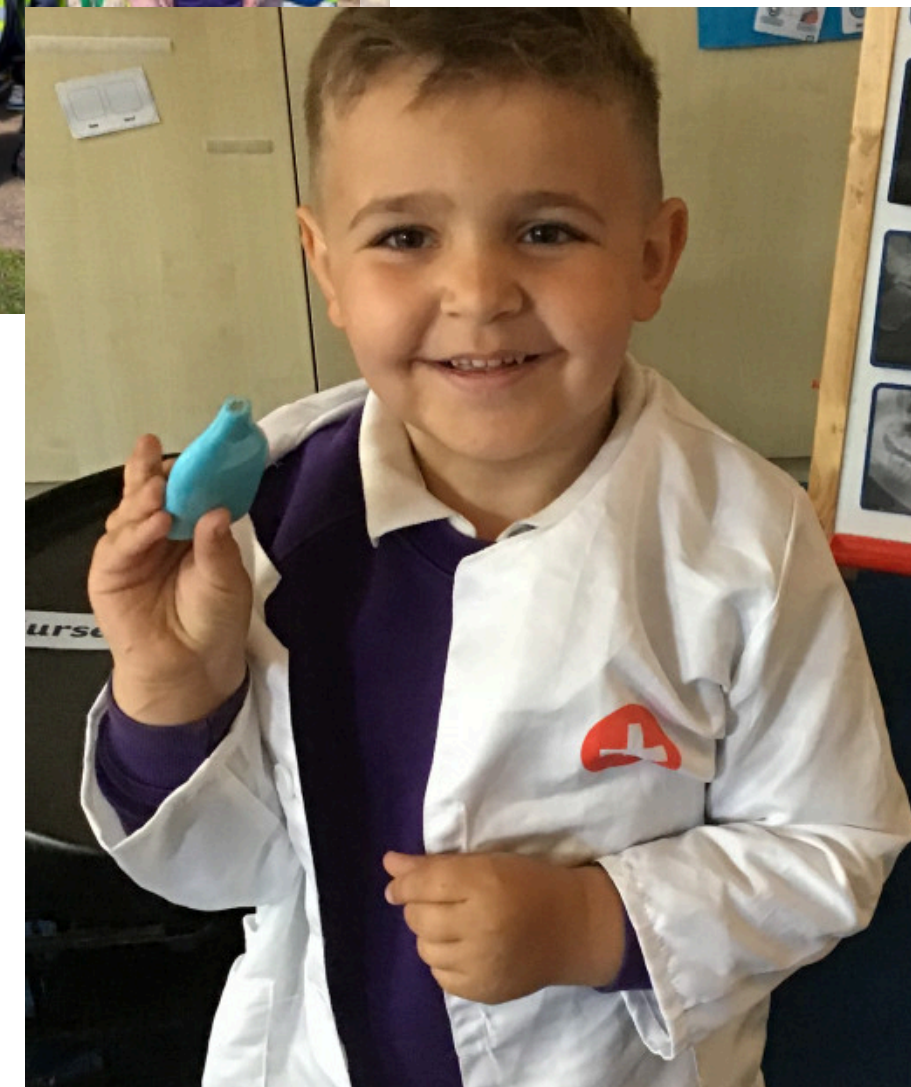


To help children settle happily and confidently into their new class, we will have a gradual transition during the first week of school.

Your child's start date will depend on the group they have been allocated to. Further details of the groups and start dates will be shared separately.

Please note that no EYFS children will be in school on Monday 7th September, as children who are new to King Athelstan will be receiving a home visit on this day.

Home visit times are to be confirmed and will be communicated nearer the time.



Parent Pay

Reception Funds

We ask each family to contribute £10 for the whole year which will be set up via ParentPay. If you are new to the school, your login and password will be sent to you via email. This goes towards creating some amazing opportunities and experiences for your children including:

- Playdough making
- Cooking ingredients
- Food tasting food from around the world
- Planting and growing our own vegetables
- Experiments

Please also keep an eye out for our Amazon wish list and Tapestry for things we need for donation.



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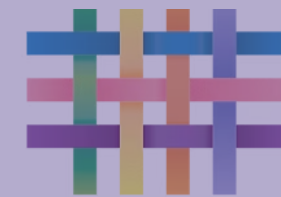


ParentPay

amazon **wishlist**



Tapestry



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING

At King Athelstan we use Tapestry to share your child's learning journey with you in a fun yet personal way. It's a secure online journal where we upload photos, videos, and little stories about what your child has been doing and achieving. You can log in anytime to see what they've been up to, leave comments, and even add your own special moments from home.

It's a lovely way to stay connected, celebrate your child's progress, and share those "wow" moments together as they grow and learn.



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Notes

A big thank you to Faye (office), Sarah (TA) and Jack (Teacher). The children asked some brilliant questions and were so curious (and very funny too! 🤪)

It was a lovely way to learn more about people who help our school everyday 🙏

Flags

Communication and language Understanding the world Expressive arts and design

Very Happy 😊 Curiosity 🤖 Making connections Communication 🗣️

People who help us - Police 🚔

By Sophie Jackson - Added 07 May 2026 10:17 AM



Birthdays at School

We encourage children to donate a book to their class on their birthday as this is a lovely way for the children to enjoy something that will last, and will benefit the class for the rest of the year. We do not permit bringing in cakes/treats/toys to share on birthdays. Children are welcome to wear a birthday badge.

When your child brings in a birthday book, we add a book plate at the front with their name and birthday and put on a protective cover before the book goes into their class reading corner. There is no requirement to donate a book - it is purely voluntary.



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Uniform

Please name all uniform

- Plain white school polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Black trousers/ tailored shorts/skirt/pinafore dress
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers - Velcro - no laces (no coloured/white logos or soles)
- Purple school sweatshirt/cardigan with logo
- Lilac gingham summer dress/playsuit

P.E. uniform (worn all days on PE days)

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black trainers with Velcro

PE days TBC



Outside - Whatever the Weather

Please ensure that your child always has a suitable coat - we learn outside even when it's raining and cold. Wellies and waterproofs can be brought in to keep them dry and allows them to splash around in the rain. Sun hats should be worn in summer.

Uniform

King Athelstan School SECOND HAND UNIFORM

How do I buy?

1. Check stock via the QR code
2. email kingathelstanpcs@gmail.com with your request and (at our earliest convenience) we will leave the items with reception for you to collect

OR

1. Check stock via the QR code
2. Come to the new uniform 'Bring and Buy' sales

Stock QR.....



Bring and Buy.

First Friday of each month we will be opening the uniform 'shop'. Located at the top of the car park in the King Athelstan Centre (where KOOSA is)

Open

08:40 - 09:00

Please check stock before you come to save time

You can also drop donations of clean uniform: jumpers, trousers, cardigans, skirts/dresses, during this time (no shoes or marked items please)

Sold on a donation basis



Donation QR



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We pride ourselves on offering outstanding Value, Quality and a level of service rarely experienced today.

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393-395 Hook Road, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 1EL

**Guarantee cut off date is usually
around 12th August**

Uniform

Please name all uniform

- Purple school book bag with logo
- Sun cream and sun hat in the summer
- Warm waterproof coat / raincoat
- Named water bottle
- Spare clothes in draw string bag to stay on their peg
- Wellies and waterproofs (optional but a good idea)

No backpacks/rucksacks please



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We are a nut-free school. Please do not pack nuts in your child's lunch. This includes peanut butter and Nutella spread.

Getting Ready For School



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Things you can do to help your child get ready for school:

- Make sure they are confident and independent when using the toilet, including managing their own clothes and hand washing
- Try to write their name (capital letter first and then lower case letters)
- Practise counting and recognising numbers 1 - 10
- Get them into a good routine (bedtimes/getting up in the morning)
- Talk to them about school and how much fun they will have!
- Give them opportunities to be independent - cutting their own food, putting on their own coats etc.



Find out more

For more information, visit
<https://startingreception.co.uk>

Starting Reception

Your child's journey to school starts at home.



startingreception.co.uk



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EVERYONE IS WELCOME

- All parents/carers are automatically members
- We have class reps for each class
- Please volunteer at events
- Please join the committee if you would like to be more involved



As well as the usual cake sales, quiz and kid's discos we have introduced:

- Family rave
- Gig night (parents and teachers played)
- Bingo
- Indie disco (adults)
- Kids' Fashion Show
- Second hand uniform sales



KS1 playground funded by the PCSA
EYFS playground to be upgraded.



The PCSA (Parent, Carer, School Association) raises additional funds to support the school where funding falls short.

We also run:

Easyfundraising - donations are made when you shop online at no extra cost to you.



School Lottery - with better odds than the National Lottery.



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Summer Circus on Saturday 27th June



Click on the poster or scan the QR code to get your tickets

Breakfast Club

Reception to Year 6

7.45am - 8.45am each day

£6.50 a day

Book on our website or scan
the QR code



A GREAT START
TO THE
SCHOOL DAY!

GOOD FOOD.
GOOD FRIENDS.
GREAT START!

KING ATHELSTAN SCHOOL

BREAKFAST

CLUB

7.45AM - 8.45AM
EACH DAY

£6.50
A DAY

RUN BY
KING ATHELSTAN
SCHOOL STAFF



A CHOICE OF DELICIOUS BREAKFASTS
Cereals, fruit,
- toast, yoghurts
and juice

FUN AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
The children undertake
a mixture of fun and
educational activities
to start the day
in the best way!

**GOOD FOOD,
GREAT FRIENDS,
A POSITIVE START
TO THE SCHOOL DAY!**

ALL WELCOME!
Come along, fuel up
and start the day with
a smile!

**SEE YOU AT
BREAKFAST CLUB!**



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KOOSA

- Daily after school club until 6pm
- Fun, welcoming space to relax
- Healthy snack provided
- Fully OFSTED registered



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	HOLIDAY CLUB
School finish until 6pm Every School Day	From 8:15 to 6.00pm Every School Holiday Shorter Days Available
KING ATHELSTAN PRIMARY SCHOOL Fully Ofsted Registered Childcare	

Kingston Children's Centre

Services:

- Stay and Play sessions with practical advice and support to parents/carers
- Child and family health
- Small group play sessions for families who would benefit from additional support
- Parenting courses and English as a second language (ESOL) classes with creche facilities
- Outreach sessions
- Low cost activities



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[Online Starting Reception](#)

Telephone: 020 8481 0640

achieving
for children

For more info visit our website



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Thank you and welcome to the King Athelstan Family See you in person on Tuesday 9th June 9.15am -9.45am



Welcome to King Athelstan Primary School

Thank you for your interest in our school.

You will find everything you need to know about our school here on our website.

Our school is a two-form entry community primary school close to the centre of Kingston upon Thames. We provide education for children from 2 to 11 years in our school and offer a wide range of services and activities for 0 - 5s and their families through Kingston Town Children's Centre which is based on our site.

Click here to read more of the Headteacher's welcome.

Over the years we have developed our setting, which means we now have a vibrant, modern learning environment, with fully equipped intervention areas, spacious subject specialist rooms including: an art/cookery room, music room and library, as well as state-of-the-art KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

Our Governing body, which oversees the school budget, has set up the School Fund as a voluntary contribution scheme to support the school which is facing substantial financial challenges. Voluntary donations can



www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Ethos and Aims

We believe that a child's experience in the Early Years will have a significant impact on their future life and that early experiences will shape their lifelong love of learning. We understand the importance of your role as a parent or carer has on your children and so we work very closely with families to provide the best possible learning experiences for them. Our Early Years Foundation Stage is made up of 2 Nursery classes, including space for 8 two year olds, and 2 Reception classes. Children at our school come from a wide range of backgrounds and we celebrate the diverse range of children and families that work together, resulting in a community based school. Our Early Years team are committed to planning and delivering stimulating broad-based curriculum that meets the needs of all our children.

The intent of our Early Years curriculum is therefore as follows:

- To ensure children feel happy and safe in our environments
To put the emotional and mental well-being of children at the heart of all that we do
To create a rich and varied curriculum, that is fun, memorable, challenging and that meets the needs of all our children