

King Athelstan Primary School

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Dear Families

King Athelstan 1100 Event: "On the Origin of King Athelstan School" – KS2 Performance

Date: 19th June 2025 Time: 1pm

Location: All Saints Church, Kingston Market Place (opposite John Lewis)

- Tickets £5 each
- Props needed – helmets and swords
- Packed lunch – all children
- King Athelstan Trail
- Volunteers needed

The school's celebration event to mark the 1100 years since the crowning of King Athelstan in Kingston and how our school began is fast approaching. The children in KS2 are rehearsing their lines and songs, with each class in Years 3,4,5 and 6 contributing a different part of the story. Children in EYFS and KS1 are helping with props and scenery and also joining in some of the songs as they watch the dress rehearsal. We have been working closely with Sarah Cantrill from Story Storks, the Heritage Centre, Kingston Museum and the team at All Saints Church on this project. The church is the actual site of the crowning of King Athelstan and it is a great performance space so we are really lucky to be able to use this venue for such a momentous celebration.

On the day of the celebration, Thursday 19th June, we are taking the whole school to All Saints Church in the morning to do a dress rehearsal and performance for KS1 and EYFS to watch. Then KS1 and EYFS will walk back to school, leaving KS2 to eat their lunch at the church and perform for their parents and carers in the afternoon. We will send a separate letter to Nursery parents with the arrangements for this day.

All children will need a packed lunch (whether they are eating at the church or at school), so please book lunch as usual on ParentPay and a packed lunch will be provided by the school. If you would prefer to send a packed lunch from home, then please cancel any meals already booked. There will be no hot meals in school on this day.

The performance starts at 1pm. Tickets are £5 each and limited to 2 per family in the first instance. The church has quite a large capacity, so we may be able to offer additional tickets nearer the time, however, we want to make sure that parents/carers of KS2 children have the opportunity to see their children perform to begin with. You can order tickets via the Google form [here](#), and we will add them to your ParentPay account once allocated. Tickets will be numbered in order for us to manage the capacity, however, seats are not numbered within the church.

We anticipate that the performance will finish at approximately 2.45pm. If you are at the event, you will be able to collect your children by signing them out with the class teacher. All other children will



then walk back to school ready for collection from school between 3.15 and 3.30pm, or they may then attend any club or KOOSA as usual. We will ask for collection confirmation nearer the time.

Volunteers

We will need some volunteers with a DBS through the school to help walk each class down in the morning and to support with the organisation on the day. Please let us know by completing the Google form [here](#) if you are able to help. We will confirm if you are needed and the details nearer the time.

Props and Costumes

We need some help with props and are looking for the following:

- Plastic/wooden toy swords (no metal please)
- Viking/Saxon/Knight-style toy helmets

Please bring any items to the school office in a bag labelled with your child's name as soon as possible. We will label all items and return them to families shortly after 19th June. Please note, a prop that you provide may be used by any child. Please do not send in anything of great value.



If you are able to help out by making a helmet or sword over half-term we have attached instructions, or you can follow your own design! We need lots, so if you would like to make several that would be great.

On the day, children in Y3 (Mercians) and Y5 (Saxons) need to wear a large, plain, adult size t shirt that reaches thigh or knee level in a natural colour such as black, grey, tan, brown, burgundy, dark green, crimson, mustard (see image). No patterns, logos or bright colours please. Y4 will need dark blue/navy t-shirts as they are Vikings. All will need a plain belt preferably brown or a dark/natural colour. These will form the base of the costumes and accessories will be added and may be requested after half term for some characters.



We will send information about Y6 costumes after half-term - they will need 1950/60s style clothing.

If you have any other costume pieces that you think might be suitable please contact Miss O'Farrell in the school office to discuss or send an email with a photo to admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

We are hoping that as many KS2 children as possible will take part in the afternoon performance, and as many KS1 and EYFS children will join in the morning as possible, however, there may be a small number of children for whom it would not be appropriate due to their Special Educational Needs. Class teachers will speak directly to parents/carers about this. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kingston 'Trail'

After the event, we will be looking for a volunteer parent/carers with graphic design skills in order to support us developing a 'King Athelstan Trail' on the history of the school and King Athelstan around Kingston. Please do get in touch at admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org if you can help.

Here is the [Google form](#) to complete for tickets and volunteering on 19th June. We will be sending more information after half-term.

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