



Dear Families,

What a busy week it has been! Y6 have been in early every morning to have breakfast before completing their SATs tests. We are so proud of their mature attitude and hard work.

Now that lots of parents and carers are returning to workplaces, we have noticed an increase in demand for childcare before and after school. In order to help us and our providers to plan effectively for the new academic year, please could you complete the Google Form here: <https://forms.gle/y95KaQCoMMv32Z2S6> to indicate your likely requirements. This is not a commitment, but purely information gathering. We understand that it is frustrating when spaces are not available and therefore are working towards a longer-term resolution to try to meet demand. Along with many other schools across the country, we are finding it very difficult to recruit strong Teaching Assistants (TAs) to support our children with SEND. We currently have two advertisements on eteach and would be extremely grateful if you could share these with anyone you know who may be interested : <https://www.eteach.com/schools/king-athelstan-primary-school-21372> Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunny weather!

Emily Newton  
Headteacher



### Outdoor Learning Day

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding our next Outdoor Learning Day. This coincides with the global 'Outdoor Classroom Day' which involves over 11.5 million children around the world! Check out their website for more ideas about getting children outside <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/>



At King Athelstan we will be taking our curriculum learning outside during the day to enjoy our learning together outdoors. Please send children to school in comfy clothes or PE uniform suitable for going outside, including a raincoat or sun hat, depending on the weather forecast! You will be able to make a donation on ParentPay for this day, and all proceeds will go to the Big Outdoors Project for the renovation of the KS1 playground.

Children will be visiting their allotment during the day. Classes will also be planting sunflowers to show solidarity with Ukraine. We are looking forward to a great learning day!

### Eco Warriors and the Big Plastic Count

**THE BIG  
PLASTIC  
COUNT  
16-22 MAY**

The Eco Warriors would like to draw your attention to **The Big Plastic Count** which takes place next week from 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May: "Count your plastic for one week. Across the country, households of all shapes and sizes, schools, community groups and businesses, will gather new evidence. How much plastic are we really having to throw away, and what happens to it? We'll show the government it's time to commit: reduce single plastic use by 50% by 2025 by switching to reusable options that work for everyone - and ban sending our waste to other countries." Please sign up to help out! <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

### Police in Reception



As part of our 'People Who Help Us' theme, Reception children enjoyed a visit from PC Becky last week. She told them all about her work. They were very keen to ask her lots of questions and even got to try on some of her uniform! They were particularly interested in her hand cuffs and how she catches 'bad guys'. Luckily, no one was arrested!



## Y6 Travel Writers

Last term Y6 learnt how to write holiday brochures. They wrote them independently after practising persuasive writing in class and then researching a destination of their choice. We sent the brochures off to Audley Travel Agents, who were amazed by their 'turn of phrase', the standard of their writing, their ability to write with such purpose, and the techniques they used to 'sell' their destination and engage with the reader. Every single Y6 child received individual feedback about travel leaflets from the experts. The Audley team read all of the leaflets and chose award categories with an overall winner (the Audley Excellence Award) from each class. This even inspired their design team to get involved and they designed the certificates for the winning children. On Tuesday this week, Audley Travel writers and editors joined Y6 on a virtual meeting to present them with certificates for their amazing travel writing. Thank you to the staff at Audley and well done to all of Y6 for inspiring this project.



**Audley excellence award - Daisy and Lewis**

Researcher award - Conor and Milosz

Strong voice award - Leila and Bella

Great grammar award - Divya and Senudi

Wordsmith award - Dexter and Nishka

Visual design award - Lilian and Lucia

Engaging the reader award - Aniyah and Zara

Special merit - marketing skills - Theo

Special merit - persuasive skills - Jessica

Special merit - evocative title - Kyle

Special merit - considering your audience - Tommy

## Hogsmill Garden



Last week, the budding gardeners in Y1 and Y2 Nurture Groups had a lovely afternoon at the Hogsmill Community Garden. The children learnt all about the plants there and then planted their own sunflower seeds. They were also given a pot of mint each to take home. They all enjoyed it immensely, and their behaviour was excellent!



## JLT Update

The Junior Leadership Team Co-Chairs updated Miss Newton and Mrs Mastrocola with their recent investigation into computing. The majority of children they surveyed said they enjoyed computing and would like to spend more time on it. Y3 said they would like touch typing lessons and/or a computing club. Computing makes them excited about their learning, researching and fact-finding for other lessons and subjects. They have been using Scratch and learning coding. Y6 liked to use Kahoot for quizzes. Y3 wanted to use a mouse more. They all enjoyed the e-safety games. The JLT will feed back their findings to Mr Channing, our Computing Lead. Their next subject to focus on is PE. Miss Newton asked if the School Council could investigate school/PE uniform, the policy & look at things like wearing nail varnish, incorrect items etc. JLT reported that they are helping Mr McLaughlin run with Y1 Mini Olympics. They will also be writing to the Governors to inform them about what JLT are doing, and plan to contact local council to report the unsightly graffiti in Swan Path. JLT are hosting assembly on Monday focussing on Eco Warriors.

## Scarlet Fever and Chickenpox

As you may be aware, there has been an increase in routine childhood infectious diseases such as chickenpox and scarlet fever. Both of these are considered to be common, mild and of low public health risk. Scarlet fever features a bright red rash that covers most of the body, and is almost always accompanied by a sore throat and a high fever. Symptoms of chickenpox include itchy spots that become blisters, then scabs. It can be anywhere on the body, including in the mouth. Good infection prevention and control - maintaining an ongoing emphasis on environmental cleaning, hand and respiratory hygiene, and ensuring staff and children who are unwell stay away, will help reduce transmission of most infections within school. Please be vigilant.

## Cooking Clubs

Our two cooking clubs are very popular. Here is a list of what the children will be making each week, subject to ingredients and stock availability:

Week 1 - Chicken or vegetable kebabs	Week 6 - Chicken or vegetable wraps
Week 2- Mini tortilla quiches	Week 7 - Fruit crumble
Week 3 - Fruit salad kebabs	Week 8 - Cheese and broccoli pinwheels (Wed only)
Week 4 - Vegetable or chicken pizza	Week 9 - Cheese and onion pasty
Week 5 - Vegetable pasta bake	Week 10 - Rock cakes



Please send the children to school with a storage container to take home the food they have made.

## Platinum Jubilee Plans

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Super Learning Day on **Friday 27th May** where we are asking the whole school community to dress up in either: red, white or blue, or as a prince/princess/Royal. On this day, each child will design and paint a stone to commemorate the occasion which will then be displayed around the school site. We will be learning more about the Queen and famous historical events that have happened over the decades of her reign. We will be taking part in The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) initiative which has been



created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree

for the Jubilee". In the afternoon, we will be holding a 'Street Party' on the playground, with jelly and ice cream, music from the decades, and also a performance from the choir. We will be ending the day with everyone singing the National Anthem. This is a moment in history that we will never see again in our lifetimes and we want to make sure that it is memorable for the children and that their wisdom and knowledge is broadened by their learning.

## House Points

Congratulations to **Red House, Dawson**, who just beat Blue House to the winning post with 29 points! Green came third with 25, and Yellow got 18. Well done everyone!



Villers (25)



Dawson (29)



Cambridge (18)



Hawks (28)

## Spotlight on PSHE

At King Athelstan we always talk openly about our feelings. Children access the Zones of Regulation daily and we use our PRIDE values to celebrate our successes.



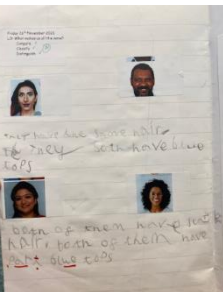
In Nursery, the children have been reading 'Small's Big Dream'. This story got the children thinking about 'dreaming big' and talking about big dreams instead of bottling them up. This led to the children thinking and talking about what they wanted to do/be when they are older.



In Reception, the children have been focussing on team building and communication skills. In our topic focus of 'builders', the children were tasked with working together to create something of their choice. This involved them agreeing on what was going to be built, working together and listening to other people's ideas. Once they had built their model, the class discussed what they liked about each one and opened the discussion to what each team found difficult. It was lovely to see the children work so nicely together and build some wonderful creations.



In Year 1, the children have been learning about who is special to them. They looked at friendships and developed skills in understanding and responding to other peoples' emotions. They examined why people may be feeling a certain way and how best to respond to them. Empathy is a great skill for children to develop and the children showed great understanding through class discussions and making posters which can be displayed around the classroom as helpful reminders.



In Year 2, the children will be looking at parts of the body and how we can keep our bodies healthy. During this topic, the children will investigate what it means to have a balanced diet and how to have a healthy lifestyle. Alongside this, the children will find out who is responsible for helping keep them healthy.

In Year 3, the children have been looking at their responsibilities and comparing how these have changed since they were younger. They worked collaboratively to think of ideas through class discussions and small group work.

In Year 4, the children have been examining diversity and what makes us unique. They drew around their hands and wrote about what makes them different from others and about their likes and dislikes. This then formed a class discussion about how we are all different and how our uniqueness should be celebrated. The children also discussed how our differences can have an effect on our emotions too.



In Year 5, the children began looking at ways to keep themselves physically and emotionally healthy. This highlighted key terms like 'self-care', 'independence' and 'responsibility' which linked well to their Bikeability training last term and will follow onto further learning about conflicting emotions and positive relationships.

In Year 6, the children have been taking SATs tests this week. They started each morning off with a year group breakfast, and learnt how breakfast fuels our brains for learning. They discussed how to show resilience and reduce anxiety about taking a test. The children have shared tips for staying calm/calming down and these are displayed in their classrooms. During the afternoons after SATs, the children have been given lots of time to relax and refresh their brains with lots of class discussions, partner work and collaborative creative learning.



## Achievement Award

Kusama Reception - Izzy	Nelson Reception - Imogen and Harley
Van Gogh Y1 - Joseph	O'Keefe Y1 - Jeremiah, Zoe and Meryem
Hockney Y2 - Sophie-Rose	Matisse Y2 - Tayla
Cassatt Y3 - Lenny	Da Vinci Y3 - Arthur
Mehretu Y4 - Hugh	Wiley Y4 - Can
Dali Y5 - Monica	Warhol Y5 - Ayesha and Rudi
Kahlo Y6 - Bella	Riley Y6 - Lucas
PE KS1 - Asia in Van Gogh Y1	PE KS2 - Leah in Mehretu Y4

Y4 had a fantastic day at Thames Young Mariners and all achieved so much.

Y6 have completed their SATs this week, and we are all very proud of them.

Well done everyone!

### TTRS Maths Achievement this week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Oscar	Erin	Ryan	Martha	Blanka	Mariam	Zuzu
Frankie	Lorelai	Rowen	Karlis	Loveen	Afroditi	Max

### PCSA News

Thank you for all the donations for Bag2School this week, which will help towards our fundraising goals.

There were some fantastic red/white/blue t-shirts today for this week's mini-mufti, in return for donations of bottles for the tombola stall at the Jubilee Garden Party.

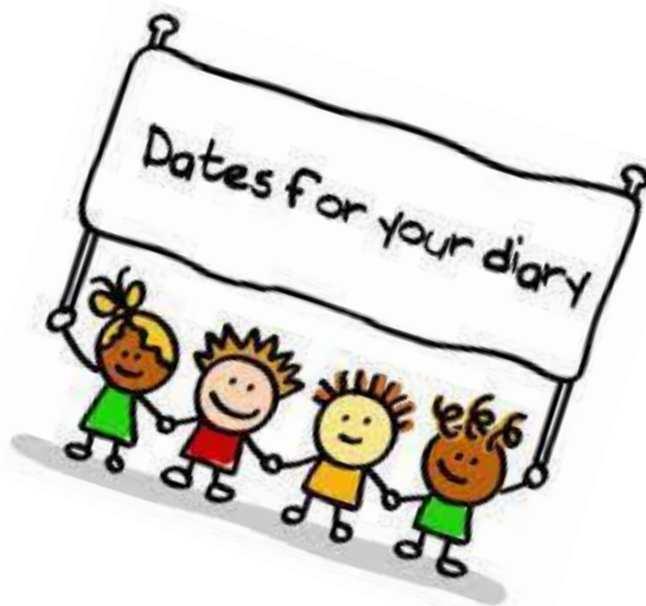
Next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, it's red, white and blue socks/tights (with school uniform) for donations of cakes for the Garden Party. Tokens to spend on stalls at the Garden Party will also be on sale on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**.

Don't forget our Jubilee Garden Party on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 2-4pm**. Please come along and bring all your friends and family! There will be a Children's Afternoon Tea, garden games, tombola stalls, drinks and ice lollies and craft activities and fun for all the family. We hope to see you there...



## Dates for the Diary

MAY	
Mon 16	Y6 Bikeability all week
Tue 17	Y1 Mini Olympics
Wed 18	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Thu 19	National Outdoor Classroom Day
Fri 20	PCSA mufti: wear red, white and blue socks/tights and donations of cakes for Jubilee Garden Party. Tokens on sale for Jubilee Garden Party
Fri 20	Firefighters to visit Reception
Sat 21	Jubilee Garden Party! 2-4pm
Mon 23	SEND parent/carer consultations this week
Wed 25	Y3-Y4 Tennis Competition
Thur 26	School Council Trip to Parliament
Fri 27	Jubilee Super Learning Day Mufti -wear red, white and blue or dress as a prince or princess
Mon 30	Half-term



JUNE	
Mon 6	Jubilee Day - school closed
Wed 8	Y6 Kids Out to Chessington
Thur 9	Class Photos
Fri 10	Y6 PGL Trip until Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>
Wed 15	Kusama Class Assembly 9am
Wed 15	Y5 trip to Holly Lodge
Mon 20	Choir Concert at the Rose 4.15pm
Thur 23	Sports Day
Fri 24	INSET Day-children not in school
Tue 28	Y6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Wed 29	Y2 trip to Hampton Court

JULY	
Mon 4	Last week of clubs
Tue 5	Back up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June)
Wed 6	Y6 Induction Day at secondary
Wed 13	Y6 Production 2pm
Thur 14	Y6 Production 7pm
Thur 21	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thur 21	Y5 trip to Science Museum
Fri 22	School finishes one hour earlier for the summer holidays

SEPTEMBER	
Thur 1	INSET Day - children not in school
Fri 2	INSET Day - children not in school
Mon 5	Children in school for autumn term

# PARENT SUPPORT IN YOUR AREA



**FREE** tea, coffee and other refreshments  
**FREE** employment advice and support  
**FREE** internet access

Welcoming environment to meet with friends and other parents, discuss local issues and share hobbies and interests.

See what your local youth, community and children's centre has to offer.

All ages welcome (children must be supervised).

<b>Kingsnympton Youth and Community Centre</b> Kingsnympton Park, Kingston KT2 7RW	Community Conversation parent support drop-in Food bank provision (Thursday only)	<b>Wednesday</b> 1.00pm to 3.00pm Term time only <b>Thursday</b> 11.00am to 1.00pm Term time only
<b>Chessington Children's Centre</b> 30 Buckland Road, Chessington KT9 1JF	Parent support drop-in	<b>Select Thursdays</b> 2.00pm to 4.00pm Contact for dates
<b>Old Malden Children's Centre</b> 100 Lawrence Avenue, New Malden KT3 5NB	Parent support drop-in	<b>Select Fridays</b> 9.30am to 11.30pm Contact for dates
<b>Dickerage Sports &amp; Community Centre</b> Dickerage Road, New Malden KT1 3RU	Under-5's Stay & Play parent support drop-in	<b>Friday</b> 10.00am to 12.00pm Term time only

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