



Dear Families,

Our school focus this week was on **good manners**, with an extra emphasis on gratitude - perfect for the festive season. We have also awarded our first King Athelstan Good Citizen certificates and badges this week - see the Achievement Assembly section below for details.



Thanks once again to all who helped in the organisation and running of the Festive Fair. The PCSA has announced that the event raised an amazing £3,737; a brilliant result. Well done everyone.

It has been an incredibly busy term and we are very proud of the children for working so hard. In the final few weeks we have enjoyed a huge range of performances. It is always amazing to see the children gaining confidence in speaking or singing in front of an audience. Yesterday afternoon, the Choir performed on the stage in Kingston Marketplace. This was a really special event and lots of people beyond the school community commented on their beautiful singing. This morning, we gathered the whole school community together to sing Christmas songs together (see below).

Thank you to all for the many kind messages, cards and gifts for staff this week. It is really not expected but it is very much appreciated.

We know that the Christmas period can put extra stresses and strain on families. We have added some useful contacts at the end of the Digest again for reference in case anyone needs additional support.

Remember INSET day Monday 6th January. Children return to school on **Tuesday 7th January**.

We wish everyone celebrating, a very happy Christmas, and to our whole school community we wish everyone a happy and healthy 2025.

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Christmas Assemblies



This week O'Keeffe Class performed their wonderful Christmas assembly for their families. They retold the story of The Night Before Christmas, remembering all their lines, and sang some great Christmas tunes. Well done, O'Keeffe! The whole school,



including Nursery, attended a wonderful Christmas Singing Assembly this morning, led by Mr Thomas and the Choir. We all sang some favourite Christmas songs, and it was lovely to see the whole King Athelstan family together.



KS2 Choir

On Thursday after school Mr Thomas took the KS2 Choir to sing on the stage at Kingston Market Place. They were amazing and received rapturous applause from everyone in the market! It was a very festive end of term and the Choir made it very special for all. The Choir has already been booked to appear again next year!



Y4 Robin Hood at The Rose



Year 4 really enjoyed their trip to the Rose Theatre this week to see 'Robin Hood and the Christmas Heist': "As winter's first snow falls, there's little Christmas cheer in Sherwood. Cupboards are bare, the nights are cold, and the cruel Sheriff of Nottingham squeezes his citizens for every penny they're worth. But deep in the forest, in the heart of the Major Oak, legendary outlaw Robin Hood plots an audacious scheme to bring some festive joy to all."

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Kaleth

O'Keeffe Y1 - Liam

Hockney Y2 - Oscar

Matisse Y2 - Harrison

Cassatt Y3 - Aya

Da Vinci Y3 - Stephen

Mehretu Y4 - Whole Class

Wiley Y4 - Daniel

Dali Y5 - Elliott & Sammy

Warhol Y5 - Charlie

Riley Y6 - Zak

Kahlo Y6 - Dorothy

KS2 PE Jack in Cassatt Class Y3

KS1 PE Louis in Matisse Class Y2

The first of our King Athelstan Good Citizen awards were given out today. These children have earned a certificate and a special Good Citizen badge to show they are good role models who show PRIDE in their learning and behaviour. They are: Durrrah and Teddy in Y1, Loni and Matilda in Y2, Uzay and Su in Y3, Lorelai and Pedro in Y4, Anastasiia and Elliott in Y5 and Mariline and Sam in Y6. Congratulations to them all.



Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jace	Yousra	Noor	Daniel C	Harrison	Martha
Rayan	Zoe	Elif		Adam	Leo

PE Days

PE days will change for some from January 2025. Both Y5 classes will be going swimming on Fridays - see the letter for details. The new timetable has been issued today, and is also on the website under 'For Parents and Carers' so please check your child's class.



Wilson Jones lunch staff!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY 2025

Monday 6	Inset Day - children not in school
Friday 10	Y5 first swimming lesson
Wednesday 15	applications for Reception places in September 2025
Wednesday 15	Y5 to Royal Institute Science event at Kingston Grammar School
Wednesday 29	Y2 Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Friday 31	Cake Sale Y4 3.15pm
Friday 31	PCSA Gig Night at the Fighting Cocks

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5	Y3 Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 6	EYFS Museum in school
Thursday 6	Author visit for Y3-6
Wednesday 12	Y6 Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Book Looks for parent/carers
Mon 17-Fri 21	Half-Term
Tuesday 25	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 27	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-6.30pm online

MARCH

Tuesday 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 5	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 5	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 6	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 6	World Book Day
Wednesday 12	Y3 Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Spring Showcase
Wednesday 19	Y5 Dali Class Assembly 9am
Friday 21	Comic Relief
Monday 24	Clubs end this week
Wednesday 26	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 28	PCSA Easter Cake Sale

APRIL

Tuesday 22	Summer term starts - children return to school
Friday 25	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip
Friday 25	Y2 Cake Sale 3.15pm

MAY

Monday 5	Bank Holiday - School closed
12-15	Y6 SATs Tests
Friday 22	Reception Cake Sale

Message from Mr Garside, Crossing Patrol

"Hi Everyone,
I just wanted to say a huge "Thank You" for the collection and gifts, It's very much appreciated.
Wishing Everyone at King Athelstan a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Andy".

We do not yet have a new crossing patrol person. Our Y6 Junior Leadership Team will be writing to the council about this to find out when there will be a replacement to help all families cross the road.

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:

Celebrate Christmas at Strawberry Hill House and Garden

Pick up your trail from The Garden Café for £2. Sing your way around the trail, tick off the clues & return to the café with the completed trail to pick up your prize.

Sing-a-long-a Christmas trail at Strawberry Hill House until 5th January 2025. Pick up a trail map at the Garden Café for just £2. Sing or hum your way around the trail, find the clues, and return to the café for your prize. Entry to the garden is free.



Holiday Programme at Goals - Pro Touch SA, in Partnership with the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon-Thames, is hosting a free holiday programme for children on benefits-related free school meals (HAF). This will take place at Goals in Tolworth. To find out more and to book, please scan the QR code on the poster.



NHS Pharmacy First Service - Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the conditions in this table can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply).

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years

Free Maths Course for Parents/Carers - Kingston Adult Education, part of Kingston Council, is running a FREE 6-week course specifically designed to help primary school parents and carers to better support their children with KS1 and KS2 maths. Our next course takes place in January. See the flyer here for more details.



Parental Support - please see the 2 flyers here about a scheme called Together Thursdays in Kingsnympton Park.



Adults' Courses - there are [New courses](#) available from January 2025 at the Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College (Surbiton campus KT6 6DF). If you are considering a new challenge or would



like to upskill, there is a variety of learning opportunities for adults at the Richmond and Hillcroft Community College, such as: Adult social care and childcare/IT and business studies /English and maths/Art and design/Languages/Employability.

Samaritans - The Samaritans are there, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope, who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure. Samaritans is not only for the moment of crisis, they're taking action to prevent the crisis. They give people ways to cope and the skills to be there for others. And they encourage, promote and celebrate those moments of connection between people



that can save lives. They offer listening and support to people and communities in times of need. You can call for free, from any phone, at any time on **116 123** <https://www.samaritans.org/>

Mental Health Crisis Line - This helpline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on **0800 028 8000**.

The Mental Health Crisis Line offers emotional support and advice to people who are affected by urgent mental health issues, at any time of the day or night. It is open to everyone: both children and adults of all ages, and to people who have not previously accessed mental health



services. More information about the mental health crisis line and other crisis services can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/>

Single Point of Access (SPA) - The Single Point of Access is a multi-agency team, managed by Achieving for Children, who work closely with a wide range of teams and partner agencies and facilitates different levels of support depending on the needs of the child, young person and their family. Contact the Single Point of Access on 020 8547 5008 (8am to 5.15pm, Monday to Thursday, and 8am to 5pm on Friday. Out of hours, phone 020 8770 5000.) Or use the [Single Point of Access online referral form](#) (form hosted on the Richmond Council website for both boroughs).



Kingston One Stop Shop - a multi-agency drop-in service which has helped more than a thousand Kingston residents with domestic violence in the last five years. Opening times: every Monday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Venue: Kingsgate Church, Clarence Street, Kingston. No appointment necessary. If you need support outside of the hours of the One Stop Shop and [VAWG and DV Hub](#), call the Freephone 24-Hour [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) on 0808 2000 247. If you are in immediate danger, call 999.

The NSPCC offers support and tips to help you keep children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

