



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 4 – Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Families,

This week our school rule focus was on “We listen to everyone”. Well done to those children who demonstrate this as they go about their day to day routines in school.



We have been increasingly aware of cars belonging to King Athelstan families that are parked illegally in the area around school at drop off and pick up. This has resulted in several near-misses where children could be seriously hurt and we have received a number of complaints from our neighbours. For the safety of **all** children and families, please park legally and safely every day. The corner of Dawson Road opposite the front entrance has double-yellow lines because it is a main place to cross for pedestrians. If you park here, children are forced to cross between cars where they cannot be seen, or they have to go out and around cars on busy Villiers Rd. Parking on the yellow zigzags outside school is never permitted, and parking illegally in residents' spaces in the local area is obstructing our neighbours and blocking access. Parking on any double yellow lines in the local area causes significant danger. It is also modelling to children that it is OK to deliberately cause danger, and our first rule in school is “we are safe”. Please be more considerate.

Just a reminder that next **Friday 4th October** is an **INSET day** and children are not in school.

Next week is our Harvest Festival celebration - read more about donations for this later in the Digest. A letter has also gone out to all today.

Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Applying for Reception September 2025

Applications are now open for children born between **1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021** who are due to start reception class at primary school in September 2025. The **closing date** to submit Primary School Applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. For more information visit the Kingston School Admissions [page here](#). Please submit your application by visiting: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk> We are holding a number of school tours throughout the autumn term. Please visit the homepage of our website to book a space: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/>



Harvest Festival and World Mental Health Day

A harvest collection for the Kingston Foodbank was mentioned in last week's Digest.

We will also be celebrating World Mental Health Day on 10th October (letter to



follow), with the theme of 'generosity', so we are collecting donations of items such as breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, tinned veg, tomatoes, tinned meat, rice and sponge pudding, UHT milk, squash, household cleaning products, personal hygiene and sanitary products to donate to the food bank. All items must be unopened and undamaged. Foods must be non-perishable and in-date. We will have tables outside the office where **donations can be left from Wednesday 2nd until Thursday 10th October**. Donations are entirely voluntary. Thank you for your support.



Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Families will receive a letter today about booking an appointment for Parent/Carer Consultation meeting with their child's teacher. Appointments are in the week of 21st October, are available for online or in-person meetings, and each meeting lasts ten minutes. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's books and see their work on Friday 18th October, or directly before your appointment if it is in person. Separate meetings will be made for children with SEND, and for Little Klee (2 year olds), and also for Matisse Class. Please book an appointment for each child. Thank you.

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Breaktime Snacks

Please remember that King Athelstan is a **nut-free school** and children **must not** have any nuts or nut products in their lunchbox or as snacks. We encourage healthy snacks for breaktime, a piece of fruit or vegetable is ideal, such as carrot. **No other snacks are permitted at playtime.** Children should not have crisps or sweets/chocolate. Please be aware that many cereal bars also contain nuts and are not acceptable. Thank you.



Free School Meals

All children in primary school are entitled to a universal free school lunch. However, if you are in receipt of benefits, your child may qualify for benefits-related free school meals and Pupil Premium. This means you may also receive free meal vouchers during school holidays and qualify for a free extra-curricular club or free clubs during school holidays with KOOSA Kids or other providers. King Athelstan will also receive additional funding too. For further details and to complete the application form, click here: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Eco Warriors and the School Council

These teams will both be announced next week. Watch this space.

Translating ParentPay

ParentPay have issued instructions on how to translate its pages into other languages for families where English is not their first language. See the website [here](#) for more information.



Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but any purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. Thank you.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Olive

O'Keeffe Y1 - Beau

Matisse Y2 - Alice

Hockney Y2 - Viktor

Cassatt Y3 - Amina

Vinci Y3 - Tasya

Mehretu Y4 - Ruby

Wiley Y4 - AJ

Dali Y5 - Harrison

Warhol Y5 - Evie

Riley Y6 - Gracie Mae

Kahlo Y6 - Aaran

KS1 PE - Lukasz in Hockney Y2

KS2 PE - Summer and Bibi in Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aicha	Anisa	Jensen	Pedro	Ayrat	Yaathya
	Haadiya	Sharav	Mustafa	Peter	

House Points

This week, **Green (Villiers) are the winners with 35 points.** Yellow (Cambridge) and Red (Dawson) are joint second with 28 and Blue (Hawks) have 24.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER 2024

Wednesday 2	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 2	A Day in the Life of Reception online 4pm
Thursday 3	Individual & sibling school photos
Thursday 3	A Day in the Life of Nursery AM 11.30am in person (15 mins approx.)
Thursday 3	A Day in the Life of Nursery PM 3.30pm in person (15 mins approx.)
Friday 4	INSET DAY - children not in school
Wednesday 10	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11	PSCA Coffee Morning for Reception (local café)
Friday 18	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.20pm - come and see your children's work before Parent/Carer consultations
Tuesday 22	Whole school nasal flu immunisations
Tuesday 22	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm in person (not Matisse)
Thursday 24	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-6.30pm online (not Matisse)
Friday 25	Cake Sale Y6 3.15pm
Thursday 31	Y6 Secondary School Applications close
Mon 28- Fri 1 Nov	Half Term

NOVEMBER 2024

Tuesday 5	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 7	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Tuesday 12	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm in person (Matisse only)
Thursday 14	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-6.30pm online (Matisse only)
Friday 15	Children in Need - wear spotty accessories
Wednesday 20	Y5 Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 23	PSCA Family Rave at St John's - ticket link will be shared soon
Wednesday 27	Y4 Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 27	Y5 Trip to the Science Museum
Friday 29	Cake Sale Y5 3.15pm

DECEMBER 2024

Wednesday 4	Y6 Riley Class Assembly 9am
Monday 9	Y2 Christmas Assemblies
Monday 9	Last week of clubs
Saturday 7	Festive Fair 12-3pm
Tuesday 10	Reception Christmas Assemblies
Wednesday 11	Y1 Christmas Assemblies
Thursday 12	Nursery Christmas Singing
Friday 20	Break up for Christmas one hour early

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:

KOOSA Kids run the after-school provision at King Athelstan, and are offering a free taster session to families who have not yet tried it out. These are only available until Friday 11th October, so contact them to book a session soon.

Teddington School Open Days - For families of children in Y5 and Y6 thinking about moving on to Y7, Teddington School is hosting open mornings and an open evening.

Man and Boy Charity - Engagement Coordinator Website: www.manandboy.org

Are you passionate about supporting families through strengthening the relationships between men and the boys in their lives? Then the role of Engagement Coordinator with MAN&BOY could be the role for you. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis. They are looking for someone who understands the multitude of challenges that could be facing young boys, their fathers or other male role models and their wider families. You will be an excellent person who is able to use your extensive and flexible interpersonal skills to encourage and support the beneficiaries to engage in the programme. To learn more about this role and how to apply please see the job description:



https://www.manandboy.org/resources/Engagement_Coordinator_JD_2024_-_updated.pdf

Hogsmill Nature Reserve - annual open day on **Sunday 6th October 11-3pm**. The Nature Reserve is in Kingston (near Berrylands Station), at the end of Lower Marsh Lane. The closest post code is KT1 3BW. This is a free event with pond dipping, crafts, games bird spotting, bug hunting and refreshments.



Autism Support - Please see the flyers here about upcoming events around autism which are highly recommended, and will be able to answer questions and give great ideas to support families.