



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 5 - Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Families,

This week our school rule focus was "We take care of our school". All the children have worked hard to demonstrate this each day.



Thank you to everyone who has already brought in donations for our Harvest Festival collection for the Kingston Foodbank. We will have the tables outside at the front of the school until the end of World Mental Health Day on **Thursday 10th October**. Remember, the children can wear a **green** accessory on this day.

It was great to see lots of families both in-person and online at our 'Day in the Life of Nursery/Reception' events. We hope the sessions were useful. Don't forget we have Book Looks coming up on **Friday 18th October** across the school, from Nursery to Y6. This gives you a chance to come in and see your child's work so far this term.

Now that the weather has turned colder, please ensure children have a **named** coat with them every day. We have already accumulated hundreds of pounds worth of unnamed 'lost' school sweatshirts and cardigans this term. Please label **all** your child's clothes. We probably have over 100 children wearing each size of uniform so, unless it is clearly labelled, it is likely to end up in the lost property box which is in the KS1 playground, just inside the main gate where Y2-6 are dismissed.

Shanah tovah to all those marking Rosh Hashanah this week.



Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

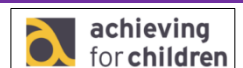
Eco Warriors and the School Council

We are delighted to announce that these are our Eco Warrior and School Council members for this year. Both groups will be meeting regularly to discuss their agenda and plan strategies. Well done to them all and good luck for their year in office.

Class	Eco Warrior 	School Council 
O'Keeffe Y1	TBC	Xanthippi
Van Gogh Y1	Ellie	Penelope
Hockney Y2	Florence	Zoe
Matisse Y2	Matilda	TY
Cassatt Y3	Elvis	Frankie
Da Vinci Y3	Rachel	Stanley
Mehretu Y4	Rory & Jeremiah	Daniel
Wiley Y4	AJ	Katerina
Dali Y5	Sammy	Beth
Warhol Y5	Grace	Nancy
Kahlo Y6	Teddy	Willow
Riley Y6	TBC	Meryem

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](https://www.eadmissions.org.uk). 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/>



Class Frames

As you will know, all our classrooms at King Athelstan are named after artists. This is an excellent way of integrating contemporary and modern art into everyday life and language at school and ensures that children have a good foundation of knowledge about significant artists who have influenced art throughout history. At the start of each year children create amazing pieces of art based on their class artist, which are framed and displayed around the school. Here are a few examples.



Parent/Carer Book Looks and Consultation Meetings

Don't forget to book your Parent/Carer Consultation meeting with your 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 (whole school, N-Y6) and see their work on **Friday 18th October**, or directly before your appointment if it is in person. Meetings for children with SEND and for Little Klee (2 year olds), are in the week commencing 4th November, and Matisse Class ONLY will be in the week commencing 11th November. Please book an appointment for each child. 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. King Athelstan will also receive additional funding too. For further details and to complete the application form, click here: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> or call in to the school office.

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 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 until Thursday 10th October**. Donations are entirely voluntary. Thank you for your support.

Year 5 Science





Year 5 have been learning about wind resistance on different materials this week. They made their own mini parachutes using a variety of things, such as paper towels, paper and plastic bags to test their theories. Here are some pictures of the test flights of their parachutes!



Butterfly Dreams


At King Athelstan, we want children to be aspirational and set themselves challenging ambitions. We call these our Butterfly Dreams and link them to the poem, right. The children speak about their dreams for the future and what they would like to achieve this year. In PSHE, the children write down their dreams on butterfly cut outs which are displayed in their classrooms. At the end of the school year, the children discuss and reflect on their Butterfly Dreams and celebrate their successes.

 **Butterfly Dreams** 

I am a caterpillar with butterfly dreams.

I dream of growing up and having butterfly wings.

I fly higher than high and capture the blue in the sky,

I would show everyone just how high I could fly. 



Donations to School

Donate the cost of a lunch

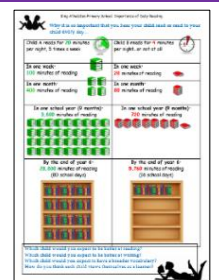
In ParentPay we have a permanent, voluntary item which is 'donate the cost of a lunch'. This is for anyone who would like to contribute £2.65 - equivalent to a current school meal price - now that the Mayor of London has funded free meals for all Primary School pupils again this year. The funds raised by these donations will continue to be used to subsidise the kitchen maintenance and energy costs involved in preparing the school meals. Thank you to all the families who donated last year - we raised an amazing **£1,248** towards the costs of maintaining and running the kitchen, including the provision of a new freezer.

Donation to school for resources

In a similar way, we also have a ParentPay item called 'donation to school for resources'. Since December 2022, families have generously donated **£3,923.49**. In the summer term 2024 this was used to finance part of a set of 30 new iPads. Thank you to all families who generously donated. The funding received by the school continues to challenge us. We are in desperate need of a new projector for the main hall and also visualisers for some classrooms following an IT PC upgrade. We would love to raise £8,000, alongside some PCSA fundraising, to achieve enough to buy this equipment. We can also use these donations to buy many essential basics such as glue sticks, white board pens, copier paper and first aid equipment.

Oxford Owl RWI eLibrary

EYFS and KS1 families will have received a letter about Oxford Owl - an online library which provides a large collection of eBooks for children, and includes titles which align with the Read Write Inc. phonics program which we use in school. There will be a Parent/Carer Workshop on **Thursday 17th October** straight after school to demonstrate how to access the library and what it offers. See the letter for more details.



PCSA

The PCSA has circulated their dates for your diary this week in children's book bags. There are plenty of things coming up: a coffee morning for Reception families on 11th October, cake sales on the last Friday of each month, an exciting Family Rave at St John's on 23rd November, and of course our Festive fair on Saturday 7th December. For further information, see the PCSA noticeboard at the front of the school, or the website here: <https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/>



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.



DATES FOR THE DIARY	
OCTOBER 2024	
Until Thur 10	Harvest Festival Donations - leave on the tables outside the school office
Thursday 10	World Mental Health Day - wear a green accessory
Friday 11	PSCA Coffee Morning for Reception (local café)
Thursday 17	KS1 RWI Parent/Carer Workshop 3.25pm
Friday 18	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.20pm - 3.50pm. Come and see your children's work before your Parent/Carer consultation meeting. From N-Y6
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	Y4 Virtual 'trip' to the British Museum - go to ParentPay
Tuesday 5	Little Klee Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 1-2.15pm in person
Tuesday 5	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person (not Van Gogh)
Wednesday 6	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person (Van Gogh Only)
Thursday 7	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person (all classes)
Thursday 7	Little Klee Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 1-2.15pm 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 - for ticket link, see PSCA noticeboard
Wednesday 27	Y4 Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 27	Y5 Trip to the Science Museum - go to ParentPay
Friday 29	Cake Sale Y5 3.15pm
DECEMBER 2024	
Tuesday 3	Y4 MTC Parent/Carer Meeting 3.20pm
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
JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6	Inset Day - children not in school
Friday 10	Y5 first swimming lesson
Wednesday 29	Matisse Class Assembly 9am

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their October Half Term Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from 28th October to 1st November. Join them for five days of Spooktacular Fun this October Half Term. Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama, imagination, KOOSA Science and of course our popular go karts. All from just £27.00 per child, per session (10.00am to 4.00pm). An 8% discount is available for a full week's booking and your third child goes FREE (siblings only)! Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884. For all children aged 4-13. Booking is open now.

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:

Swimming Lessons - The Malden Centre in New Malden is offering intensive swimming lessons during half-term. Scan the QR code here for more information, or call [020 8336 7770](tel:02083367770)

Richmond Museum half-term events - Family workshop: Spooky stained glass Tuesday 29 October to Friday 1 November, 10am to 12noon. Discover the stories of the Ghosts that haunt the remains of Richmond Palace. Go on a ghost walk around the Palace's remains, then head back to the Museum to create spooky stained glass, inspired by the Tudor stained glass in the Palace! £6 per child - adults are free. To book [click here](#). Free crafts: Spooky Pumpkins
Need to get the kids out of the house for a few hours? Pop into Richmond Museum for FREE crafts and get creative as a family! Available from 1pm each weekday and Saturday the Museum is open. No need to book, just drop in.