



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 8 - Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Families,

This week, our school rule focus was our second PRIDE value of "respect". After half-term, we will focus on "imagination".

In my assembly this week, we talked about road safety and use of the crossing outside school while there is no crossing patrol officer. We also talked about "Be Bright, Be Seen" by looking at an image of a child standing by the side of the road in dark clothes as opposed to bright ones or clothes with high vis/reflective strips. This is particularly important given the darker evenings. We spoke to the children about **only ever** crossing on the zebra crossing and **not** in any other place so that everyone is safe. Please remember **never** to walk in to the school grounds through the car park and to only exit this way when it is closed to cars at drop off and pick up times. If you are dropping/collecting from wrap-around care, please use the pedestrian entrance for your safety.



Finally, we'd really like to reduce the number of children being collected by a parent/carer who is on the phone talking to someone else. Could we make drop off and collection times a mobile-free zone? Collection time is especially important - your children are really looking forward to seeing you and telling you about their day. Please greet your child with a smile, and not a mobile. We know many of you already do this. Thank you.



Don't forget, the clocks go back one hour at 2am on 27 October. Have a lovely half-term break, and we will see you all back on Monday 4th November.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Diwali - Festival of Lights



Diwali, also known as Deepavali, is the Hindu festival of lights, with variations celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". It will be celebrated this year between 31st October and 1st November, so during half-term. We wish all our families celebrating a lovely Diwali festival.

Author Visit

On Wednesday, Years 3-6 had an exciting afternoon when children's author, Jack Meggitt-Phillips came to visit. He has written 5 books in his series 'The Beast and the Bethany' and talked to the children about writing stories and being an author. He told very funny stories, and answered the children's questions. At the end, he signed books for the children who had purchased them in advance. Regency Bookshop in Surbiton is happy to sell any of this series of books until the end of October for the reduced price of £6 each if you say you are from King Athelstan!



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> . We also have the voluntary overpayments items in ParentPay. Thank you.



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Assemblies

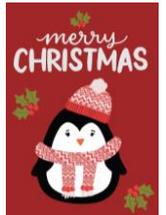
All of our class assemblies are listed on the school website, and also here. These are all on Wednesdays and start at 9am, so please wait outside the main office until the children are ready and we can let you in. We hope you can come along to see your child/ren and their class showcasing all their current learning. Reception and Y1 class assembly dates will be added after half-term.

Class Assemblies 2024-25	
20 th November 2024 Warhol Class Y5	12 th February 2025 Kahlo Class Y6
27 th November 2024 Wiley Class Y4	5 th March 2025 Mehretu Class Y4
4 th December 2024 Riley Class Y	12 th March 2025 Cassatt Class Y3
29 th January 2025 Matisse Class Y2	19 th March 2025 Dali Class Y5
5 th February 2025 Da Vinci Class Y3	26 th March 2025 Hockney Class Y2

Christmas Assemblies EYFS and KS1

Reception and KS1 classes also host a Christmas assembly for their families. These are as follows:

Monday 9 th December 9.15am Matisse Class Y2	Weds 11 th December 9.15am Van Gogh Class Y1
Monday 9 th December 2.30pm Hockney Class Y2	Weds 11 th December 2.30pm O'Keeffe Class Y1
Tues 10 th December 2.30pm Nelson Class	Thurs 12 th December 9.15am Kusama Class



Families of Klee Nursery classes are invited to join the children in Christmas crafts. We can accommodate up to two visitors per child. The dates are:

Thurs 12 th December 11-11.30am Nursery AM singing & crafts
Thurs 12 th December 12.30-1pm Nursery PM singing & crafts

Thinker's Project

This year, once again we will be continuing with our Thinker's Project homework (see the school website [here](#) for more information. It has been running since 2017 and over the years we have seen some fantastic pieces of work. It is **optional** homework. At King Athelstan we understand the difficulties that homework can cause and do not



want the Thinker's Project work to be a burden to the family. Children are encouraged to complete two pieces of Thinker's Project homework per term if possible. Work can be presented in a variety of ways - video and audio clips, items on paper and 3D models. This term, the Thinker's Project exhibition will take place in the large hall on **18th December** from **3:20pm to 3:50pm** and again from **5:30pm to 6:00pm**. Please come along and help us celebrate your child's amazing contributions.

Gardening Volunteering Opportunity

Do you enjoy being outdoors? Are you a keen gardener? Do you like working with children? Would you like to inspire children to love growing and nurturing fruit and vegetables? Then this role is for you! We are looking for volunteers who are able to support our pupils tending our flourishing allotment. We are in our second year of looking after this area in our school grounds and are seeking volunteers to help support the children when they visit this space.



The role would be from 1pm to 3pm on Mondays during term time and would suit someone who has a little knowledge of gardening or just lots of enthusiasm for the outdoors. Three groups of ten children visit the allotment each week (30 in total for an afternoon) and take part in activities such as weeding, planting, seeding, harvesting and watering. We currently have a volunteer who manages the timetable for these activities in liaison with the school. You will need to show you are willing to commit to a weekly role and satisfy safeguarding DBS checks. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact admin@kingathelstan.rbkksch.org by 29th November.

School Lunches

WilsonJones, our school meals provider, have issued their new menu which starts on Monday 4th November. You can book your child's lunches on ParentPay right up to the end of the academic year in July 2025.



We have recently sent families from Reception to Year 6 information about the Oxford Owl eLibrary. We have set up a subscription to this so that families can access RWI books at home with their children. To ensure your child can access the eBook library, we have created individual logins for each student. Your child has a unique username and password as follows:

Username: the start of their Google Classroom email (the text before the @ sign)

Password: the same as their Google Classroom password

School Code: mab5 Happy reading!



PCSA

Contact: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

Thank you - a BIG thank you to Tom & Anna Gorrell, who thanks to the industry Tom works in, were able to donate the required projector and cabling for the school hall and do the installation. This will save us approximately £6k of fundraising! And will be a great asset to the children and the school.

Halloween map - this year we printed a Halloween map for everyone and ask for donations to be made via the QR code, or [here](#), if you are able to. Leave us a little note so we know what it's for and can keep track of donations. There will be no 'grand prize' at the end but treats along the way. If you would like to print any additional copies for friends then please see [HERE](#).

Donations of uniform - new donations [have been updated on the link](#). To request any stock please first check the stock link above and then email kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com with details of what you would like (item and size).



Old London Road Café - They are offering 10% off until the end of the year if you quote "King Athelstan". See poster in the PCSA board. Make this the location for your next coffee morning! Why not go along after drop off on any Friday morning and find other KA parents/carers to catch up with.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Harvey

O'Keeffe Y1 - Ryan

Matisse Y2 - Dana

Hockney Y2 - Jayson

Cassatt Y3 - Alice

Da Vinci Y3 - Annie

Mehretu Y4 - Rory

Wiley Y4 - Jessica

Dali Y5 - Mohamad

Warhol Y5 - Jasper

Riley Y6 - Harry

Kahlo Y6 - Mariline

KS1 PE Louis in Matisse class

KS2 PE Max P in Warhol class

Miss Meggitt awarded Diversity & Equality certificates for work on Black History Month to Izabella in Da Vinci class and Kayla in Kahlo class.

Miss Sarton announced Digital Leaders:

Year 3	Olivia & Amina	Year 5	George & Timothy
Year 4	Erin & Khadija	Year 6	Oscar & Karlis

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ruth	Jayson	Stephen	Pedro	Max F	Mei
Teddy	Ozzy	Elif	Ruby	Ziyad	

House Points

This week, **Green (Villiers)** are the winners with an amazing 40 points! Blue (Hawks) have 26, Yellow (Cambridge) are just behind on 23, Red (Dawson) go from first last week to last this week. Well done, all.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER 2024

Mon 28-Fri 1 Nov **Half Term**

NOVEMBER 2024

Tuesday 5	Y4 Virtual 'trip' to the British Museum - please 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)
Tuesday 5	Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics - invited children only
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
Monday 11	Y2 trip to Bushy Park - please go to ParentPay
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 and donate on ParentPay
Wednesday 20	Y5 Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 23	PCSA Family Rave at St John's - for ticket link, see PCSA noticeboard
Tuesday 26	Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Competition - invited children only
Wednesday 27	Y4 Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 27	Y5 Trip to the Science Museum - please go to ParentPay
Friday 29	Cake Sale Y5 3.15pm

DECEMBER 2024

Tuesday 3	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Parent/Carer Meeting 3.20pm
Wednesday 4	Y6 Riley Class Assembly 9am
Monday 9	Y2 Matisse Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 9	Y2 Hockney Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 9	Last week of clubs
Saturday 7	Festive Fair 12-3pm
Tuesday 10	Reception Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 11	Y1 Van Gogh Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 11	Y1 O'Keefe Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 12	Reception Kusama Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 12	Nursery AM Christmas Singing & Crafts 11-11.30am
Thursday 12	Nursery PM Christmas Singing & Crafts 12.30-1pm
Tuesday 17	Y4 trip to the Rose Theatre - pick up at Rose at 4.15pm
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 15	Deadline for applications for Reception places in September 2025

Community Messages

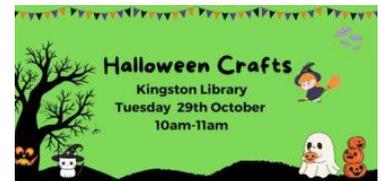
In this section of the Digest we include information received from other agencies. We are not promoting these items, but include them in good faith as they may be of interest to King Athelstan families:

Swimming Crash Course - The swimming teacher will be running a swimming crash course this **October half term** at Grand Avenue Primary School for Children aged 4 - 12 years of age. If you would like your child/children to have extra swimming over October half-term, please email Higgins Aquatics: info@higginsaquatics.co.uk



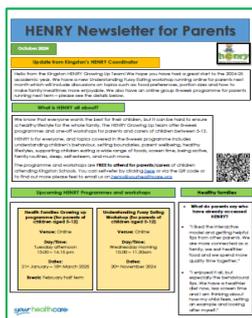
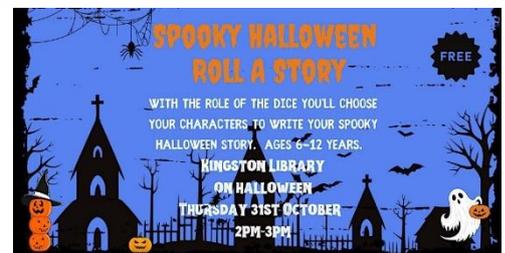
Bentall Centre - Halloween promises a cauldron of fun! Enjoy pumpkin carving Saturday on 26th October, and face painting, a Halloween cookie decorating workshop, a fancy-dress silent disco for the little ones, and don't forget to snap a selfie with the Pumpkin Head Stilt Walkers on 31st October. No booking required. For more information, click [here](#).

Kingston Library - Halloween Crafts on Tuesday 29th October. This free event is suited for children aged 5 to 10. This event is on a first come, first served basis but please note that space is limited so you may be asked to wait to make your craft. For more information, click [here](#).



Come along to **Kingston Museum** on 31st October at 11am for a spooktacular sewing workshop this Halloween! Led by local milliner, Bee Smith, you will create your very own creepy creature inspired by the collection at Kingston Museum. With templates and easy-to-follow instructions, this workshop is suitable for all abilities aged 7 and over. This is a 'make and take' activity with all materials provided on the day. For more information and to book, click [here](#).

Kingston Library - Halloween Roll a Spooky Story writing workshop at the Library from 2-3pm on 31st October. With the role of the dice you'll choose your characters to write your spooky Halloween story. This free event is suitable for children aged 6 to 12. For more information, click [here](#).



HENRY Newsletter from the School Health Team. The team is running a Fussy Eating Workshop online on 20th November at 10am, which may be useful for families. See the newsletter here for further information.

Saturday Morning Football - Mini Sports Stars are now running a fun and inclusive Saturday morning football programme for Reception up to Year 6 at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - KT1 2UP. See the flyer here for more information.



Home Start Volunteers - Home Start provides a vital lifeline for local families with children under five. At the heart of our local charity are the parent volunteers who give their time to help other parents who are struggling to cope. For more information visit www.homestart-rkh.org.uk. To continue our services, we need to recruit and train volunteer parents/grandparents/carers to visit and support local families. Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run at Beavers Children Centre, Hounslow, 9.45am-2.30pm, on Tuesdays from 25th February-1st April. For more information, please contact Erin are could need our help, please contact us info@homestart-rkh.org.uk 020 8487 8500 and we will assess how their needs can be met. Registered charity no: 1108975.



From Ed Davey MP: Christmas Card Competition

My Christmas card competition is open to pupils/students from across the Kingston & Surbiton constituency. This year's theme: **Kingston Past, Kingston Future**. The closing date is **Monday 18th November 2024 at 12pm (noon)**. Pupils are free to interpret this in any way they wish. The design must fit onto either a piece of A4 or A5 paper, and glitter/stickers or a collage should be avoided. Use nice bright colours instead.

There are four categories (entrant's age is determined as of 1st September 2024): Ages 4-6; Ages 7-10; Ages 11-15; Under-19 SEN. **The overall winner will have their design printed as my official 2024 Christmas card** and will also be invited to have tea with me. There will be prizes for the winners of each category, with certificates for runners up and all highly commended entries.

How to Enter: Please send all entries to my constituency office: Christmas Card Competition 2023 Ed Davey MP 21 Berrylands Road Surbiton KT5 8QX *Please ensure all entries have the pupil's name, class, school and age category clearly written on the reverse (this also allows us to return your child's entry).*

The prizes:

- **Overall winner** - design used as Ed Davey MP's 2024 Christmas card, invitation to have tea with Ed, £15 book token and signed certificate. This winner is selected as the best design from all entries.
- **Four category winners** (Ages 4-6, 7-10, 11-15 and Under-19 SEN) - design printed on the back of Ed Davey MP's 2024 Christmas card, £15 book token and signed certificate.
- **Runners up** (second and third places) in each of the four categories (Ages 4-6, 7-10, 11-15 and Under-19 SEN) - signed certificate.
- **Highly commended** - signed certificate.

