



Dear Families,

What a busy week at King Athelstan! The lovely sunshine has made such a difference to the energy levels within the community. Perhaps spring really is on the way?!

Thank you to everyone for their fantastic efforts on World Book Day. It was wonderful seeing the children enjoying book-related activities dressed as their favourite story characters. We were impressed with everyone's creativity.



There has been lots of excitement this week related to the eggs hatching in the Reception classes, which we were all able to watch thanks to Chickcam!

Thanks to all those parents/carers who came in to the consultation meetings with teachers this week. It has been a busy two weeks of meetings but it makes such a difference to your children's learning and progress. Children simply cannot make enough progress just through school work - it takes hard work and strong partnership between school and home to ensure that each child reaches their potential.

Finally, please look out for a separate letter about parking and drop-off and pick up routines as we have noticed a significant deterioration in families not following parking rules or the rules around not coming onto the school site before a child's allocated time.

Enjoy the sunshine.

**Emily Newton**

**Headteacher**

### Y6 Science event

Y6 enjoyed their trip to the Royal Institution Science lecture 'Explosive Food!' at Surbiton High School on Monday. Year 6 said it was lots of fun, and Mr Barson commented that watching the children cringe at live footage of food being digested was great! We are very lucky that local secondary schools extend invitations like this to us to enhance our children's learning.



### Science Week 10-14<sup>th</sup> March

Next week is British Science Week, where we celebrate and pay extra focus to our learning in science. Every year, British Science Week has a different focus and this year revolves around changing and adapting. Each year group will have a science lesson that focuses on this theme and may branch off from their current topic. They will all be involved in experiments and activities about this topic and use their scientific skills to get the best results



possible. There will also be a whole school task that every child will participate in. They will formally write about how our school has changed and adapted to help the environment and also how we can further help it in the future.

### King Athelstan Chicks Update



The Happy Chick company delivered 10 eggs in an incubator to our Reception classrooms on Monday, and we are excited to announce that today we have 10 fluffy yellow chicks!

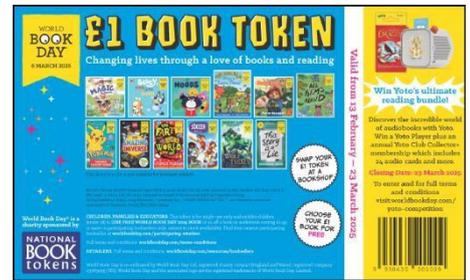
Thanks to our chickcam, the whole school has been able to follow their progress from egg to chick, and see a number of the eggs actually hatch. They are now very lively chicks, and



rather noisy, too!

## World Book Day

This year's World Book Day saw some amazing outfits based on favourite book characters! There were also plenty of cosy-looking pyjamas with bedtime story themes. The World Book Day tokens have been emailed to all families and have an expiry date of 23<sup>rd</sup> March, so don't forget to use yours. The voucher will allow you to buy one of the Book Day books for £1, or to get £1 off another book of your choice in most book shops, including the Regency Bookshop in Surbiton. Mr Barson has uploaded the Mystery Reader and also launched the Extreme Reading Competition (deadline 28<sup>th</sup> March) on Google Classroom, all of which are excellent ways to promote the children's love of reading.



## Y6 Défilés de Mode (Fashion Shows)

Madame Bailey has arranged for Year 6 to hold fashion shows during their French lessons to practise their vocabulary. They can wear their own clothes to school on these days: **Riley Class on Wednesday 26th March** and **Kahlo Class on Wednesday 2nd April**. Madame Bailey will put messages on Google classroom detailing what is appropriate to wear and how the shows will be run.



## Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which contains items we frequently need to replace. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. Have a look at the link here: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. We really need ice packs and white board pens! If you find any at home, please return them. We also have an ongoing item in ParentPay called *Donation to School Fund for Resources 2024-25*. Thank you for all donations.





## Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Janna

O'Keeffe Y1 - Arjun

Hockney Y2 - Ollie

Matisse Y2 - Elif

Cassatt Y3 - Sharav

Da Vinci Y3 - Souhila

Mehretu Y4 - Zoe

Wiley Y4 - Sahib

Dali Y5 - Beth

Warhol Y5 - Whole Class

Riley Y6 - Jay

Kahlo Y6 - Julia

KS1 PE Olive in Van Gogh Class Y1

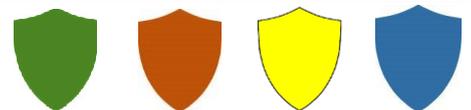
KS2 PE - Khadija in Mehretu Class Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Herberts	Loni & Paula	Joe	AJ	Hazel	Ryan
Owen	Hannah	Joshua	Ruby	Ziyad	

### House Points

This week in first place is **Green (Villiers)** with 37 points. Yellow (Cambridge) have 35, Red (Dawson) are on 28 and Blue (Hawks) on 24.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### MARCH

Wednesday 12	Y3 Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Y3 Cross Country Competition
Thursday 13	Y5 trip to the British Museum - go to ParentPay
Thursday 13	KS2 Spring Showcase
Tuesday 18	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum - go to ParentPay
Tuesday 18	Lifting Young Voices Concert - go to ParentPay
Tuesday 18	Y3 Cross Country - selected children. Go to ParentPay
Wednesday 19	Y5/6 Tag Rugby selected children. Go to ParentPay
Wednesday 19	Y5 Dali Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 20	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens - go to ParentPay
Friday 21	Comic Relief - go to ParentPay to donate
Monday 24	Clubs end this week
Mon 24-28	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 25	Y1 Materials Workshop in school - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 26	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 28	PCSA Easter Cake Competition & sale
Friday 28	PCSA Quiz Night (adults only) School Hall

#### APRIL

Wednesday 2	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm and again 5.30-6pm
Friday 4	Break up one hour earlier for Easter holiday
Wednesday 16	Primary School National Offer Day
Tuesday 22	Children return to school
Friday 25	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - go to ParentPay
Friday 25	Cake Sale Y2 3.15pm
Saturday 26	TCS London Mini Marathon - details to follow
<b>MAY</b>	
Monday 5	Bank Holiday - children not in school
Wednesday 7	Nursery, Reception & Y1 Mobile Farm visitors - go to ParentPay
Tues 12-15	Y6 SATs
Thursday 22	Cake Sale Reception 3.15pm
Mon 26-Fri 30	Half-Term
<b>JUNE</b>	
Wednesday 4	International Day - details to follow
Friday 6-Mon 9	Y6 PGL Trip
Tuesday 10	Rest day for Y6 children and staff who were at PGL
Tuesday 10	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 11	Y6 Kids Out! At Chessington - Details to follow
Thursday 12	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Tuesday 17	Nursery Trips to the Library - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 18	Y1 Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 19	Celebration of King Athelstan - details to follow
Wednesday 25	Y1 trip to Littlehampton - Details to follow
Wednesday 25	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Sports Day
Thursday 26	Sports Day Y1-6
<b>JULY</b>	
Wednesday 2	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 2	Backup EYFS Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Thursday 3	Backup Y1-6 Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Tuesday 8	Y3 Lifting Young Voices Concert #2 - details to follow
Wednesday 9	Y3 Country Dancing - details to follow
Thursday 10	Reception trip to the Wetlands Centre - details to follow
Wednesday 16	Y6 Production 2pm - details to follow
Thursday 17	Y6 Production 7pm - details to follow
Friday 18	Y4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm - details to follow
Tuesday 22	PCSA Picnic in the Park for all

## KOOSA Kids

Easter holiday bookings are now open at KOOSA Kids. KOOSA are also offering some places on the fully-funded FUEL holiday club scheme, which includes a hot meal at lunchtime. <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/>

### Half Marathon for Epilepsy Action

Mrs Ahearn sadly lost her sister-in-law, who had epilepsy, just over a year ago - she was only 29. Mrs Ahearn's husband is running 27 half marathons in her memory. He is raising money and awareness for 'Epilepsy Action' and this week he made the BBC Surrey news! [BBC NEWS LINK](#). Mr Ahearn has completed 26 half marathons so far and on Saturday Mrs Ahearn, Miss Lee, Miss Gulliford, Mr Morris, Mr Barson and Mr McLaughlin are all running with him for the last one! To sponsor our amazing staff team in support of Epilepsy Action, [click this link](#).



## 'The Mighty Dribble' Challenge

For his 9th birthday, Alex in Year 4 would love for the entire King Athelstan School community (pupils, parents, carers, staff and friends) to join or support him in a special challenge: "The Mighty Dribble." Alex loves football and the outdoors and he wanted to celebrate his birthday by bringing people together while raising funds for the school's Nurture provision. The Nurture team plays a vital role at King Athelstan Primary School and in our community, supporting all children, especially those who need a little extra help. Funds raised will help the Nurture team purchase essential resources such as books, fidget tools, LEGO sets and other tools to support even more children.

**Date:** Sunday, 16th March 2025 at 10AM

**Meeting Point:** Barge Walk, near Kingston Regatta Boat Paddock (Cross Kingston Bridge and turn left immediately).

**Route:** Dribbling a football (walking or running is also ok if you don't like dribbling) from Kingston Riverside to Hampton Court and back through Home Park (approximately 4 miles/6km).

**Make a donation:** To donate or ask friends and family to support this challenge, please click on this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dribble25>

Please note, this is not a King Athelstan event, and parents/carers must accompany their own children.

Thank you for your support.



## Pupil News



Well done to Elsie In Hockney Y2 and Robbie, Dali Y5, who both won medals last weekend at gymnastics competitions! Robbie won a gold medal in trampet and bronze on vault, and Elsie won a silver in her trampet competition and also a bronze on the vault. Congratulations to them both! We love to celebrate children's achievements outside school.



## PCSA

The PCSA is looking for some additional committee members and in particular a deputy Treasurer and deputy Chair. If you think you could be more involved, please email [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com). The PCSA cannot run efficiently without enough people. Many hands make light work, so please come forward if you are able to help.

- Ticket link for events <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/king-athelstan-primary-school-pcsa>
- To request any second-hand uniform, please first check the [stock link here](#) and then email [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com) with details of what you would like (item and size).
- Thursday 13th March, Spring Showcase run by Mr Thomas (supported by PCSA)
- Friday 28th March - Easter Baking Competition! Cake sale - all year groups
- Friday 28th March, Quiz Night - adults only, school hall
- Saturday 17th May - Eurovision Song Contest viewing party. Adults only.



## 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:

### Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers

For families of children 0-18, or those supporting families with children. The workshop topics are:

- Internet Addiction- Understanding the signs of online addiction and discussing early intervention from a therapist's perspective.
- Online Spaces, AI & Deepfakes- Guidance on identifying harmful online behaviours, including risks in gaming, social media, and AI-generated content, along with approaches to support young people vulnerable to online risks in building healthier habits and lifestyles.
- Radicalisation Awareness- Covering pathways and indicators of radicalisation and grooming, lessons from case studies, ways for families to support at-risk young people, and an understanding of how the government process around radicalisation works.

