



Next week is the first of our weekly autumn term spotlights on aspects of the behaviour policy: **we are safe**. This will link with any work around class rules and school routines.

Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone, and a warm welcome to families new to our school. It was fantastic to see the vast majority of children returning with happy smiles on Tuesday. For a few children, it took a couple of days to acclimatise – it's a hard transition back in after the summer.

Lots of our new Nursery and Reception children have started now and the remaining groups start next week. They look so smart and grown up in their uniform, and I have loved meeting them on tours around the school or on the school gate. It's great to see children settling in so positively.

We have started the school year with a really significant event: last year's School Council attended an ceremony at Kingston train station to see one of the new SWR trains named King Athelstan. You can see some photos and more about the celebration below.

Finally, here are a few reminders for the new school year:

- Our new footwear policy is now applicable: only completely plain black footwear at all times. Children must wear plain black trainers (including black soles and black ankle collar) for PE and may wear them every day if they wish. Children may continue to wear plain black school shoes on non-PE days. **No coloured trainers, coloured logos or other footwear are permitted on any day.**
- **Only** sweatshirts/cardigans with the school logo may be worn. **No other non-logo sweatshirts or cardigans are allowed.** Second-hand uniform is available from the PCSA [HERE](#).
- Children must not bring backpacks or rucksacks to school as we do not have room to store them.
- Please ensure **all items** children bring in to school are **named**.
- Children must be supervised until they enter the KS1 school gates at their start time. **DO NOT** leave children unattended before this time.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming the remainder of the new children next week. Don't forget the PCSA New to Reception picnic tomorrow, Saturday 6th September from 2-4pm at Fairfield Park.

Emily Newton
Headteacher



Applying for Secondary School

Children who were born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 (current Y6) are eligible to begin Year 7 at a secondary school in September 2026. Applications to apply for secondary school places in Kingston can be submitted online via the [eAdmissions website](#) between 1st September 2025 and 31st October 2025. For details of open day events for transfer to Year 7 Kingston secondary schools in September 2026, click here:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/school-admissions/secondary-school-open-days-for-2026-entry> You do not need to complete an application if your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Instead contact your assessment coordinator to discuss your child's school placement.

King Athelstan Train Naming

10 children from the School Council attended a very special event yesterday, 4th September, which is the actual 1100th anniversary of the coronation of King Athelstan in Kingston. South Western Railway invited them to attend the naming of their newest train: King Athelstan. The event was attended by the Bishop, Tom Holland the renowned historian (who has written extensively about King Athelstan), the Mayor of Kingston and Ed Davey MP, as well as other invited guests, including three Saxon warriors. The children - Nancy, Bethany, Daniel, Ivy, Frankie, TY, Katarina, Lenny, Cece and Penelope - were an absolute credit to the school. They listened carefully to the speeches and presentations, waved their flags and wore crowns. They were all rewarded with a special King Athelstan cupcake! They even survived a huge downpour on the way to the event and smiled through, despite having wet socks! You can find out more about the event and see footage in South Western Railway's Instagram post here: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DOL9paQDH_b/

To track a SWR train by its number, use the official SWR app, National Rail's TrainTracker, or a dedicated third-party app like Trainy or Trainline by entering the train's number into their live time/tracker sections. The train 'King Athelstan' is number 450014, so you can see where our train is at any time!



At 6.30pm last night, there was another celebration at All Saints Church and Sarah Cantrill asked for volunteers to re-enact King Athelstan's Coronation, as we did in our event on 19th June. Rosa, Ayrat, George and Robbie attended and did a wonderful job in front of a very full church congregation.



SIMs Parent App

There are still some families who haven't registered and updated their details on the **SIMS Parent App**. It is important that we receive accurate and up-to-date information for all students as soon as possible. You will have received an email from noreply@sims.co.uk with an activation link (please check your junk/spam folders if you haven't seen it). This was sent to the main parental email address we have on file.

To complete your registration:

- Click the link in the activation email to set up your account.
- Download the SIMS Parent app from the App Store or Google Play, or log in at www.sims-parent.co.uk.
- Open the app, review your child(ren)'s details, and make any necessary updates.

If you did not receive the activation email, please contact us at admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org with your name, your child's name, and your current email address. Thank you for helping us maintain accurate records.

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School Uniform

For full details of our school uniform, please see the website page [here](#). The PCSA runs a second-hand uniform 'shop' in return for a donation. To check what uniform we have available, click the [link here](#).

To request any stock please email kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com with details of what you would like (item and size). PCSA will access the items as soon as they can and arrange to meet you or leave it at school reception with your name on. You can also hand in any unwanted uniform that is clean and in good condition to offer to others. No shoes. PCSA ask for families to make a donation if they can to their fundraising page here: <https://www.givey.com/uniform>.



To order Stikins name labels for your child's clothes and other items, see the [link here](#).

The PCSA receive a small commission from any purchases which goes back into funds for the school.

Wraparound Childcare

Breakfast Club is run by King Athelstan staff and is open 7.45am to 8.45am daily, and is located in the King Athelstan Centre at the back of the school (access at the back of the car park). The children are given a choice of breakfasts such as cereals, fruit, toast and juice and undertake a mixture of fun and educational activities. The charge is currently **£6.50 per day**.



A registration form must be completed by a Parent/Carer before the child can attend their first Breakfast Club. The form can be completed [here](#). Once you have registered please allow 48 working hours for Breakfast Club to be available on your ParentPay Account.

- Breakfast club sessions must be pre-booked and paid for on ParentPay in advance.
- Bookings must be made by midnight on Thursday for attendance the following week.
- Breakfast Club can be cancelled up to 15:30 on the day before the booked session. A credit will be added to the child's ParentPay account.
- Cancellation after this time is non-refundable based on staffing and resources already put in place.
- Click [here](#) to access the ParentPay login.

KOOSA Kids After School Club at King Athelstan runs every school day from school finish until 6.00pm. The club is based from the main School Hall and King Athelstan Centre and is fully Ofsted registered. Children are able to choose from a host of activities including Construction Games, Art Tables, Role Play, Book Corners, Puzzles, Train Sets, Play Mats and a large selection of active games such as Football, Hockey, Rounders and much more. A healthy and nutritious snack is provided (e.g. toast, crumpets / crackers & a whole piece of fruit or vegetable). Book for single or multiple sessions up to 6.00pm the working day before, and if your requirements are fixed, we can offer a 'permanent places agreement' to guarantee your sessions each half term.



KOOSA often run holiday clubs during the school holidays, too - look out for booking information nearer the time. For more information or to make a booking, contact KOOSA Kids on 01276 21884 or visit the [KOOSA Kids Website](#)

Clubs for Autumn Term

We aim to offer at least one before- or after-school club to every child who applies. Each PP-eligible child is entitled to one free club per term. Pupil Premium funding is allocated to children who are entitled to Free School Meals (not universal free school meals for YR-Y6) or those who have been entitled during the past six years. Look out for the letter about clubs for this term on Friday 12th September. Please apply for club places on the Google Application Form and indicate if your child comes under our PP scheme.



- Clubs letter issued: Friday 12th September
- Google application form opens: Sunday 14th September at 10:00am
- Google form closes: Tuesday 16th September at 7:00am
- Confirm places: By Friday 19th September at 4:00pm
- Payment due: Wednesday 24th September at 10:00am

Maths KIRFs

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

By the end of each half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly. Please see our school website for guidance and examples of the KIRFs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4*	Year 5	Year 6
Aut 1	I know doubles and halves of numbers to 10.	I know doubles and halves of numbers to 20.	I know number bonds for all numbers to 20. For example: $7 + 8 = 15$ $12 + 4 = 16$ $13 + 8 = 5$	I know number bonds to 100.	I know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12×12 (Revision)	I know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12×12 (Revision)
Aut 2	I know number bonds for each number to 6. For example: $2 + 1 = 3$ $3 + 2 = 5$ $4 + 2 = 6$	I know number bonds to 20. For example: $14 + 6 = 20$ $5 + 15 = 20$ $20 + 3 = 17$	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.	I can identify prime numbers up to 20.	I can identify common factors of a pair of numbers.
Spr 1	I know number bonds to 10.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 2 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 4 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 9 and 12 times tables.	I can recall square numbers up to 144 and their square roots.	I can identify prime numbers up to 50.
Spr 2	I know number bonds for each number to 10.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 7 times table.	I can find factor pairs of a number.	I know the decimal and percentage equivalents of the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{2}{5}$, tenths and fifths.
Sum 1	I can tell the time (o'clock and half past).	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 5 times table.	I can recall facts about durations of time.	I can recognise decimal equivalents of fractions.	I know decimal number bonds to 1 and 10.	I can convert between decimals, fractions and percentages.
Sum 2	I can count in 1s (up to 50), 2s (up to 20), 5s (up to 50) and 10s (up to 100).	I can tell the time (quarter hour intervals and 5 minutes).	I can tell the time (5 minutes and nearest minute).	I can multiply and divide single-digit numbers by 10 and 100.	I can recall metric conversions.	I know the square roots of square numbers to 15×15 .

*Children in Year 4 will be taking the 'Multiplication Tables Check' to determine whether year 4 pupils can fluently recall their multiplication tables. It is a key stage 2 (KS2) assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4, which is statutory.

KIRF (Key Instant Recall of Facts) have been designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work in schools. This is part of a national drive to improve mental maths. Every half term, each year group will have a focus and by the end of each half term, children should know those facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly. It is expected that the children will learn and practise these in school AND at home. See the school website [here](#) for details of your child's KIRFs.

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Dylan

O'Keeffe Y1 - Jonah

Hockney Y2 - Kaleth

Matisse Y2 - Brenden

Cassatt Y3 - Aaron

Da Vinci - Nadia

Mehretu Y4 - Gary & Archie

Wiley Y4 - Rachel

Dali Y5 - AJ

Warhol Y5 - Zoe

Kahlo Y6 - Ella

Riley - Fatima

KS1 PE Ellie in Hockney Class Y2

KS2 PE - Daisy in Wiley Class Y4

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2025

Saturday 6	New to Reception Picnic 2-4pm
Monday 8	Y6 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Wednesday 10	Y1 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Thursday 11	Y2 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Friday 12	Y3 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Monday 15	Y4 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Tuesday 16	Y5 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm

OCTOBER 2025

Wednesday 1	INSET day - children not in school
Mon 27-Fri 31	Half-Term

Term dates for 2025/2026

- School will finish one hour earlier than usual on the last day of each term.
- Children do not attend school on INSET days. These are in-service training days for staff.
- INSET Days:** Monday 1st September 2025, Wednesday 1st October 2025, Monday 5th January 2026, Friday 3rd July 2026.

2025-26 Term	Date from	Date to
Autumn Term 1 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025
Half-Term	Monday 27th October 2025	Friday 31st October 2025
Autumn Term 2 2025	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 nd December 2025	Friday 2 nd January 2026
Spring Term 1 2026	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026
Half-Term	Monday 16th February 2026	Friday 20th February 2026
Spring Term 2 2026	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026
Summer Term 1 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Half-Term	Monday 25th May 2026	Friday 29th May 2026
Summer Term 2 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026

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:

Please see below a poster for the Kingston Carnival this Sunday, a Parenting Course run by Achieving for Children, an online webinar for parents/carers about the upcoming flu immunisations (25th November) and a flyer for Fulham Football Club sessions at the YMCA Hawker Centre - there is a 10% discount for pupils at Kingston Schools.



Incredible Years group

This 12 week course will teach the BASIC Parenting programme for parents and carers of children aged 2 to 8 years designed to promote positive parenting strategies and to assist parents in managing children's behaviour problems. The content of this training programme includes: play, helping children learn, positive reinforcement, limit setting, non-physical discipline alternatives, problem solving and effective communication skills.

Goals of the parent training series are to:

- increase positive and nurturing parenting
- promote parent competencies and strengthen families
- reduce critical and violent discipline approaches by replacing them with non-violent strategies such as ignoring, using logical and natural consequences, redirecting, monitoring and problem-solving
- improve parents' problem-solving and anger management
- increase family support networks, and school involvement or bonding
- help parents and teachers work collaboratively to ensure consistency across settings
- increase parents' involvement in children's academic-related activities at home

Starting Wednesday 1st October (term time only)
10.00am-12pm
Tolworth Children's Centre, School Lane,
Tolworth, KT6 7SA

For more information and to enquire about availability, please contact the Parenting Team:
Email: parentingteam@achievingforchildren.org.uk
Phone: Karen Williams for Kingston: 07771 974388
Phone: Tom Maybey for Richmond: 07864 609913

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South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

Join us for our Children's Flu information webinar

Learn more about the children's flu vaccine, and how you can protect your child from flu this winter.

Scan the QR code to register

Wednesday 10 September **14:00 - 14:45**

KINGSTON SKILLS CLUB

Saturday morning football for boys and girls aged 5 to 12

THE PERFECT WAY TO START OR CONTINUE YOUR FOOTBALLING JOURNEY, LEARN NEW SKILLS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

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