



This week our focus in school was on **Imagination**, the third of our five **PRIDE** values. Next week we will move on to focus on **Diving Deeper**.

Dear Families,

The majority of parent/carer consultations are now complete. Thank you for engaging so positively with teachers about your child's learning. Working in close partnership always has the greatest impact.

The weather has been very changeable this week – one minute bright sunshine and the next minute snow! We still have a significant number of children coming in without warm/waterproof coats. We understand some children do not like wearing coats but please send them in anyway – children cannot be outside in very low temperatures without appropriate clothing for the weather. Thank you.

Please take time to read though the Digest – it's been a very busy week with a Y2 trip to Bushy Park, a School Council trip to Westminster as well as Mehretu's class assembly! We have rounded off the week with a fabulous TTRS and NumBots Day organised by our maths lead, Mr Gardner. The children looked amazing (as did the staff) as they arrived in their robot and rock star costumes. See the photos below. Thank you for all your hard work in making this happen.

Please take a particular look at the section at the end of the Digest about the proposed development of Middle Mill which has quite significant impact on the local community. Please look at the planning application and respond with any comments you feel appropriate. The deadline for comments is Tuesday 25th November 2025.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Egyptians in Y4

In our drama workshop, Year 4 went back in time to the Ancient Egyptian era, living in an Egyptian village on the banks of the River Nile. They loved taking on the role of different villagers all working together to support the village. When the Nile didn't flood, they were called upon to help the Queen solve



the problem of the drought affecting the Egyptian people, learning about Egyptian gods and rituals on the way. All the children were thoroughly immersed in the drama and many also dressed as Egyptians. During the rest of the day, the children learnt Egyptian numbers and created beautiful Egyptian collars. A great day was had by all!



School Trips



We run lots of exciting and educational trips across the school year. When you receive a letter about your child going on a school trip, please go to ParentPay to give consent, pay (if applicable) and answer any specific questions relating to the trip. Sometimes, we also send out a Google form for certain events. ParentPay also has overpayment options for trips, so that families who wish may pay any extra amount for trips to support other families who may not be able to afford the full amount. Although trip payments are voluntary, if we are unable to secure funds to cover the costs we may have to cancel trips. We are always grateful for volunteers to accompany on trips, but all volunteers must have a current DBS certificate. See the [website here](#) for more information about DBSs. Trips for this term are: Y1/Y2 Multi Skills Festival (invited children only), Y3 Concert at All Saints Church, Y4 trips to Kingston Synagogue, Y4 Rose Theatre, Y5 Science Museum, Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics (invited children only), Y5/6 ice skating at Hampton Court. The Y6 PGL residential in June and Y5 swimming after Christmas are also on ParentPay and payments can be made for these at any time. Thank you.

School Council Trip

Today our School Council representatives had a very special visit to the Houses of Parliament, to see democracy in action. They took



part in a workshop, where Emma suggested a debate around having takeaways in school on Fridays, paid for by Miss Newton - The ayes had it! Logan was very impressed to see the policemen with guns ('we saw 16 of them') and they checked that Big Ben was not running late. On the way to Westminster, they



bumped into the characters from the new film Zootopia 2, who were making some promotional material, and shared a few high fives with fictional Detectives Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde! Miss Page and Miss Turner were impressed with the children's behaviour throughout and how they represented the school so well.

Gardening Club

A huge thank you to local company Bloomin Marvellous, who have once again donated some bulbs for the Gardening Club to plant. The Bloomin Marvellous team specialises in garden design and consultation, hard and soft landscaping, and garden maintenance in Kingston, Twickenham, Teddington, Surbiton and surrounding areas. We are very grateful for their help.



Mehretu Class Assembly



Mehretu Class Y4 hosted the first class assembly of the year, showcasing all their learning about the Egyptians to their families, including demonstrating the mummifying process on one of their classmates! They all looked amazing in their Egyptian outfits, too.

Year 2 trip to Bushy Park

After a very cold, wet start to their day, including a snow storm, Year 2 had a great day at the Stockyard in Bushy Park. The children learnt about a variety of habitats and micro-habitats. They heard all about mini beasts and went on a mini beast hunt. They also had a go at pond dipping, and then a worm game - collecting little fake worms that were on the ground. They were all very brave in the wintry weather and arrived back at school smiling! Thank you to all the parent helpers for attending.



Admission Arrangements Consultation

Admission authorities are responsible for determining the admission arrangements for their schools each year. These arrangements set out how places are offered at the school. There is currently a Public consultation on the 2027/28 admission arrangements for the community schools in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. Details of the consultation can be found on the [Achieving for Children website](#). The consultation will run until 5pm on Friday 9 January 2026.



Children in Need

The BBC Children in Need account is still open for donations [here](#). This is a lovely picture of Pudsey which the children in Nursery coloured in with spots!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER 2025

Tuesday 25	Y5 Viking Day
Tuesday 25	Flu Immunisation Day R - Y6
Wednesday 26	Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 27	Wiley Class Y4 trip to Synagogue
Thursday 27	Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics - invited children only. Go to ParentPay
Friday 28	Y3 concert at All Saints 2pm
Saturday 29	Festive Fair 12-3pm

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Tuesday 2	Y5 trip to the Science Museum - Go to ParentPay
Wednesday 3	Riley Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 10	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 10	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court - details to follow
Wednesday 10	School Tour for potential EYFS places. 9.15am. Book here
Thursday 11	Mehretu Class Y4 trip to Synagogue
Friday 12	Kusama Class Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday 12	Nelson Class Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 15	Matisse Class Y2 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 15	O'Keeffe Class Y1 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 16	Y4 trip to see Cinderella at the Rose Theatre - Go to ParentPay
Tuesday 16	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm and 5.30-6pm
Wednesday 17	Van Gogh Class Y1 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 17	Hockney Class Y2 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 18	Klee AM Christmas singing & crafts 11-11.30am
Thursday 18	Klee PM Christmas singing & crafts 12.30-1pm
Friday 19	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and school breaks up one hour earlier

House Points

This week there are joint winners! **Red (Dawson)** and **Green (Villiers)** both achieved 33 points. **Yellow (Cambridge)** have 30 points, and **Blue (Hawks)**, have 28.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Logan O'Keeffe Y1 - William

Matisse Y2 - Gregory Hockney Y2 - Arjun

Cassatt Y3 - Matilda Da Vinci - Johnny

Mehretu Y4 - Shiloh Wiley Y4 - Michaela

Dali Y5 - Erin Warhol Y5 - Lorelai

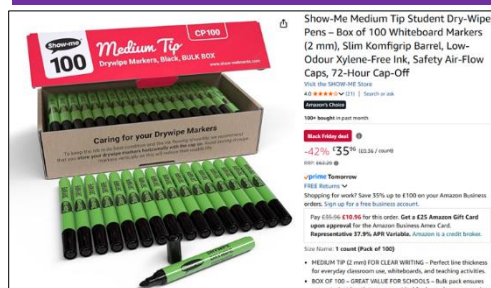
Kahlo Y6 - Ryan Riley - Rowen

KS1 PE Maria in O'Keeffe Class Y1 KS2 PE - Michaela in Wiley Class Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jonah	Teddy & Dario	Ben	Stephen	Sahib	Sophie
Khadija	Gregory, Ruth & Brenden	George	Alannah	Daniel	Abdulrahman

Amazon Wish List



We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There are currently some great Black Friday deals available, such as white board pens at almost half price (left)! Thank you to whoever bought the NSPCC Pantosaurus books recently. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>



PCSA

Remember, the Festive Fair is on **Saturday 29th November, from 12-3pm**. These are the days to donate items for the Fair:



- **28th November** - New/unused gift items
- **29th November** - Christmas-themed bake for the cake stall - there will be a prize at the end of the day for most creative bake!

Christmas trees will be on sale once again at the Festive Fair, with 25% commission paid to school.

Ticket link for all events: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/king-athelstan-primary-school-pcsa>



KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating our Christmas Holiday Club here at King Athelstan Primary School on 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December. The exciting, action-packed activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of exciting games, art & crafts, science and challenges that bring the Winter Wonderland theme to life with a Christmas Party on Tuesday 23rd December! Bookings are open. Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more

information. KOOSA will also be running February half-term holiday clubs.



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:

Planning Consultation - Kingston University has submitted plans to the council to build new facilities very close to King Athelstan - around Middle Mill, the area at the end of Mill Street. The impact of this proposal on the school, in particular the KS2 playground, is shown in the photo (right). The build itself would take up to three years, and the planning shows a building 30m tall (5 stories). The deadline for feedback is Tuesday 25th November. You can provide your comments on the plans:

<https://publicaccess.kingston.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=T3CYSMNHJVFO0>



Families Connect - The aim is to help families in the area feel more connected to the community and provide a safe space for adults and children. The free sessions allow for local parents/carers to get to know other parents and the children love the different activities provided. Some families from King Athelstan have already attended. The next session will be next Tuesday 25th November, 3.30 pm, at Queen Mary Hall, Cambridge Estate.



Times Tables Rock Stars / NumBots Day



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