



This week our focus in school was on **Diving Deeper**, and next week we will focus on **Excellence**.

Dear Families,

Thank you for your support this week as a huge number of children had their flu immunisations. We find this makes such a difference over the winter months and hopefully prevents children from becoming really unwell with flu. We had lots of children giggling about how it tickled their noses.

Please could you remind everyone who drops off and picks up your child to wait outside the school gates until you are called through. It is vital that we get our Nursery children in calmly and safely at 8.30am before we call the Reception children in at 8.35am. They in turn need space to transition into school calmly and safely before we call the rest of the school in at 8.40am. It is really hard for parents/carers of the younger children and staff to manage this efficiently if other families enter the grounds. Please also be mindful of not stopping in the gateway or in the centre of the main path as it blocks access for others and holds up the flow of people. Thank you for respecting our school rules and systems.

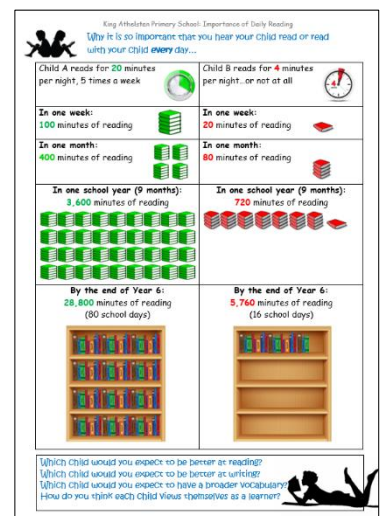
This poster on the right is a reminder of an image we have shared before, but its message is so important that it's worth revisiting. It clearly shows the remarkable difference that just a short amount of daily reading at home can make over time. A child who reads regularly at home builds **tens of thousands of minutes** of reading experience by the end of primary school—gaining stronger vocabulary, improved confidence, and greater overall achievement. Reading every day is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to support your child's learning. Those small, consistent moments truly add up. Children cannot make good progress in reading by only practising in school! Thank you for continuing to make reading a valued part of your child's daily routine. Your support at home has a profound impact.

This afternoon Year 3 sang songs that they have been practicing at All Saints Church – it was a really special event and all children performed and represented the school beautifully.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the **Festive Fair** tomorrow between 12pm and 3pm. It is always a great community event filled with fun, activities, and seasonal cheer! The choir is always a highlight and will be performing at 1pm. We hope to see you there!

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher



Vikings in Year 5



Year 5 enjoyed a Viking-themed day on Tuesday, to fully immerse themselves in their curriculum learning. On this day, the children examined the life of Vikings, investigating Viking runestones, baking authentic Viking bread and making their very own Viking longship in preparation for battle. They also looked great in their Viking outfits!



Volunteering Opportunity

If anyone has some time to spare in the morning, we would love to have a couple of volunteers to help in Reception, supporting handwriting and Phonics. Any volunteer must have a DBS from school, and would need to be available from 8.45-10am. Contact the school office if you are interested:

admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

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Kingston Grammar School Presentation



Year 6 had a visit from some Y12 Political Studies students from Kingston Grammar School this week, who gave a presentation about the work of the Houses of Parliament. They also hosted a quiz entitled 'Parliament and Pets' (inspired by their meeting the Speaker who has a menagerie!). The students clearly knew their subject matter, and the children enjoyed the debate and the quiz.

Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics

Well done to the 30 children who took part in the Sportshall Athletics Competition on Thursday. The children participated in a number of different track and field events including; soft javelin, triple jump, chest push, speed bounce and relay races. All of the children represented the school really well and persevered to achieve their absolute best. A particular mention needs to go to all of the children for their excellent efforts in the running events (often achieving 1st place in the heats which was amazing). Thanks to Mrs McDonald and parent Jane Wilson for their support on the day, which helped the afternoon run very smoothly. 14 schools participated on the day with King Athelstan achieving 8th place.



Year 4 Wiley Class trip to Kingston Synagogue



Wiley enjoyed a wonderful trip to Surbiton Synagogue, where they learned about how the Torah is read, the celebration of Passover, and the importance of keeping the Sabbath day holy. The pupils asked thoughtful, insightful questions throughout the visit, and the Rabbi was extremely impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm. It was a memorable and enriching experience for everyone.



RBKares



For the last four years, RBKares, a local charity (<https://rbkares.org/>), has asked school children to make Christmas cards for the residents and staff of the local care homes. These cards are extremely popular and the recipients really value receiving such a personal item, particularly at a time of year when a lack of local family or community can be very painful. King Athelstan Eco Warriors and the School Council got together in a joint session to make lots of cards for this initiative. Well done all!

Admission Arrangements Consultation

Local 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.



Clubs for Spring Term

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Please see the dates here regarding the arrangements for extra-curricular clubs after Christmas:

- Clubs letter emailed to all: Thursday 4th December at 4:00pm
- Google form opens: Sunday 7th December at 10:00am
- Google form closes: Tuesday 9th December at 7:00am
- Confirmed places: by Friday 12th December at 4:00pm
- Payment due: by Monday 15th December at 10:00am

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER 2025	
Tuesday 2	Y5 trip to the Science Museum
Wednesday 3	Riley Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 9	Warhol Class Assembly - 9am NEW DATE
Wednesday 10	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 10	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court - Go to ParentPay
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

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - George

O'Keeffe Y1 - Joseph

Matisse Y2 - Emma

Hockney Y2 - Alfie

Cassatt Y3 - Clorinda

Da Vinci - Lukasz

Mehretu Y4 - Anna

Wiley Y4 - Daisy

Dali Y5 - Jasper

Warhol Y5 - Mustafa

Kahlo Y6 - Mohamad

Riley - Anastasiia

KS1 PE Teddy in Hockney Class Y2

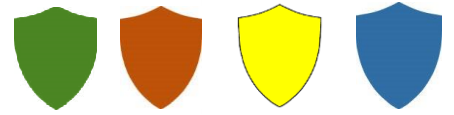
KS2 PE - Asia in Dali Class Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aadarsh	Theo & Herberts	Anisa	Koshin	Ana	Ivy
Ari	Ruth	George	Michaela	Atu	Denys

House Points

This week the winners are **Red (Dawson)**. **Green (Villiers)** are in second place with 34 points. **Yellow (Cambridge)** and **Blue (Hawks)**, are in joint third place on 29.



Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. We have been adding a few new items to our list! 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 tomorrow, **Saturday 29th November, from 12-3pm**. There will be lots of exciting stalls, as well as Santa's Grotto, of course. The Choir will be singing, and Christmas trees will be on sale once again.

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 (fully funded Christmas Holiday Activity & Food Programme (FUEL) sessions on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd 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:

Kingston Police Community Event: This is a public event open to the whole community. The evening will focus on engaging with the diverse local community, providing updates on policing in Kingston, and hearing directly from residents and community members. The event is on Monday 8th December from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Guildhall, Kingston, and will feature:

- **Senior speakers**, including the Deputy Commissioner and local policing leads
- Updates on the **Met's policing strategy**, with a strong emphasis on local priorities

Please register now using the link below and encourage others from your community. Your participation and promotion of this event will help ensure the police hear from a broad range of voices across Kingston. To make the evening even more enjoyable, delicious food from a local vendor will be provided.

[Community Crime-Fighting: Kingston Tickets, Mon, Dec 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite.](#)

- A dedicated **Q&A session**, giving the community an opportunity to ask questions and share their views