



This week, Mr Barson held an assembly all about the **Library**. Next week our focus in school will be on '**fair is not always equal**', which Miss Govan will talk about in her Inclusion assembly on Monday.



Dear Families,

A very busy week (tours for prospective EYFS families, stay and plays for children joining Nursery in January, ice-skating and carol singing, to name but a few!) ended with 2 fantastic performances by Kusama and Nelson classes. 'The Twinkly Nativity' was a really lovely way to round off the week.

The final amount raised at the Festive Fair on 29th November is an amazing £3566.25. Thank you to Emily Sleight for leading the PCSA team so brilliantly, and who has now decided to step down from the role of Chair. Welcome to Jane Wilson, whose three children are in Y6, Y3 and Reception, who will be taking on the duties along with a team of parent/carers helpers. Please do contact the PCSA on <https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/> if you would like to help and get involved. Watch this space for news of future events and fundraising.



Hanukkah the Jewish 'Festival of Lights' is celebrated this year from Sunday 14th to Monday 22nd December. Happy Hanukkah to all those celebrating.

Please be advised that Mrs. Ramkissoon, Nurture Lead, will be absent from work due to a scheduled knee operation. We wish her a speedy recovery. During her absence, arrangements have been made to ensure continuity.

Please ensure you park responsibly if you have to use a car for the school run. We have had messages from local residents again about poor parking across driveways and crossing points, and also cars reversing without care. We all need to ensure the safety of all our children as well as the local community. Thank you.

Well done everyone for getting through such a busy week! Next week promises to be just as jam-packed. Don't forget to book Christmas lunch! Remember, we will break up one hour early next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Warhol Class Assembly

Warhol Class invited their families in to see all their learning about the Vikings, hosting a special edition of Viking X Factor! Their renditions of Viking versions of 'Pain' by Imagine Dragons, 'Wannabe' by The Spice Girls, and 'I'm Still Standing' by Elton John were quite remarkable. Well done Warhol.



Da Vinci Class Assembly

Da Vinci Class also showcased all their Stone Age learning to their families this week, finishing with a wonderful rendition of Christmas in Waikiki to get everyone in the holiday mood!



Reception Nativity



Reception classes performed their brilliant version of 'A Twinkly Nativity' for their families earlier today. They had worked so hard learning lines and stage directions, and their singing, with action, was fabulous. Well done to Jade and all the team who helped behind the scenes - it really made everyone feel that Christmas is nearly here.

Last Week of Term

School breaks up for Christmas on **Friday 19th December**, one hour earlier than usual (except for Nursery AM). Children may wear a Christmas jumper on Friday, and/or Christmas accessories. The Christmas Post Box is in use until Thursday, so children may post any cards to friends and staff and these will be delivered by the end of term. There will be a special Christmas lunch on Friday, either a roast turkey dinner or a veggie puff for vegetarians, so make sure you book on ParentPay. Please note, there will be no jacket potatoes available on this day, and the usual Friday fish meal will be served on Wednesday instead.



Y5 and Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court

Y5 & Y6 attended the annual ice-skating trip on Wednesday in the amazing setting of Hampton Court Palace. It was great to see how the children persevered in order to improve their skills. Well done to those children who fell over and got back up with great resilience. Their progress throughout their session was apparent to all. Thank you to Mr McLaughlin for planning the trip and to all staff who helped on the day, as well as the parent/carers volunteers who attended (well done to those who skated!) - your support was greatly appreciated. It really made the occasion memorable for the children.



School & Trip Volunteers

Thank you very much to all our brilliant parent/carers volunteers who have been helping in school this term or have made all our recent trips possible by accompanying groups. You are all complete stars! Please can we remind anyone who has applied for a new DBS that we would be very grateful if you could make a donation towards the admin fee on ParentPay: <https://www.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>

Choir at Kingston Market

Mr Thomas and the KS2 Choir were invited to sing at Kingston Market Place on Thursday, and make the whole of King Athelstan proud. They sang a whole repertoire of wonderful songs, including 'Stop the Cavalry' by Jona Lewie and Slade's 'Merry Christmas Everybody'. We have already had some great feedback from members of the public who were there - well done, Choir.



Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. We have recently added more cookery items, as well as some requests from Team McQueen. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> Thank you.



Clubs for Spring Term

As you know, the booking period for spring term clubs closed on Tuesday. Clubs have now been allocated and, if you are successful, will appear in your ParentPay account. Payment is due by **Monday 15th December at 10:00am**. Confirmation of Pupil Premium places will be emailed directly to families and will not show in ParentPay. Next week we will let you know which clubs may still have spaces available. All clubs start in the week beginning 12th January, and end in the week of 16th March.



Uniform

Please remember that school uniform is plain black trainers - no coloured logos, soles or laces or plain black shoes (not boots) which are widely available in shoe and sports shops as well as supermarkets to suit every price. The purple school sweatshirt or cardigan is available from PGS Schoolwear with prices ranging from £12-£19 depending on size.

PCSA



PCSA are having a big uniform sale in the new year after school on **Friday 9th January 2026**. Come along and pick up some nearly new goods or some spare items. Please clearly put your child's name in all things they bring into school, including coats and hats as well as uniform sweatshirts, cardigans and water bottles.

Eco-Friendly Christmas

As has become a tradition, here is a list of Top Ten Tips for an Eco-friendly Christmas from the Eco Warriors. Each year we think about how to make sure this time of year has a minimum impact on our world and maximum enjoyment! We hope you can make use of the advice. Even if you don't celebrate Christmas, why not think about turning off the lights to save electricity, recycling plastic packaging and avoiding food waste?

- 1) Recycle your Christmas tree
- 2) Turn off Christmas lights when you leave the room
- 3) Recycle your wrapping paper
- 4) Turn off the lights around your house at bedtime
- 5) Recycle plastic packaging
- 6) Avoid wasting food - maybe share any leftovers!
- 7) Avoid using too many plastic decorations
- 8) Reuse last year's decorations and then box them up for next year
- 9) Make new decorations with the recycling
- 10) Regift any unwanted presents



DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER 2025	
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 - Pick up at Rose Theatre
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 early finish (except Klee AM)
JANUARY 2026	
Friday 9	PCSA Uniform Sale in the Hall from 3.20pm
Monday 12	Clubs start this week
Friday 30	Y4 Cake Sale 3.15pm



Achievement Award

There was no KS1 assembly this week as Reception had their Christmas assembly. We will celebrate this week's winners next week.

Cassatt Y3 - Emma

Da Vinci - Florence

Mehretu Y4 - Jack

Wiley Y4 - Emma

Dali Y5 - Amelie

Warhol Y5 - Whole Class

Kahlo Y6 - Robbie

Riley - Jaazib

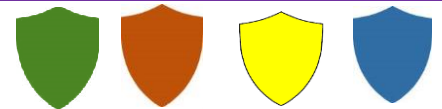
KS2 PE - Daniel in Dali Class Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots
Maths Champions this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lila	Joshua	Ana	Ben & Kaysha
Aaron	Megan	Ruby	Freya & Beth

House Points

This week the winners are **Green (Villiers)** with 34 points! **Blue (Hawks)** are second with 31. **Red (Dawson)** have 29, with **Yellow (Cambridge)** on 27.



KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are operating the Christmas Holiday Club at King Athelstan on 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December (fully funded Christmas Holiday Activity & Food Programme (FUEL) sessions on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December). Bookings are open. Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information. KOOSA will also be running holiday clubs during the February half-term holiday.



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:

Festive information for parents and carers - [CBeebies Parenting](http://CBeebiesParenting) offers free festive inspiration for parents and carers, including:

- Practical Ideas: [15 fun ways](#) to reuse boxes and wrapping paper for decorations and games
- a FREE gift box template.



Advice on managing:

- [sensory overload](#)
- [financial costs](#)
- ["Chrimbo limbo" days](#)
- Parenting Helpline: parents can also tune into the [CBeebies Parenting Helpline](#) for tips on the festive juggle, family dynamics, and budget-friendly activities. Please share this new [CBeebies Festive Collection](#) with your families!

Kingston Women's Centre - this is a long-established local charity providing low-cost, long-term counselling for women who live or work in Kingston Upon Thames and the surrounding areas. Demand for mental health support continues to grow, particularly among women affected by the rising cost of living and limited access to long-term therapeutic services. The aim of the centre is to ensure that cost and accessibility never prevent a woman from receiving the help she needs. Sessions start from £20, compared to £60+ in private practice, and there are no lengthy waits to begin counselling. <https://kingstonwomenscentre.org.uk>

You deserve to be heard
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Save The World Club - the charity's annual Christmas Grotto will be on Saturday 20th December at the warehouse 18 Southsea Rd, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2EH from 2-6pm. The event is free for children primary school age and under, and Santa will have gifts! If people would like to book ahead they can do so here: <https://www.savetheworldclub.org/event-details-registration/stwc-christmas-grotto> but booking is not required. www.SaveTheWorldClub.org



The First Father Christmas - Story Storks, run by Sarah Cantrill, who was so involved in our King Athelstan even in June, are hosting an immersive show for children from 2-7 years old called The First Father Christmas. It is at All Saints Church in Kinston on Saturday 13th December at 10.30am. The link to book tickets is: [All Saints Church event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

