



## King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 15 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Dear Families,

We made it! A huge thank you to all for supporting your children (and us) so brilliantly through this busy term. This morning as our whole school, from Nursery to Y6, and all staff joined together in the hall to sing Christmas songs it reminded us of the power of community; the strength of kindness and the positivity of friendships that exist here.

Well done to everyone who has performed in a Christmas assembly, Nativity, class assembly or carol singing over the past couple of weeks. You have brought lots of happiness into our hearts.

Today, we said goodbye and thank you to Ms Hosseinian and wished her well on her next adventure. On Wednesday, we said goodbye to Mrs Campbell who has been a great asset to our team this term.

There are a couple of children moving on, too, at the end of this term. Remember staff, children and families, even if you leave our school, you are still part of the King Athelstan family. Good luck and keep in touch.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in cards or gifts for our staff team - your generosity is much appreciated.

An enormous thank you to Emily Sleight who has been Chair of the PCSA for several years. Her energy and enthusiasm has helped drive lots of new events and community opportunities. Welcome to Jane Wilson, who is bravely taking on the role. We look forward to a range of events, both old and new, and continued fundraising efforts that support our school community.

All that remains is to wish those celebrating, a very happy Christmas, and everyone happy holidays and all the best for a peaceful and healthy start to 2026. Stay safe, and we will see you all on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Emily Newton  
Headteacher

### Community Governors Wanted

We are currently seeking **two Community Governors** to join our Governing Body. This is a rewarding opportunity for members of the local community who have skills, experience, or an interest in supporting our school and helping shape its future. No prior experience of school governance is required—just enthusiasm, commitment, and a willingness to contribute. Skills in areas such as finance, HR, legal matters, health, education, or community engagement would be particularly welcome. Please note, these are not Parent Governor vacancies. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact the school office for more information and how to apply on [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org)

### Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. We will update the list again after Christmas, but you can see existing items listed. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> Thank you.



## Christmas Assemblies



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Nursery, Y1 and Y2 classes invited their families in this week to see their Christmas assemblies. Y2 learned all the lines of 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas', and sang some lovely songs, including 'Feliz Navidad' and 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas'. Y1 treated everyone to



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their wonderful rendition of 'The night Before Christmas' leaving everyone feeling very Christmassy and ready for the holidays ahead. Nursery sang several songs for their families, wearing their special t-shirts they had made! All the recordings are now on Google Classroom for each class.



Van Gogh



O'Keeffe



Hockney



Matisse

## Last Day of Term



This morning, Mr Thomas hosted a Christmas singing assembly, which was attended by all the children and staff in



the school! Please check your child's Google Classroom where some videos have been uploaded. Here are a few photos. We also had our magnificent Christmas lunch today, with Christmas crackers, and it was all served up by the elves in the kitchen!



Inci & Emily – KA Post elves!



## PCSA



PCSA are having a big uniform sale in the new year after school on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Good Citizen Awards

At the end of each half-term, one child from each class is chosen to receive our Good Citizen Award. This special recognition is given to pupils who consistently make the right choices — not for rewards or recognition, but simply because it's the right thing to do. Our Good Citizens show kindness, honesty and responsibility in everything they



O'Keeffe	Maria
Van Gogh	Emily
Matisse	Gregory
Hockney	Alfie
Cassatt	Anisa
Da Vinci	Ollie
Mehretu	Holly-Mae
Wiley	Areeb
Dali	Roxani
Warhol	Maddie
Kahlo	Beth
Riley	Nancy

do, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or around school. They lead by example, showing others what it truly means to be part of our caring school community. Each Good Citizen receives a badge and certificate to celebrate their positive



attitude and commitment to doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. We are so proud of our latest recipients — well done to all our Good Citizens!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### JANUARY 2026

Friday 9	First Y5 swimming lesson
Friday 9	First Y3 Forest School - invited children only
Friday 9	PCSA Uniform Sale in the Hall from 3.20pm
Monday 12	Clubs start this week
Wednesday 14	Kingston Music piano & guitar lessons start
Friday 30	Y4 Cake Sale 3.15pm

## Achievement Assembly



### Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Aadarsh	Van Gogh Y1 - Susannah
Hockney Y2 - Olivia	Matisse Y2 - Sharvika & Kieran
Cassatt Y3 - Whole Class	Da Vinci - Zoe
Mehretu Y4 - Amina	Wiley Y4 - Elena
Dali Y5 - Roan	Warhol Y5 - Daniel
Kahlo Y6 - Tashvi	Riley - Grace

KS1 PE - Jannah in Matisse Class Y3    KS2 PE - Sefa in Cassatt Class Y3

The winners of the **Thinker's Project Exhibition** are Florence and Matilda in Year 3

The class winner overall is Kahlo Class.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Logan	Teddy	Ben	Moreglory	Sahib	Ziyad
Vasyl	Gregory & Ruth	Mila	Megan	Ruby	Grace

### Community Messages

In this section of the Digest we include information received from other agencies. This week we have listed some useful numbers and links for anyone who may need help over the Christmas period:

**Samaritans** - The Samaritans are there, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope, who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure. Samaritans is not only for the moment of crisis, they're taking action to prevent the crisis. They give people ways to cope and the skills to be there for others. And they encourage, promote and celebrate those moments of connection between people that can save lives. They offer listening and support to people and communities in times of need. You can call for free, from any phone, at any time on **116 123** <https://www.samaritans.org/>

**SAMARITANS**

**Mental Health Crisis Line** - This helpline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on **0800 028 8000**. The Mental Health Crisis Line offers emotional support and advice to people who are affected by urgent mental health issues, at any time of the day or night. It is open to everyone: both children and adults of all ages, and to people who have not previously accessed mental health services. More information about the mental health crisis line and other crisis services can be found can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/>



**Single Point of Access (SPA)** - The Single Point of Access is a multi-agency team, managed by Achieving for Children, who work closely with a wide range of teams and partner agencies and facilitates different levels of support depending on the needs of the child, young person and their family. Contact the Single Point of Access on 020 8547 5008 (8am to 5.15pm, Monday to Thursday, and 8am to 5pm on Friday. Out of hours, phone 020 8770 5000.) Or use the [Single Point of Access online referral form](#) (form hosted on the Richmond Council website for both boroughs).



**Kingston One Stop Shop** - a multi-agency drop-in service which has helped more than a thousand Kingston residents with domestic violence in the last five years. Opening times: every Monday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Venue: Kingsgate Church, Clarence Street, Kingston. No appointment necessary. If you need support outside of the hours of the One Stop Shop and [VAWG and DV Hub](#), call the Freephone 24-Hour [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) on 0808 2000 247. If you are in immediate danger, call 999.

**The NSPCC** offers support and tips to help you keep children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

