



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 2 – Friday 12th September 2025



Each week of this term, we will be focusing on our school rules – one rule each week. Miss Govan's Inclusion Assembly launches it every Monday. This week our autumn term spotlight has been: **we are safe**. This will link with any work around class rules and school routines. Next week the focus will be: **We are kind**.



Dear Families,

All our new children in EYFS have now started – welcome everyone! We are really proud of how brilliantly you have settled in, and you look really smart in your uniform. We are so pleased you have joined our school family.



In my assembly this week, we talked about taking small steps to success and listened to a story about a child who dreamed of climbing the highest mountain in his country. He put a pebble in a jar for every step he took towards achieving his dream.



Thank you to everyone following the systems around drop off and pick up. Please make sure everyone who drops off or collects knows the routines. Just to clarify, please use the one-way system at collection time except if you are only collecting from EYFS or Year 1 after 3.20pm. Please go around the one-way system if there are people queued outside.

Thank you to families who have already responded to the letter from Governors regarding the new School Fund. We really appreciate the contributions made. You can make a payment at any time here: [Please Donate here to The School Fund](#) to pay in one go [or here to pay monthly into The School Fund](#).

Here is the link to the Facebook entry about the naming of the King Athelstan train last week, which our School Council children attended: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/24894959660095639>

Finally, don't forget to name everything your child has, including shoes!! We already have a huge amount of unnamed lost property...

Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Messages from the Office

The school office would like to send a few reminders to families:

- Please book your child's lunch on ParentPay. The menu is on the website [here](#). You can book meals up to October half-term, after which there will be a new menu.
- We are a **no nuts** school. Please do not pack any nut products in your child's bag as we have several children with severe nut allergies in school.
- If your child accidentally brings home an ice/heat pack, please return it to school!
- Children are not permitted to wear any nail polish to school.
- All children should be wearing **plain black footwear**, including soles, whether it is PE day or not.
- Children may wear small stud earrings only if they are able to remove/cover them for PE. No other jewellery is permitted, apart from religious jewellery.
- Please put your child's name on all items and clothes in school so that anything 'lost' can be returned
- Remember to let the office know in good time if your pick-up arrangements change. We will not dismiss a child without confirmation from parent/carer



To contact the office: admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

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Collection

Parents/carers should notify school in advance of any persons authorised to collect children, whether on a regular or ad hoc basis. Staff will always check if not sure who is permitted to collect. Updates to persons authorised to collect can be made on the Sims Parent App. To confirm who can collect children from school, please see this table:

Child's Year	Age of person who can collect	Walk home alone with parents' permission
Nursery under 3	18+	X
Nursery over 3	16+	X
Reception	16+	X
Year 1	16+	X
Year 2	16+	X
Year 3	11+ (Y7 at secondary school)	X
Year 4	11+ (Y7 at secondary school)	X
Year 5	11+ (Y7 at secondary school)	✓
Year 6	11+ (Y7 at secondary school)	✓

Parents/Carers must complete a permission [form here](#) before a child in Y5 or Y6 can walk home alone.

Butterfly Dreams

This week children in Y1-Y6 have started to think about their Butterfly Dreams. At King Athelstan, we want children to be aspirational and set themselves challenging ambitions. We call these our Butterfly Dreams and link them to the



poem, right. The children speak about their dreams for the future and what they would like to achieve this year. In PSHE, the children write down their dreams on butterfly cut outs which are displayed in their classrooms. At the end of the school year, the children discuss and reflect on their Butterfly Dreams and celebrate their successes. Thank you to Bibi, Bethany, Ella and Rosa in Year 6 for making butterflies (left) for the whole school!



High Temperatures

We have had a number of children in school today with raised temperatures, and they have had to be sent home to rest and recover. If your child has a high temperature, we kindly ask that you don't give Calpol (or similar medicine) to reduce a fever and then send your child into school, as a raised temperature can be a sign of an infectious illness. If your child has a high temperature, please keep them at home until their temperature has returned to normal without the use of medication. We appreciate your support in helping to keep all our children, staff, and families safe and well. For further information see [NHS guidance - 'Is My Child Too Ill for School?'](#) Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Applying for Secondary School

Applications for secondary school places in Kingston for children currently in Y6 can be submitted online via the [eAdmissions website](#) between 1st September 2025 and 31st October 2025. Many school open days are taking place in the next couple of weeks. For details of open day events [click here](#). 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.

Google Classroom

For full details of Google Classroom and how to log in, please see the page on our [website here](#). Children's log ins and passwords are on a sticker at the back of their reading record books. There are also log in details for J2e, Times Tables Rockstars (or NumBots for younger children) which are all online Maths platforms we encourage children to use at home to practise their skills. New Nursery and Reception children will be issued their log in details very soon.



Children also have access to Oxford Owl, a free ebook library. The log in is the same as for J2e but without the .314. For example:

J2e Logon	J2e Password	Oxford Owl	Owl password
Test004.314	blue3	Test004	blue3

Year 3 French

Year 3 were buzzing with excitement this week as they began their journey into learning French. We learned how to say 'hello' and 'my name is...' and got to know each other. French is delivered every other week throughout KS2. Learning French provides children with a fun and engaging introduction to a new language and culture. At this stage, pupils typically develop basic speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills through songs, games, stories, and simple conversations. They begin to build vocabulary and understand how the language works, laying a strong foundation for future language learning.



Learning French also helps to improve memory, confidence, and communication skills, while fostering curiosity and respect for other cultures. It's a valuable and enjoyable part of the primary curriculum. Keep an eye out on Google Classroom as I will be providing updates on what we have been learning and ways that you can practice at home. Madame Bailey.

Y4 Ukuleles



Mr Thomas, Music teacher, will be teaching Y4 to play the ukulele (and there will be a concert at the end of the year). School offers a free loan of a ukulele, or children can bring their own from home. Y4 parents/carers need to complete the Google form [here](#) to agree to the terms of the loan. Thank you.

Clubs for Autumn Term

We are very excited about this term's before and after school clubs offer, and there are a few new clubs available. The Clubs letter has been sent to all families today, and booking opens on the Google form on Sunday 14th September at 10am. The form will close on Tuesday 16th September at 7am. Once places are allocated, a new payment item will appear in your ParentPay account, and payment must be made by Wednesday 24th September at 10am. After this date any spare places can be issued. See the full letter and details of clubs on offer on the [website here](#).





Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Khadija	O'Keeffe Y1 - Abdihafid
Hockney Y2 - Jannah	Matisse Y2 - Avery
Cassatt Y3 - Jamie	Da Vinci - Aran
Mehretu Y4 - Alice	Wiley Y4 - Izabella
Dali Y5 - Jake	Warhol Y5 - Rory
Kahlo Y6 - Rebecca & Inci	Riley - Rosa
KS1 PE Lachlan in Van Gogh Class Y1	KS2 PE - Ruby in Warhol Class Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lily & Aicha	Zoe	Imogen	Roxani	Max F
Beau	Ben	Joshua	Jasper	Harrison

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2025	
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
Thursday 2	A Day in the Life of Nursery 8.30AM/12.30PM
Friday 3	A Day in the Life of Reception 8.35am
Friday 3	PCSA Uniform Sale - King Athelstan Centre 8.40am
Tuesday 7	Individual school photos
Friday 10	World Mental Health Day
Friday 17	PCSA Quiz Night Social. Adults only
Friday 24	Y6 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Mon 27-Fri 31	Half-Term

Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. The list is updated regularly with various things to enhance school life. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is:

<https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> . Thank you.



PCSA

The Parent, Carer, School Association (PCSA) holds a second-hand uniform sale on the first Friday of each month. Located at the top of the car park in the King Athelstan Centre (where KOOSA is), the uniform 'shop' will be open on the first Friday of every month, from 8:40 - 09:00. You can also drop off any donations of clean uniform: jumpers, trousers, cardigans, skirts or dresses during this time (no shoes or marked items please).



If you need something in between 'shop' days, you can check stock via the QR code on the left. Email your order to kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com and it will be left at the school office for you to collect.

Please make a donation payment for any clothes here <https://www.givey.com/uniform> or using the QR code on the right. Thank you.



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 next ASD Parent/Carer Support Group, Kingston Music starter groups, two October author signing events at Regency Bookshop in Surbiton, a family bike ride, the Green Dragons free football for girls and a free Families Connect after-school session.

ASD Parent/Carer Support Group

Thursday 9th October 2025
9.30 to 11am
at
Grand Avenue Primary School, Surbiton, KT5 9HU

Join us for coffee, biscuits and chat to other parents that understand!
The theme for this session will be social communication and interaction.
If you would like to come along, please register by following this link:
<https://forms.gle/TmZDp5C2tCv9X6>
or contact
Jane Piddock (e-mail: jap163@psnline.kingston.gov.uk)

Kingston Music Service

STARTER GROUPS

- Play & Explore
- Learn & Create
- Meet New Friends

- Violin & Cello
- Guitar
- Recorder & Flute
- Clarinet & Saxophone
- Trumpet & Trombone

Ready for a musical adventure?
Our STARTER groups offer fun, friendly lessons for beginners, helping children learn instruments, play together, and love music.

LEARN AFTER SCHOOL!
YEARS 2-6

Sign up to start in September
www.kingston.gov.uk/music

Saturday 4th October 2025
2.00pm-4.00pm
Venue: Regency Bookshop, 45 Wilton Road, Surbiton KT6 6LJ

Author Signing with... Helen Peters

Come along and meet Helen Peters and get a signed copy of the brand new Jasmine Green book *A Reindeer Called Joy!*

Child Ticket + Book (inc. fees) = £8

Parents accompanying their children do not require a ticket. Tickets non-refundable. Please note each child will require a ticket in order to receive their signed copy of *A Reindeer Called Joy!*

THE REGENCY BOOKSHOP SURBITON

Book Your Tickets

Saturday 11th October 2025
10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm
Venue: Regency Bookshop, 45 Wilton Road, Surbiton KT6 6LJ

Meet PIP & POSY at The Regency Bookshop

Pick up your PIP & POSY book and take a photo with the loveable duo!

Child Ticket + Book (inc. fees) = £8

Parents accompanying their children do not require a ticket. Tickets non-refundable. Please note each child will require a ticket in order to receive a PIP & POSY book.

THE REGENCY BOOKSHOP SURBITON

Book Your Tickets

SUNDAY 21 SEPT 10.45AM **FREE**

FUN KINGSTON BIKE RIDE

JOIN OUR FAMILY-FRIENDLY GROUP CYCLE

Free sign up: tiny.cc/FunRideSept25

10.45AM - 12.30PM
FAIRFIELD PARK
FAIRFIELD ROAD, KINGSTON, KT1 2PY
ALL AGES WELCOME

MORE INFO

KINGSTON CYCLING CAMPAIGN **FULL CYCLE** **FRIENDS OF FAIRFIELD**

BUILD YOUR CYCLING CONFIDENCE THIS AUTUMN

GREEN DRAGONS
COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Free football for girls in school years 3-9
Every Saturday term time
School years 3 & 4 - 9 to 10am
School years 5 to 9 - 10.15 to 11.15am
Hinchley Wood Sports Ground
To register your interest, please contact:
Zak.bekri@surbitonhigh.com

FAMILIES CONNECT
AFTERSCHOOL FAMILY SESSION

An afternoon of fun activities, family time, and community connection

- For Kingston families with children up to 11 years old
- Queen Mary Hall, Cambridge Gdns, Kingston upon Thames KT1 3NJ
- Tuesday 23rd September
- 3.30pm - 5.00pm
- Theme: Sports & Games
- Run by Kingston WellCare & RBK Community Safety team

Keep an eye out - we'll be running monthly afterschool sessions!

REGISTER NOW

Please see the QR code or follow the link below:
<https://forms.gle/YWVWmudsh7t8d8>
Enquiries: kab@kingston.gov.uk