



Dear Families,

It has already been a busy and exciting start to the half term!

This week we welcomed many of you to our parent/carer consultation meetings. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to discuss your children's progress and celebrate their achievements. Thank you for your continued support in their learning journey.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating **World Book Day next Thursday!** This is always a highlight in our school calendar, and we can't wait to see the creative costumes, pyjamas and celebrate our love of reading together.

Ramadan will begin any day now, and we would like to wish all our families observing this special month, Ramadan Mubarak. Please see the item below for more information.

Have a lovely (sunny?) weekend.

Emily Newton

Headteacher



KS1 Playground

A particularly exciting development this week has been the completion of our new KS1 playground which happened over half term. The children have already been enjoying the fantastic new space, which includes a mini hill, bridge, and stage—perfect for active play and imaginative adventures. We asked some children what they thought of the new space and equipment:

Year 1 say: "It's fun. It's REALLY fun!"

"I love it because I can jump on it!"

"I love it because I can balance on it."

Year 2 say:

"I like swinging on it and bouncing on it."

"It's lovely. It's very, very fun to go on because it's a rope. Lots of people can go across it and it's the first thing people go on when they go outside!"



World Book Day/SPARK Book Awards

This year's World Book Day will be celebrated on **Thursday 6th March** and children are encouraged to dress up as a famous book character and bring in the book, or wear their pyjamas and bring in their favourite bedtime story. Children will take part in different activities throughout the day, with a focus on some of the shortlisted books from the SPARK! Book Awards. We will also be running the Masked Reader once again, and the ever-popular extreme reading competition! Every child will bring home a book token for a free book. Please see the letter from Mr Barson, English Lead, sent this week for more details. We believe that enthusiasm for reading and reading for

pleasure will ensure your child's future success and will have a significant impact on their wellbeing and mental health all the way into adulthood. Thank you for cooperation, and for listening to and reading with your child/ren. Remember, the deadline for the SPARK! poetry competition is **Friday 7th March**. Poems should be based on the title or cover of one of the Spark! shortlisted books (left). More information can be found here: <https://www.sparkbookawards.co.uk/schools/pupil-competitions>. There are exciting prizes to be won! Good luck!



Matisse Class Assembly



Matisse Class presented their fabulous long-awaited assembly this week, and showed their families all their learning about 3D shapes, London and its landmarks as well as their study of different habitats and animals! They sang 2 songs beautifully, and were word-perfect throughout. Well done, Matisse!

Ramadan Observance

We are aware that Ramadan will start soon and have made plans to support any children in school who, with their families' consent, will be fasting on some or all of the days. We have asked families to let us know if you would like your child to fast during Ramadan so that we can ensure these children remain well during the day. If a fasting child is feeling unwell, they will be seen by a first aider and a call home will be made for advice. Warhol Classroom will be a quiet space available over lunchtime for any children who wish to pray: 12.30pm for girls and 12.40pm for boys. Any child who wants some quiet space can go to our designated Quiet Rooms at break and lunchtimes. **Please let us know if you would like your child to fast or pray** so that we can support them. Thank you.



School Trips

We have a number of exciting school trips planned for the rest of the spring and summer terms. Please go to ParentPay to give consent and pay, if applicable, so that your child can attend. We welcome parent/carer volunteers to accompany trips, and every volunteer must have a current DBS certificate (Disclosure and Barring Service) for safeguarding purposes. Each DBS certificate lasts for three years, so in that time you can attend many trips! To apply for a DBS, complete the form [here](#). You will be sent a link to do an online application, and will need to provide three forms of ID. Once you receive your certificate, please bring it in to the office so that we can log it and let staff know that you can volunteer. The whole process usually takes about two weeks, depending on how quickly you can complete all parts of the application. **Please note, each DBS application costs the school** and so we have an item in ParentPay for those who are able to donate some or all of the cost. Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who already volunteer - we would not be able to run the trips without you.

King Athelstan Chicks

It's that time of year and we are very pleased to announce that we will be having our very own chicks on site! Next week, the Happy Chick company will be providing 10 eggs in an incubator to our Reception classrooms where the children will keep a watchful eye on them and the subsequent chicks. The whole school will be able to get involved as there will be a ChickCam so we can all follow their progress. Watch this space...



Y1 Crime Scene!



Year 1 children were busy this week when they discovered a crime scene outside their classrooms! The Three Bears reported that someone had eaten a bowl of their porridge and broken a chair. Y1 went to work to solve the puzzle using all the clues, and worked out that Goldilocks was involved! They were then kept busy writing up their crime reports.

Parent/Carer SEND Support Plan Meetings

Remember parent/carer SEND Support Plan meetings for Nursery-Year 6 are taking place on:

- Tuesday 4th March from 3.30-5.30pm - All classes
- Wednesday 5th March for 12.30-2.30pm - Little Klee AM and PM only
- Thursday 6th March from 3.30-5.30pm - All classes

All SEND Support Plan meetings are held **in-person** to review your child's progress and the provision in place. Appointments will last **20 minutes** as this will be both your parent/carer consultation and SEND Plan review. Please ensure you book a meeting for each of your children with SEND here:

<https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which contains items we frequently need to replace. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. Have a look at the link here: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. We really need ice packs and white board pens! If you find any at home, please return them. We also have an ongoing item in ParentPay called *Donation to School Fund for Resources 2024-25*. Thank you for all donations.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

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| Van Gogh Y1 - Penelope | O'Keeffe Y1 - Brenden |
| Hockney Y2 - Louis | Matisse Y2 - Whole Class |
| Cassatt Y3 - Shiloh | Da Vinci Y3 - Stephen |
| Mehretu Y4 - Leo | Wiley Y4 - Hatice |
| Dali Y5 - Yahya | Warhol Y5 - Fatima |
| Riley Y6 - Himden | Kahlo Y6 - Willow |

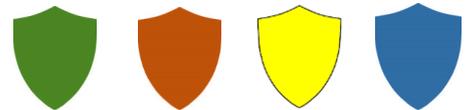
KS1 PE Durrah in O'Keeffe Class Y1 KS2 PE - Megan in Da Vinci Class Y3

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Durrah	Faid & Dana	Rachel	Erin	Rowen	Meryem K
Teddy	Jamie	Alice	Nina	Ziyad	Julia

House Points

This week in first place is **Green (Villiers)** with 29 points. Red (Dawson) are just behind on 28. Yellow (Cambridge) have 27 and Blue (Hawks) 18.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH

Monday 3	Y6 to Royal Institution Science event at Surbiton High School
Monday 3	Secondary School Offer Day
Tuesday 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 5	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 5	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 5	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations Little Klee AM and PM only 12.30-2.30pm
Thursday 6	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 6	World Book Day - dress as a book character/in pyjamas. No PE today
Friday 7	Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September 2025
Friday 7	Spring Showcase Rehearsal until 4.30pm
Wednesday 12	Y3 Cassatt Class Assembly 9am

Thursday 13	Y3 Cross Country Competition
Thursday 13	Y5 trip to the British Museum - go to ParentPay
Thursday 13	KS2 Spring Showcase
Tuesday 18	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum - go to ParentPay
Tuesday 18	Lifting Young Voices Concert - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 19	Y5 Dali Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 20	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens - go to ParentPay
Friday 21	Comic Relief - go to ParentPay to donate
Monday 24	Clubs end this week
Mon 24-28	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 26	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 28	PCSA Easter Cake Competition & sale
Friday 28	PCSA Quiz Night (adults only) School Hall
APRIL	
Wednesday 2	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm and again 5.30-6pm
Friday 4	Break up one hour earlier for Easter holiday
Wednesday 16	Primary School National Offer Day
Tuesday 22	Children return to school
Friday 25	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - go to ParentPay
Friday 25	Cake Sale Y2 3.15pm
MAY	
Monday 5	Bank Holiday - children not in school
Wednesday 7	Nursery, Reception & Y1 Mobile Farm visitors - go to ParentPay
Tues 12-15	Y6 SATs
Thursday 22	Cake Sale Reception 3.15pm
Mon 26-Fri 30	Half-Term
JUNE	
Wednesday 4	International Day - details to follow
Friday 6-Mon 9	Y6 PGL Trip
Tuesday 10	Rest day for Y6 children and staff who were at PGL
Tuesday 10	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 11	Y6 Kids Out! At Chessington - Details to follow
Thursday 12	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 18	Y1 Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 25	Y1 trip to Littlehampton - Details to follow
Wednesday 25	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Sports Day
Thursday 26	Sports Day Y1-6
JULY	
Wednesday 2	Y1 O'Keefe Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 2	Backup EYFS Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Thursday 3	Backup Y1-6 Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Tuesday 8	Y3 Lifting Young Voices Concert #2 - details to follow
Wednesday 9	Y3 Country Dancing - details to follow
Thursday 10	Reception trip to the Wetlands Centre - details to follow
Wednesday 16	Y6 Production 2pm - details to follow
Thursday 17	Y6 Production 7pm - details to follow
Friday 18	Y4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm - details to follow
Tuesday 22	Whole school breaks up one hour early
Tuesday 22	PCSA Picnic in the Park for all

PCSA

Spring Showcase - This event is organised by the school but PCSA but we will be supporting on the night by running a small bar during the interval. If you would like to come and support the children who are performing, you can get your tickets [HERE](#). Please note that 2 free tickets will be allocated to each child who has been chosen to perform. Tickets are now also available [HERE](#) for our adult-only Quiz Night! We listened to feedback and will be doing doors at 19:30 with the Quiz starting at 20:00. There will be a pay bar and some nibbles available but the ticket does NOT include a meal. Please be rest assured this will be a fun evening with a good selection of questions to suit all levels.

We are looking for some additional committee members and particularly a deputy Treasurer and deputy Chair. If you think you could be more involved, please email kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

- Ticket link for events <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/king-athelstan-primary-school-pcsa>
- To request any second-hand uniform, please first check the [stock link here](#) and then email kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com with details of what you would like (item and size). To make a donation for your uniform: <https://www.givey.com/uniform>
- Thursday 13th March, Spring Showcase run by Mr Thomas (supported by PCSA)
- Friday 28th March - Easter Baking Competition! Cake sale - all year groups
- Friday 28th March, Quiz Night - adults only, school hall
- Saturday 17th May - Eurovision Song Contest viewing party. Adults only.



KOOSA Kids



Easter holiday bookings are now open at KOOSA Kids. KOOSA are also offering some places on the fully-funded FUEL holiday club scheme, which includes a hot meal at lunchtime. See the flyer here for more information.

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:

Able Child 10km walk - Able Child is a London-based charity dedicated to improving the lives of children and young people with disabilities in Africa. On Saturday, June 28th, they are hosting a fun fundraising event for families to support schooling and all support makes a huge difference. It is a 10k walk, starting at Kingston Bridge and following the river to Hampton Court before looping back. It will be a fully stewarded, risk-assessed, and supervised walk, with all staff DBS-checked. **Able Child** (Registered Charity 326859) 34 Ponton Road, Nine Elms, London, SW11 7BA / +44 (0) 20 7733 6006 / ablechild.org.uk



Fairfield Litter Pick - this ever-popular local event will return this Saturday 1 March from 2-3pm to clear up the park. As always, there will be litter pickers to lend out and sweet treats for participants. Excitingly, we'll also be able to talk with Berna, whose new Fairfield cafe plans were granted planning permission last week to open in the underused pavilion and should be a great local asset. Come along to find out more and help keep the park clean.

International Women's Day talk - the Norbiton Safer Neighbourhood Team would like to invite women to attend their planned walk and talk event on Tuesday 11th March at 12pm to mark International Women's Day 2025. This event gives women and girls a chance to share their thoughts, concerns, and ideas about women's safety in our community, and around the Cambridge Road Estate, and to work towards making Kingston a safer place for everyone. Sign up on the QR code in the flyer (right).

