



King Athelstan Weekly Digest  
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Dear Families,

Wow, what a week it has been at King Athelstan!

We had a fantastic evening last night at the Spring Showcase. 33 KS2 children took part in the amazing performance. They were incredibly brave, showcasing their talents in front of an audience of 120 people. From singing and dancing to playing instruments, gymnastics, acting and even a magic act - there was something for everyone! The children looked very professional in their outfits with lots of fabulous sequins! Well done, everyone, we were so proud of you. A huge thank you to Mr Thomas and the PCSA for a wonderful event. See you all next year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Showcase!

In addition, it has been science week, Cassatt class hosted their assembly, Year 5 have been on a trip into London, and the chicks made their way back to the farm having been cared for, and named, by Reception children.

Don't forget to look on Google Classroom to see this week's new Mystery Reader and try to guess who the fox was...



Have a good weekend.  
**Emily Newton**  
Headteacher

Science Week

This week each child completed a task focussing on this year's topic of changing and adapting. Across the school, classes have been adapting elements of their experiments to get the best results possible and using their scientific skills in doing so. Furthermore, each child also did some formal writing about how we as a school have changed the way we live to help the environment and future plants, animals and people. The results have not been revealed yet, but the class with the best formal writing and new ways we can change and adapt will win a prize!



Nursery Applications for September 2025

We are currently accepting applications for our Nursery in September 2025, subject to availability and eligibility. If you have or know of a child turning 2 or 3 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 we would love to hear from you. For more information please visit [our website](#) or contact the School Office. You can make an online application [here](#).

Chicks

Our school chicks have now left us to go to their new home in Peterborough. They have grown so much since they hatched! They made some good friends whilst they were with us, and the children named them: Gabby, Garby, Three Names, Lovey, Cavity, Ceris, Nellie, Sugar, Maxy Max, and Chicky Mac Chick.



## Y5 Trip to the British Museum

Year 5 enjoyed their visit to the British Museum this week. The trip was all about ancient Greek artefacts. They watched a show on how to use clues to recognise gods and heroes and how the ancient Greeks painted their stories onto terracotta. They explored various fascinating rooms, including a room dedicated to Athena's temple, and all in all had a great day.



## Snack Reminder



Please remember that we are a **No Nuts School!** This means we have **no nuts at all** on site as we do have children with severe nut allergies, who could suffer extreme allergic reactions simply by being in the presence of a nut product. Please check that any products your children bring into school, such as cereal bars or sandwich spreads do not contain hidden nut elements. Children should bring fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to eat at breaktime, and not chocolate, crisps and snacks. Items such as bananas, carrots, apples etc are ideal.



## TCS Mini London Marathon

We are delighted to inform you that the TCS Mini London Marathon for children in Reception - Y6 will return for 2025. The event will be held on **Saturday 26th April**. Due to popular demand, however, the organisers have reduced the number of places available. This year we will only have 25 places for the 1 Mile race, and just 15 places for the 2.6km, rather than 50 places in each. Please look out for information in the coming weeks - there will be a letter with full information and a Google form to complete on a first come, first served basis.



## Cassatt Class Assembly



What a treat for Cassatt Class parents and carers this week when they presented their assembly. They had helped to write the script themselves and made their own props to showcase all their learning about Africa. They also sang two lovely songs, accompanied by Ms Hosseinian on the piano for one, and the guitar for the other. What a talented bunch. Well done, Cassatt! The recording can be found on Cassatt Class Google Classroom, as always for class assemblies, so families can watch it again, but it may not be uploaded to any social media.

## King Athelstan Half-Marathon for Epilepsy Action



Last Saturday Mrs Ahearn, Mr McLaughlin, Miss Gulliford, Miss Lee, Mr Barson and Mr Morris all ran a half marathon (along with 40 of Mrs Ahearn's friends and family) to raise money and awareness for Epilepsy Action. Thank you to everyone in the King Athelstan community who sponsored the team. It was a fantastic day with beautiful weather and the supporters were out in full force to cheer everyone on. If you would still like to donate, here is the team link: [click this link](#).



## School Clubs



A reminder that the last week of Spring Term Clubs is next week, commencing 24<sup>th</sup> March. There will be no clubs in the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> March apart from an additional Thursday Cooking Club on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Watch out for information about Extra-Curricular Clubs for the summer term which will be released towards the end of next week.

## Comic Relief 21.3.25

Comic Relief is a British charity, founded in 1985 by the comedy scriptwriter Richard Curtis and comedian Sir Lenny Henry in response to the 1983-1985 famine in Ethiopia. Now, it supports local community organisations and brilliant change-makers here in the UK and across the globe. Your donations help Comic Relief to fill



the shelves of baby banks, community food centres, fund vital community-led services like health workers, local youth safe-spaces, and ensure safe passage for people escaping danger.

To find out more about the impact of donations, see the [Comic Relief website](#). To support Comic Relief, on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** children can come to school wearing red accessories with

their usual uniform/PE uniform! Donations (suggested £1) can be paid via the link in your **ParentPay** account, and will go directly to Comic Relief. All donations will make a real difference to people in the UK and around the world.



## Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but any purchases are very much appreciated. The list is updated regularly with various items to enhance school life. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. Thank you.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH	
Tuesday 18	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum
Tuesday 18	Y3 Lifting Young Voices Concert
Tuesday 18	Y3 Cross Country - selected children
Wednesday 19	Y5/6 Tag Rugby selected children
Wednesday 19	Y5 Dali Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 20	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens - go to ParentPay
Friday 21	Comic Relief - wear red accessories and go to ParentPay to donate
Monday 24	Clubs end this week
Mon 24-28	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 25	Y1 Materials Workshop in school - go to ParentPay
Tuesday 25	Y5/6 Cross Country - selected children.
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	Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
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 after Easter holidays
Friday 25	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - go to ParentPay
Friday 25	Cake Sale Y2 3.15pm
Saturday 26	TCS London Mini Marathon - details to follow
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
Tuesday 17	Nursery Trips to the Library - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 18	Y1 Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 19	Celebration of 1100 years since King Athelstan was crowned- details to follow
Wednesday 25	Y1 trip to Littlehampton - Details to follow
Wednesday 25	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Sports Day
Thursday 26	Sports Day Y1-6
<b>JULY</b>	
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	PCSA Picnic in the Park for all

### Achievement Assembly



## Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Lily	O'Keefe Y1 - Cece
Hockney Y2 - Julia	Matisse Y2 - Hannah
Cassatt Y3 - Whole Class	Da Vinci Y3 - Joe
Mehretu Y4 - Frankie	Wiley Y4 - Katerina
Dali Y5 - Mohamad	Warhol Y5 - Denys
Riley Y6 - Elaie	Kahlo Y6 - Martha

KS1 PE Mila in Van Gogh Class Y1      KS2 PE - Lenny in Riley Class Y6

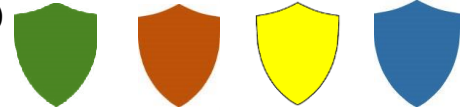
A huge shout out to all the children from Y3 to Y6 who took part in the Spring Showcase last night - they were amazing!

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Herberts	Giulia & Paula	Megan	Asia	Azra	Ava
Ruth	Nicholas	Sirine	Lorelai	Ben	Julia & Sofia

## House Points

This week in first place is **Green (Villiers)** with 27 points. Yellow (Cambridge) have 25, Red (Dawson) are on 20 and Blue (Hawks) on 19.



## Pupil News

Julie in Kahlo and Sirine in Cassatt have set themselves a challenge this Ramadan. Mum says: "they are on a heartfelt mission to brighten the lives of Syrian children this Ramadan. They aim to provide essential Eid items - clothes, gifts and sweets- to bring joy and hope during these challenging times." They are hoping to raise £1500, and have set up a gofundme page. Well done to Julie and Sirine for their generosity and kindness.

Don't forget to join or sponsor Alex, a Year 4 pupil, as he dribbles a football from Kingston to Hampton Court and back this **Sunday, 16th March**, raising funds for the PCSA and the Nurture provision at our school (in last week's Digest). There will be medals and treats for the participants, so make sure to get involved! You can simply walk or run if dribbling a ball isn't your thing - everyone is welcome to participate but children must be accompanied by their parents/carers. To donate, please visit: [bit.ly/donate2odribble](https://bit.ly/donate2odribble). Thank you so much.

## KOOSA Kids over Easter

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their Easter Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from **Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April**. This will be two weeks of Easter Holiday Fun. The activity programme is jam-packed full of Out of this World adventures (7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April) and cracking Easter activities with our Eggstra-Special Easter (14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April) activity programme! Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama, imagination, squad rallies and of course our popular go karts. All from just £30.00 per child, per session (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; longer days available) and



your third child goes FREE (siblings only)! Visit [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are now open. All children aged 4 - 13 are invited.

## 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 Music Service Strings Spectacular** - KMS are hosting **Strings Spectacular: A Family-Friendly Musical Journey** on Sunday, 23rd March, 11am-12pm at the **Rose Theatre, Kingston**. This is a concert designed to enchant families and ignite the imaginations of music lovers of all ages. Celebrate the magic of string instruments with a programme that blends timeless classics with modern favourites. For more information and to book: <https://www.rosetheatre.org/whats-on/329/a-kingston-music-service-concert/strings-spectacular-a-family-friendly-musical-journey>

