



Dear Families,

It was lovely to end the week with children wearing their red accessories for Comic Relief and enjoying the sunshine.

A number of trips have taken place with children visiting St John's Church, Y4 going to the Natural History Museum, children performing at All Saints Church, and Y6 going to see Kew Gardens, amongst others. Mr McLaughlin took children to the Y3 Cross Country competition, and Y5 and Y6 took part in Tag Rugby. What a great week for extending children's learning and experiences.

Please look out for some important PCSA information in the coming weeks.

Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Parent/Carer Forum

You are invited to attend the next Parent/Carer Forum which will take place on Thursday 27th March at 2pm. We are on a relentless drive for excellence at King Athelstan and would like your input to support us on this journey. Members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body will be in attendance to discuss your views. The purpose of the meeting is to share information about whole school issues and hear about the whole school issues parents/carers want to raise. In order to set the agenda please could you record any issues you would like to be discussed at the Forum on the [Google form here](#). Issues must relate to the whole school or Key Stage and not be particular to a class or individual. The most popular items will be chosen for discussion. You may suggest items even if you are not able to attend the Forum.

King Athelstan Governing Body

The Governors are pleased to announce that Mr Chris Leat, who has two children in Y4 and Y1, has been appointed as the new Parent Governor after winning the recent election with 65% of the votes. Thank you to all parents/carers who voted, and to the two unsuccessful candidates as well. He will take up the post with immediate effect.

Y5 Trip to All Saints Church

Year 5 enjoyed their trip to St John the Evangelist Church this week. The children explored and learnt about things which are found in a church, such as 'nave' and 'font'. They also found out about the different meanings behind the colours of the Vicar's robes, as well as celebrating Lent. They had lots of time to ask questions about Christianity which links to their curriculum, and to admire the amazing stained-glass windows.



Y6 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 6 chose a lovely day for their trip to Kew Gardens on Thursday – the warmest day of the year so far! As part of their 'Into the Forest' topic they took part in an immersive experience, exploring the complex rainforest habitat and variety of rainforest plants located in one of Kew's famous glasshouses.



Mobile Phones in School

We appreciate that older children in Year 5 and Year 6 have mobile phones as they are often travelling to and from school on their own, with parents'/carers' permission. Children below Year 5 are not permitted to walk home alone, and therefore should not have a phone in school. The children in Y5 and Y6 know that any phone must not be used on school premises, including in the bike sheds/car park/coming through the gates. They must switch off their phone and hand it in to an adult in their classroom. If a child uses their phone on site/does not switch it off/does not hand it in, then the phone is confiscated and parents/carers are contacted to collect it. If a child refuses to hand over their phone, parents/carers will be called to remove it. Please remember also that children should not have smart watches in school, as these may have cameras and internet connection.



Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Competition



20 children from Y5-Y6 had a great morning playing tag rugby earlier in the week. It was a fantastic competition and it was lovely to see the progress the children made throughout the day. Congratulations to the A team who had an amazing achievement, they reach the Bowl final



and drew 2-2 against Our Lady Immaculate School. Both teams received medals. A special mention goes to Chris Morgan and Ellie-May who helped coach the children on the day.

Y4 Trip to the Natural History Museum



Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Natural History Museum on Tuesday. They saw incredible rock samples from volcanoes, heat proof suits, earthquake proof buildings and lots and lots of dinosaurs. They also actually experienced an earthquake in the earthquake simulator, and saved a town in the fascinating talk about volcanoes! The children were very well behaved and managed admirably with the long journey. They loved the trip and have been full of stories and observations since! Well done Year 4.



Y3 Cross Country Competition



Well done to the 16 Year 3 children who took part in the Cross Country Competition this week against other Kingston primary schools. They had to navigate a very tough course which included a challenging hill. The A team completed a 1.75km course and the B team completed a 1.4km course. They all persevered and tried their hardest. We are very proud of them all.

Martial Arts Club



Well done to all of the children in the after school Martial Arts Club who took part in their first grading on Thursday. An external assessor came into school to grade all of the children. It was great to see how much they have progressed and developed across the academic year. Thank



you to the parents/carers who came to watch their child participate. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dali Class Assembly



What an amazing class assembly Dali treated their families to on Wednesday! They showcased their fantastic knowledge of Sparta and Athens and of course the first Olympics. They even re-created their own chariot races, and an enduring run from Marathon to Athens (26.1 miles). The assembly ended with a great rendition of the Disney song about Hercules - "Zero to Hero". Great job, Dali Class!

Y3 Concert at All Saints Church

Year 3 children had an amazing experience on Tuesday when they took part in a concert at All Saints Church in Kingston, along with other local primary schools. This was the culmination of the singing lessons they have been having every week since January from a Choral trainer. The Rector of All Saints, Revd Joe Moffatt said:

"Y3 did the school proud. Brilliant performances, both singing and actions!
Hope they all enjoyed it - they certainly looked like they did."




Pick Up Arrangements

Please remember that Reception children are dismissed at 3.10pm, and Years 1-6 at 3.15pm. Only children in Years 5 and 6, whose parents/carers have given permission, may leave the school site and walk home alone. All other children must be collected by an adult or an older child, depending on their age. Please see the chart here:

Year	Age of person who can collect	Can walk home alone with Parent/carer permission?	Can older siblings at King Athelstan walk younger siblings home?
Nursery under 3	18+	X	X
Nursery over 3	16+	X	X
Reception	16+	X	X
Year 1	16+	X	X
Year 2	16+	X	X
Year 3	11+ (Year 7 at secondary school)	X	X
Year 4	11+ (Year 7 at secondary school)	X	X
Year 5	11+ (Year 7 at secondary school)	Y	X
Year 6	11+ (Year 7 at secondary school)	Y	X

Please ensure you always make appropriate arrangements if you cannot collect your child, and let the school office know who will be picking up. We cannot look after children after hours. Thank you.

Comic Relief 21.3.25

 It was great to see so many children wearing red noses and/or accessories today in support of the amazing charity Comic Relief. Thank you to all who have donated on ParentPay - this money will go directly to the charity. Comic Relief supports local community organisations here in the UK and across the world. 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](#).

Thinker's Project Exhibition 2nd April

We are looking forward to seeing all the children's amazing projects in our Spring Term Thinker's Project Exhibition, which will take place on Wednesday 2nd April at 3:30pm and 5:30pm. If your child has created a movie or a PP, then please upload it to their Google Classroom Assignment - Thinker's Project Spring Term 2025 no later than **Wednesday 26th March 2025**. If your child is making something for the Thinker's Project, they can bring it in to their teacher any time before the exhibition. Thank you.

TCS Mini London Marathon

We have had a great response for applications to join the TCS Mini London Marathon on **Saturday 26th April**. Due to popular demand, we have far fewer places this year and Mr McLaughlin has worked out who will do which race, on a first come, first served basis. There will, inevitably, be some disappointment as not everyone will get a place, but we will hold a wait list for any spare places.



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 31st 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](#).

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	
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 - postponed until 30 April
Thursday 27	Parent/Carer Forum 2pm
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
Wednesday 30	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am New date
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
JULY	
Wednesday 2	Y1 O'Keeffe 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 - Olivia	O'Keefe Y1 - Beau
Hockney Y2 - Elsie	Matisse Y2 - Nyla-May
Cassatt Y3 - Rowan	Da Vinci Y3 - Daisy

Whole of Y4 for their amazing Museum trip

Dali Y5 - Whole Class	Warhol Y5 - Summer
Riley Y6 - Sam	Kahlo Y6 - Robyn

KS1 PE Toby in Van Gogh Class Y1 KS2 PE - Cross Country and Tag Rugby Teams!

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ellie	Ben & Elif	Souhila	Asia	Milena	Harry
Ruth	Ollie	Elif	Atu	Alex	Julia

Pupil News

A massive congratulations to Alex (Y4 'best birthday weekend ever'), Elliot (Y5), Robin (Y2), Arran (Y6), Louis (Y2), Katie (Y6), Poppy (Y6), Ali (Y7), and Sue (Y3) who took on the epic 11km challenge last weekend and absolutely smashed it! Despite the distance and the exhaustion, each of them powered through, dribbling a ball and walking over 20,000 steps in just under 5 hours. Their determination and teamwork were nothing short of inspiring! Thank you to everyone for your incredible support so far. Every penny raised, £190 so far, will go directly to supporting children through the Nurture Provision at King Athelstan Primary School. There's still time to donate, every contribution counts! Please head over to:



bit.ly/donatetodribble

- **Steps Taken:** 20,000+ each (That's a *half-marathon* worth of action! 🏃)
- **Collective Dribbles:** 300,000+ (An epic display of ball control and finesse! ⚽)
- **Distance Covered:** 11.2 km (A solid jog through the day, no shortcuts! 🌍)
- **Balls in the River:** 1 (A brave battle with nature – but the ball made it out! 🐶)
- **Children in the River:** 0 (Keeping it dry and safe for the little adventurers!)
- **Parents/Carers in the River:** 0.5 😊 (Just a little splash while rescuing the football! 🌿 ⚽)
- **Funds Raised So Far:** £190 and counting... 💰



King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence

PCSA

The PCSA supported the recent Spring Showcase with some additional ticket sales and by running a bar. An amazing **£551** was raised across the evening. Thank you to all who helped make the evening so lovely.

Easter Cake Sale Competition

We invite CHILDREN to make and enter cakes with an Easter Theme to be entered into the cake sale competition. Please bring all donations in the morning to drop off so they can be judged during the day. We will then host a cake sale at the end of the day in the usual manner. The winning baker will get 4 cinema tickets and there will be 2 mini Easter-themed goodie baskets for the runners up. Please note that cash is appreciated for cake sales as it makes the whole process a little quicker. And, as this is a whole school event, we will need some volunteers please to take donations in the morning and sell after school. If you can volunteer please email kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

Quiz night

This is an adults only event being held in the school hall, and tickets are available [HERE](#). Teams will need to be groups of 6. Arrive from 19:30pm. We will not be providing food but are happy for you to bring your own as long as it is NUT and pork FREE. There will be a pay bar available. If you are coming for the evening and are able to arrive early to help please let me know kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

The stock list is available [HERE](#). There will be a 'Bring and Buy' day for uniform on the first Friday of each month, starting on Friday 4th April. We will open the 'shop', located in the King Athelstan Centre at the top of the car park, between 08:40 and 09:00am and you can come and buy or donate items during this time. We still encourage you to check the stock list in advance to be sure we have what you need. You are still able to request items between the sale days as usual.

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. Children will take part in many activities each day, always a mixture of sports and team games, arts & crafts, drama, imagination, squad rallies and, of course, the 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 for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are now open for all children aged 4 - 13 years.

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:

Old Kingstonian Hockey Club - The Old Kingstonian Hockey Club is offering all children in school years 3-11 the opportunity to play hockey this summer and join their Summer Junior Hockey programme. Details are on the flyer.

Dorich House Museum and Stanley Picker Gallery.'s next Communities Forum takes place on Tuesday 25 March, from 6pm at the Museum, 67 Kingston Vale, SW15 3RN. The Museum and cafe will be open from 5pm for self-guided tours, and a free buffet served from 6pm. This will be followed with speakers and discussion, and later an opportunity to network and further explore the House. This meeting will be themed around **Access** and we are keen to learn more about your experiences of access and inclusion within creative, cultural and social spaces across University and borough, including Dorich House Museum. We are aware that our venue presents a number of challenges and would be interested to hear your thoughts on what these are, how they might be overcome, and what should be prioritised. For more information about visiting Dorich House Museum, please see [AccessAble](#). From Natalie Kay, Participation Curator, Stanley Picker Gallery & Dorich House Museum, Kingston University.

