



Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good Easter break and are ready for the new term.

As is typical for this time of year, the weather is very unpredictable and it can be very chilly in the shade, even on sunny days. Please make sure your children have their (named) school sweatshirts/cardigans with them, and also coats/hats/sun cream applied as appropriate.

As we mentioned in the last Digest before Easter, we are working with Sarah Cantrill from Story Storks (<https://www.storystorks.co.uk>), and All Saints Church on an event to mark the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crowning of King Athelstan in Kingston. It is called "On the Origin of King Athelstan School".



The aim is to uncover the school's history and links back to the celebrated first King of all England. Our Key Stage 2 children will take to the stage at All Saints Church on **19<sup>th</sup> June**, performing a special theatrical piece that tells the story of King Athelstan's life and legacy, as well as the school's journey from opening. No spoilers, but there will be Mercians, Saxons and Vikings all appearing in the event! Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils will be busy behind the scenes – contributing to the set and learning songs that will feature in the performance. We will send out ticket information in the coming weeks, but please make a note of the date.

This project offers our pupils a chance to connect deeply with local history, while also building confidence, collaboration skills, and a love of storytelling through performance. It's a great example of how the arts can enrich learning and bring a community together.

We really need your help in gathering memories online from people who attended King Athelstan Primary School in the past, particularly in the 1960s. Please send this link to anyone you know who may be able to contribute! <https://www.storystorks.co.uk/kapsmemories>. We need these contributions ideally in the next two weeks.

This event is one of many across the borough as part of [Kingston 2025](#), as everyone celebrates this significant anniversary in the town's history.

Good luck to the 40 King Athelstan children taking part in the London Mini Marathon tomorrow!



Emily Newton  
Headteacher

## KIRFs – Summer 1

**Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)**

By the end of each half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly. Please see our school website for guidance and examples of the KIRFs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4*	Year 5	Year 6
Aut 1	I know doubles and halves of numbers to 10.	I know doubles and halves of numbers to 20.	I know number bonds for all numbers to 20. For example: 7 + 8 = 15, 12 + 4 = 16, 13 = 8 + 5	I know number bonds to 100.	I know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12 x 12. (Revision)	I know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12 x 12. (Revision)
Aut 2	I know number bonds for each number to 6. For example: 2 + 4 = 6, 3 + 3 = 6, 4 + 2 = 6	I know number bonds to 20. For example: 14 + 6 = 20, 5 + 15 = 20, 20 = 9 + 11	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 6 times table.	I can identify prime numbers up to 20.	I can identify common factors of a pair of numbers.
Sp1	I know number bonds to 10.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 2 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 4 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 9 and 12 times tables.	I can recall square numbers up to 144 and their square roots.	I can identify prime numbers up to 50.
Sp2	I know number bonds for each number to 10.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 7 times table.	I can find factor pairs of a number.	I know the decimal and percentage equivalents of the fractions 1/2, 1/4, 3/4, 1/5, tenths and fifths.
Sp3	I can tell the time (o'clock and half past).	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 5 times table.	I can recall facts about durations of time.	I can recognise decimal equivalents of fractions.	I know decimal number bonds to 1 and 10.	I can convert between decimals, fractions and percentages.
Sp4	I can count in 2s (up to 50), 2s (up to 20), 5s (up to 50) and 10s (up to 100).	I can tell the time (quarter hour intervals and 5 minutes).	I can tell the time (5 minutes and nearest minute).	I can multiply and divide single-digit numbers by 10 and 100.	I can recall metric conversions.	I know the square roots of square numbers to 55 x 55.

\*Children in Year 4 will be taking the 'Multiplication Tables Check' to determine whether year 4 pupils can fluently recall their multiplication tables. It is a key stage 2 (KS2) assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4, which is statutory.

Maths KIRF (Key Instant Recall of Facts) have been designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work in schools. Every half term, each year group has a focus and by the end of each half term, children should know those facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly. On the left you can see the annual overview by year group, by term. We have just started summer 1, so the children will be concentrating on these maths facts. It is expected that the children will learn and practise these in school AND at home. Thank you.

## KOOSA Kids Ofsted

As you may know, KOOSA Kids recently underwent an Ofsted inspection, and we are pleased to announce that they were awarded a 'met' which is the best possible outcome for this type of provision, as they no longer use grades. We would like to say well done to all the team at KOOSA, and to share their report with families:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/2717042>



## 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 things to enhance school life. We still have lots of First Aid items on the list as we use quite a lot of these in school! The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. Thank you.



## Thank you

School has received a £1500 grant from Waitrose. The money will be spent on supporting Pupil Premium children with access to after school and enrichment opportunities. In addition, this will allow for the development of lunchtime activities, encouraging inclusive participation and social engagement of all. Thank you to Waitrose for this valuable donation, and to Miss Lee (Van Gogh Class Teacher) who made the application. It will make a huge difference to our children.



## Volunteers Needed

Nursery are going on an exciting trip to Kingston Library on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June to read stories and take part in activities linked to books they know. Morning Nursery are going from 9.30-11am, and afternoon Nursery from 1.30-3.10pm. We will need lots of volunteers to help with these trips, so if anyone has a DBS and would like to accompany either of them, please let the school office know on [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org). Thank you so much!



## Achievement Assembly



### Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Rayan

O'Keefe Y1 - Adam

Hockney Y2 - Lucasz

Matisse Y2 - Lorenzo

Cassatt Y3 - Leah

Da Vinci Y3 - Sam

Dali Y5 - Rhys

Warhol Y5 - Poppie Rose

Riley Y6 - Nicola

Kahlo Y6 - Bentley

KS1 PE Hazel in O'Keefe Class Y1

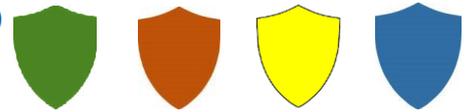
KS2 PE - Katie in Kahlo Class Y6

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 5	Year 6
Ruth	Zoe	Emma	Grace	Julia
Arjun	Dana & Ava	Joshua	Ben	Ryan

## House Points

This week in first place is **Red (Dawson)**. In joint second place are **Blue (Hawks)** and **Green (Villiers)**, with **Yellow (Cambridge)** just behind.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

APRIL	
Saturday 26	TCS London Mini Marathon
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 15	Y5 to Holly Lodge - go to ParentPay
Monday 19	Y6 Bikeability this week
Tuesday 20	Y5 to Kingston Museum
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	King Athelstan Coronation Celebration- details to follow
Saturday 21	Summer Fair 12-4pm
Wednesday 25	Y1 trip to Littlehampton - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 25	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Sports Day
Thursday 26	Sports Day Y1-6
JULY	
Tuesday 1	Backup EYFS Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Wednesday 2	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 3	Backup Y1-6 Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Friday 4	<b>INSET Day - children not in school</b>
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 - go to ParentPay
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	Break up for summer one hour earlier
Tuesday 22	PCSA Picnic in the Park for all
SEPTEMBER 2025	
Monday 1	<b>INSET day - children not in school</b>
Tuesday 2	First day of autumn term

## PCSA

The Uniform Shop stock list is available [HERE](#). There will be a 'Bring and Buy' day for uniform on the first Friday of each month. The 'shop' is 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 also able to request items between the sale days as usual.

Don't forget the Summer Fair Poster Competition. Forms were sent home in bookbags this week. Entries should be handed in on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**.

- **Saturday 17th May** - Eurovision Song Contest viewing party, adults only, school hall
- **Saturday 21st June** - Summer Fair 12-4pm



## 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:

**Young Scientists Event** - the Developing Minds Lab at Kingston University is once again hosting their annual Young Scientists event during May half term. This free event takes place at Kingston University (Penrhyn Road campus), and promises to be a fantastic day filled with fun, hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and a love for science in young minds. Our Young Scientists event offers a unique chance for children to explore the wonders of the scientific world, particularly about psychology and what psychologists do. You can find more details about the event on the website:

<https://www.kingston.ac.uk/about/events/young-scientists-2025?auHash=PpOK2lmK7cPqeLbJ8Q7DC4S0y9YSPskk3EBM-lk2u7g>



**2<sup>nd</sup> Norbiton Beaver Colony** - based at the church hall in Washington Rd, Kingston, needs volunteers who would like to run meetings as part of a team. Joining the Scouting movement gives children additional life skills and enables them to meet and make friends from other schools - the vast majority of our Beavers carry on in Scouting to the age of 16 years old which demonstrates the strength of our group.



If you feel you'd like to be part of the team, or for more information, please email Trudi, Beaver Team Leader, as soon as possible: [stfreedman@btinternet.com](mailto:stfreedman@btinternet.com)

**Free family taster session** - A fun and interactive session for families at Whitton Sports Centre. Saturday 10 May 2025, from 9 to 10.30am, catering for children aged 5-10 years. Activities will include arts and crafts, slime, animal magic, jungle fever and superhero adventures! To register your interest email [leisure@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@richmond.gov.uk), providing the following information: child's name and date of birth, contact telephone number and email address. A member of our centre staff will contact you in due course with further information. Please visit the [richmond.gov](http://richmond.gov) website for more information.

**River themed crafts and learning for families** - Delve into the history of the River Thames at this arts and crafts family workshop in Richmond. This drop-in event is suitable for children aged 5-10 years old. Glimpse into the history of our local area while taking part in a colourful, creative session of bridge building and origami boat making next to the riverside! Saturday 14 June - 10.30am - 3pm Old Town Hall, Richmond. See here for more information. Free event - no booking required. Part of the [Know Your Place Heritage Festival](#).

