



Dear Families,

A huge thank you to Emily and the PCSA team for organising such a fantastic Summer Fair. There was a great atmosphere throughout and so many different things to do. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the event. An amazing £2700 was raised!

It has been another busy week with a trip to Littlehampton for Year 1 and two Sports Days. Congratulations to Dawson House, Red Team, who were the overall winners. It was fantastic to see everyone taking part and showing their excellent athletic skills. Thank you to Mr McLaughlin for his exceptional organisation and all staff for their support.



In assembly this week we talked about our new Lockdown Policy which we will be training staff and children on over the next few weeks. We have revised this in order to use better technology to support us. We will give you much more detail in the coming weeks Digests but for now we have:

- Talked about the word 'evacuation', which is linked to the fire drills we do
- Talked about 'invacuation' as lockdown, meaning we come inside the school
- Talked about a 'partial' lockdown (everyone coming inside the school and closing doors and windows) and continuing our learning as usual, and 'full' lockdown' (everyone in their classrooms, staying quiet).
- Read a story about a (friendly) dog coming on to the school site because it could smell sausage rolls and the school doing a partial lockdown until it was caught and re-united with its owner.
- Listened to the sound of the on-screen alert that we are introducing as well as the sound of a pulsing alarm which are part of our new procedures.

Watch this space for more information - please rest assured, we train children in a very child-centred way, just like the fire evacuation.

The weather forecast next week is for temperatures in excess of 30 degrees - please see the email sent earlier today.

Enjoy the weekend - don't forget INSET day on Friday 4th July when children are not in school.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Sports Days

What a wonderful couple of Sports Days we have had this week, and the weather was kind to us, too. On Wednesday, EYFS families joined us in the KS2 playground MUGA, and all the children were wonderful, trying their best and enjoying themselves. On Thursday, it was the turn of the rest of the school, who took turns to go to the Athelstan Recreation Ground along Villiers Road. There were amazing achievements all cheered on by many families who came along to support. Huge thanks to Mr McLaughlin whose detailed organisation as usual made sure everything went smoothly. Our thanks also to The Hollyfield School (right) for letting us have our ex-pupils who are now in Y7 to help - they were invaluable. The children all returned to school for a picnic lunch (only Y6 got a little wet in the light rain shower!) and then gathered to hear the results. **Dawson, Red House** were



the overall winners, so the Red House Captains Dorothy and Frankie proudly accepted the Sports shield on behalf of their House. Blue House, Hawks, came second, Green Villiers third and Yellow, Cambridge, fourth.

Y1 trip to Littlehampton

What a fabulous day trip Year 1 had on Wednesday when they went to Littlehampton. They enjoyed paddling in the sea, examining seaweed, and relaxing with their lollies on the beach. They behaved so well for the whole, long day and there were quite a lot of sleeping children on the coach on the way back! Thank you so much to all the parents who supported the staff on this special day.



Amazon Wish List

We are always grateful for any items purchased from our ongoing Amazon Wish List, which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. The list is updated regularly with various things to enhance school life. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. Thank you.



School Photos

Class photo proofs have been sent home this week with children. The deadline for any orders is **Friday 4th July**.

Y6 Bikeability

Six children from Year 6 took part in Bikeability just before last half term. On these courses they learnt a number of skills including; bike control, starting/stopping with confidence and understanding the road. The instructors were very impressed by them, and huge congratulations to all who took part. All children achieved both L1 and L2 awards.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Olive

O'Keeffe Y1 - Noah

Hockney Y2 - Faïd

Matisse Y2 - Theo

Cassatt Y3 - Asya & Sharav

Da Vinci Y3 - Talia

Mehretu Y4 - Ethan

Wiley Y4 - Oliver

Dali Y5 - Ryan

Warhol Y5 - Adam

Kahlo Y6 - Frankie

Riley Y6 - Milena

KS2 PE - Asia in Wiley Class Y4 and Amber in Kahlo Class Y6

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kieran	Sophia	Noor	TJ	Sophie	Leo
	Alice	Joshua	Lorelai	Grace	

Vacancies

These roles are currently being advertised at King Athelstan. If you know anyone who may be interested in applying, please feel free to forward the link: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/kingathelstan-kingston/>

KOOSA Kids



KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their Summer Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from Wednesday 23rd July to Wednesday 27th August. The exciting, action-packed activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of games, crafts, and challenges that bring summer adventures to life. With 6 exciting weekly themes, the Wicked Wednesday Special Activity Days and as many Wet 'n' Wild afternoons as the weather allows, summer will be jam-packed full of fun! Prices start 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JULY	
Wednesday 2	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 3	Y6 Lolly Sale
Friday 4	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 8	Y3 Lifting Young Voices Concert #2 - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 9	Y3 Country Dancing - go to ParentPay
Thursday 10	Reception trip to the Wetlands Centre - go to ParentPay
Friday 11	PCSA Uniform sale - King Athelstan Centre from 8.40-9am
Friday 11	Y6 Lolly Sale
Friday 11	PCSA Y6 Leavers Event - details to follow
Monday 14	EYFS Beach Day
Tuesday 15	Y5 & Y6 Workshops with Yorkshire Building Society
Tuesday 15	Thinker's Project Exhibitions 3.30-4pm and 5.30-6pm
Wednesday 16	Y2 trip to Hampton Court - 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
Friday 18	Y6 Lolly Sale
Monday 21	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Tea - 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	INSET day - children not in school
Tuesday 2	First day of autumn term

PCSA News

A huge thank you from the PCSA to those who volunteered at the Summer Fair last Saturday. It was great to see lots of people come and enjoy this fantastic day with friends and family. The total fundraising figure for the Fair is in the region of £2,700, a great achievement. This will go towards the redecoration of the Main Hall over the summer.

Now there are just a few more events before the end of term:

- **Friday 11th July** - uniform sale, King Athelstan Centre 8.40-9am
- **Sunday 20th July** - King Athelstan Dragon Boat team race at Canbury Gardens!
- **Tuesday 22nd July** - School's Out Picnic



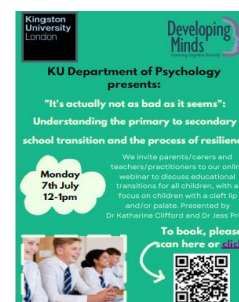
King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence

PCSA are looking for some additional committee members, and also need someone to take on the second-hand uniforms, accepting and sorting new donations and pulling requested items from stock. If you think you could be more involved, please email kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com to find out more. 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:

Transition Webinar - Dr Katharine Clifford is a Lecturer at Kingston University whose research focuses on educational transitions, resilience and children who look different. She is running a free online webinar for any parents/carers of Y5 and Y6 to attend on the 7th July at 12 noon. The webinar is based on 'understanding the secondary school transition and the process of resilience'. The flyer here provides a link if you would like to attend.



Football Club - Kingston Town is a U7s to U16s youth football club based in Kingston, who are currently recruiting players, boys & girls, for next season 2025/2026 in the **U7s to U10s** age ranges. They believe football should be for everyone and should also be about the local community. There are trials this Saturday 28th June. For more information: <https://www.kingstontownfc.com>

Kingston University Research - students from the University are looking for children with autism to take part in a survey to help their studies. See the flyer here.



Coombe Girls' School - Coombe Girls' is holding 'Meet the Head' & School Tour morning sessions on 8th and 9th July for any families interested, especially those currently in Y5. There will be more events in September including Open Evening (24th) and Morning Tours (25th and 26th).

