

# King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 37 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025



Dear Families,

We are pleased to announce that this week we were awarded the Bronze Attachment Aware Schools Award. This is an accreditation through the Virtual School which recognises the significant work that we do around Attachment Trauma awareness. This approach continues to be part of our everyday practice as a school, with the whole staff team trained by our Educational Psychologists and members of our Inclusion Team.



On Monday this week we invited a consultant from AfC (Achieving for Children) to carry out a Safeguarding Review of practice within our school. The consultant looked at documentation and practice in all aspects of safeguarding as well as speaking to children, staff and governors. We will use the recommendations as part of our safeguarding action plan for 2025-26.

We are delighted to announce that we now have final confirmation that our new Year 5 teacher and Maths Lead is Mr Andrew Gardner. Mr Gardner joins us as an experienced teacher, most recently working in St Michael and St Martin Primary School in Hounslow. The current Wiley Class will be meeting him for transition work in the next two weeks.

With the summer holidays approaching, we love to signpost families to free/affordable family activities in and around the area. If you have any recommendations of places to go or things to do, please let Mrs Paris know on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

Finally, it's lovely to hear about the children's out of school achievements. Please do send these in to us, on the admin email above, with photos if possible, so that we can share them in the Digest.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton Headteacher

### Fearless by Crimestoppers

Our local school liaison police officer has asked us to pass on this information. Fearless is the dedicated youth service of the independent charity Crimestoppers. Fearless provides the opportunity to give information about crime 100% anonymously. Anyone can give information using the online form or by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. The sender's IP address



or phone number cannot be tracked, and there is no way of knowing who has made contact. After receiving the completed form or call, a report is sent on to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to review the information that has been passed to them. Crimestoppers are not the police, they are a charity. Any sender of

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information will not be contacted by the police after passing information on to Fearless as the police have no way of knowing who the information has come from. Want to know more? Have questions about how it all works? Check out the FAQs.

# O'Keeffe Class Assembly



O'Keeffe Class Y1 treated their families to an amazing assembly on Wednesday, displaying all their learning about the seaside and its many creatures, most of whom you can see in the photo! They sang three songs beautifully and were very professional. Thank you to Fatemeh Manavi, a Y1 volunteer, who created the wonderful animal costumes. The rest of the school, who saw the assembly during the

day, also agreed it was a job well done.

### **Immunisation Information**

The South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service (CYPCIS) wants to ensure that families are better informed of the vaccines that will be offered to their students throughout their school career. They have created two FAQ sheets aimed at parents of students starting <u>reception</u> and <u>year 7</u>, which also contain the team's contact information and an outline of the NHS routine immunisation schedule.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reporting a recent rise in measles cases in London. Globally, cases have also increased, including in Europe. This means that travelling for holidays or to visit family this summer may increase your risk of catching measles and becoming ill during or after travel if you are not fully vaccinated. Anyone travelling this summer, especially parents of young children, are advised to check that all members of their family have received 2 doses of the Mumps,

UK Health Security Agency

Measles and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Other travel-related vaccines may be needed depending on your destination. For more information see the following resources:

- MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine information from the NHS
- Measles outbreaks continue with risk of holidays causing surge
- UKHSA urges travellers to take steps to avoid infection abroad

## School Trips

Please remember that we use ParentPay to obtain your consent for school trips, even if there is no payment due. Some parents have reported that ParentPay will not let them confirm consent. This is usually because there is an empty text box - ensure that you write something in every box, even if it is N/A or a dash, and it will let you proceed. Thank you.

# 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: <a href="https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz">https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz</a>. Thank you.



#### Uniform Reminder

Please remember that from September **plain black** trainers are part of the school uniform and can be worn every day as well as on PE days. Coloured trainers, or those with colourful accessories or soles



are not permitted at all and are not part of school or PE uniform. Nursery classes will have a uniform from September, too. This is the school PE uniform, so plain black joggers/shorts, plain white t-shirt, purple King Athelstan cardigan or sweatshirt and plain black



Velcro-fastening trainers.

## SIMs Parent App

Thank you to all the families who have already registered and updated their details on the SIMS Parent App. For those who have not yet logged in and confirmed their child(ren)'s information, please be aware that this task is now overdue. The deadline was the end of May, and it's important that we receive accurate and up-to-date information for all students as soon as possible. You will have received an email from <a href="mailto:noreply@sims.co.uk">noreply@sims.co.uk</a> with an activation link (please check your junk/spam folders if you haven't seen it). This was sent to the main parental email address we have on file.

### To complete your registration:

- Click the link in the activation email to set up your account.
- Download the SIMS Parent app from the App Store or Google Play, or log in at www.sims-arent.co.uk.
- Open the app, review your child(ren)'s details, and make any necessary updates.

If you did not receive the activation email, please contact us at <u>admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org</u> with your name, your child's name, and your current email address. Thank you for helping us maintain accurate records.

### Pupil News

Gabi, a Y6 student in Riley Class, recently won a Jack Petchey Foundation award! This was presented at an award ceremony at Richmond Theatre to celebrate the achievements of lots of young people from various clubs and schools. Gabi went on stage to receive her award and have her photo taken. She had been nominated by her youth club (TAG Youth Club) due to her dedication, commitment and focus in the karate lessons she has been taking there. Her sensei says she is an excellent student. Well done Gabi! We are all proud of you.



### KOOSA Kids



Bookings are now open for KOOSA Kids' Summer Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from Wednesday 23rd July to Wednesday 27th August. 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 <a href="www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club">www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club</a> for more information or call 01276 21884.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

JULY	
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 Disco - email sent to Y6 families. Book tickets
Monday 14	EYFS Beach Day - email sent to EYFS families
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 - see letter and complete Google form
Thursday 17	Y6 Production 7pm - see letter and complete Google form
Friday 18	Y4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm - email sent to Y4 families
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 after school
SEPTEMBER 2025	
Monday 1	INSET day - children not in school
Tuesday 2	First day of autumn term
OCTOBER 2025	
Wednesday 1	INSET day - children not in school
Mon 27-Fri 31	Half-Term

## PCSA News

Here are the last few events before the end of term:

- Friday 11th July uniform sale, King Athelstan Centre 8.40-9am
- Friday 11th July Lolly sale
- Friday 18th July Lolly sale
- Sunday 20th July King Athelstan Dragon Boat team race at Canbury Gardens!
- Tuesday 22nd July School's Out Picnic



The PCSA Annual General Meeting is on 10th July 2025 at 20:00 at the Spring Grove (13 Bloomfield Rd, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2SF). Please come along to find out more. <a href="kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com">kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com</a>

#### 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:

Fairfield Litter Pick - Firstly, thanks as always to the 27 litter heroes who collected 7 bags of rubbish (including 3 of recycling) at the May event. With Fairfield proving especially popular in the summer sunshine, there'll be another litter pick in the park on Saturday 26 July from 2-3pm. So, if you're free, why not celebrate Love Parks Week (25 July - 3 August) by helping make a local difference and litter-pick in good company! If you have your own litter-pickers and gloves do bring them. Otherwise - as always - there will be some available to



borrow, plus sweet treats for litter heroes. And hopefully the new park cafe will be open by then too (if not before). In the meantime, hopefully you'll have spotted the posters showing how plans for a Friends of Fairfield group are underway! So, if you live near the park, use it regularly, might be interested in helping the group or would simply like to be kept updated on future events and activities, be sure to share your details <a href="here">here</a>. Thank you.



**Sensory Theatre Show** - Head2Head Sensory Theatre are bringing their Ocean & Shore immersive experience to the Corner House Theatre in Surbiton on Sunday 10th August.



Hollyfield - Hollyfest Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July - all welcome! Please scan the QR code for more information about what's on and to buy tickets for this fun, family day out.

