



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 4 - Friday 26th September 2025



This week the focus around our school rules was: **We listen to everyone**. Next week, it will be: **We take care of our school**.

Dear Families,



Today every child in the school will be bringing home a special magnet to mark the official 1100th anniversary of the crowning of King Athelstan, which we celebrated as a whole community last term, but actually took place on September 4th. We hope this will help them remember being at King Athelstan Primary School on this important occasion.



In my assembly this week in KS2, we talked about ripples of kindness - how one kind act causes a chain reaction of kindness. We also talked about how kindness is like a boomerang - if you show kindness to others, kindness will eventually come back to you. This theme will continue for the next couple of weeks.



Mrs Ahearn and I have been interviewing for our new Junior Leadership Team. Competition was incredibly tough. We will announce the new team in full next week.

Please see the item below with information about our Early Years Open Event for prospective parents/carers in 2026. Look out for the parent/carer survey we are sending out today. We are keen to gather your views about and any interest in a 30 hours Nursery provision for 3 and 4 year olds.

Don't forget that next Wednesday 1st October is an INSET Day and children are not in school. Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Early Years Open Event

We are hosting an Open Event on Thursday 6th November from 4.30pm to 5.30pm for families looking for a Nursery place in January or September 2026, or a Reception place in September 2026. This will include:

- Information about our after-school clubs and caterers
- A full tour of the school which will include visiting our Early Years Setting with a member of our Senior Leadership Team
- A chance to ask questions, meet staff and pupils, and experience the atmosphere of the school first-hand

In addition, we run separate short school tours, which last an hour. The dates are:

- Wednesday 12th November at 4.00pm
- Wednesday 19th November at 4.00pm
- Wednesday 10th December at 9.15am
- Thursday 8th January at 4.00pm



If you would like to book to attend any of the above events, please do so [here](#). Please let any other families who may be interested know about these dates, too. Thank you.

Y6 Secondary School Visits

If your child in Y5 or Y6 has a secondary school visit, open day, or appointment scheduled during school hours, please email us in advance at admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org to let us know. Kindly also provide proof of the

appointment so that we can authorise the absence. Remember that the closing date for applications to secondary schools for current Y6 children is 31st October. Thank you for your cooperation.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is a tradition which celebrates the time of year when crops have been gathered from the fields and people can reflect and show gratitude for the food that they have. It dates back a long time in British history, to when people relied on crops for food and farmers would give thanks for a good harvest. This Harvest we are planning once again to help local people by collecting tinned and dried food and hygiene products for Kingston Foodbank.

Donations are entirely voluntary. All items must be unopened and undamaged, and foods must be non-perishable and in-date. Please bring any donations to school between **Thursday 2 and Thursday 9th October** - there will be tables outside school where items can be left. We will then deliver all donations to the Foodbank. See the separate letter for more details.



World Mental Health Day

On Friday 10th October our theme for World Mental Health Day will be 'It's all about you' and we will be celebrating...the **wonderful**, the **brilliant**, the **amazing** YOU! When you feel good about yourself, you can learn more, laugh more and enjoy your school life. We will be boosting children's self-esteem through learning and art activities, which they will bring home to share with their families. Children may wear a **green** t-shirt on this day (with the rest of their school uniform) or **green** accessories. There will be a 'Wake Up, Shake Up' session with music led by our Y6 House Captains, in the playground on arrival for Y2-6. Nursery, Reception and Y1 will do theirs later. There will also be a free giveaway of soft toys and books in the KS1 playground at the end of the day.



School Lunch Survey

We are working with WilsonJones, our catering provider, to create a new school lunch menu for introduction in the spring term 2026, that will meet the needs of our diverse community. Please note, halal refers to food that is



prepared in accordance with Islamic dietary guidelines. In the UK, halal-certified meat must meet both food safety regulations and halal requirements. Please be reassured that the halal meat being proposed for use is stunned before slaughter. Stunning ensures that the animal is unconscious and does not feel pain at the point of slaughter. This process fully complies with UK animal welfare standards while also meeting halal certification requirements. WilsonJones' approach is intended to be inclusive of pupils' different dietary needs and respectful of faith practices, while also upholding animal welfare standards. We would be grateful if you could complete this short survey to share your feedback: [Click here for Survey](#) Thank you very much - we really appreciate your time and feedback.

Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. The list is updated regularly with various things to enhance school life. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is:

<https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> . Thank you.



KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their October Half Term Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October. Prices start from just £30.00 per child, per session (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; longer days available).

Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884. See the Autumn/Winter brochure for full details and dates of what is coming up at Christmas and February Holiday clubs. Please note that KOOSA are also aiming to open casual bookings from 6th October for November and December.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER 2025

Wednesday 1	INSET day - children not in school
Thursday 2	A Day in the Life of Nursery 8.30AM/12.30PM

Thur 2 - Thur 9	Harvest Festival Collection for Kingston Foodbank
Friday 3	A Day in the Life of Reception 8.35am
Friday 3	PCSA Uniform Sale - King Athelstan Centre 8.40am
Tuesday 7	Individual school photos
Friday 10	World Mental Health Day 'It's All About You'. Wear green t-shirt/green accessories
Thursday 16	Mehretu Class Y4 trip to Synagogue
Thursday 16	Y1 Parent/Carer Workshop (Oxford Owl) 3.20-3.45pm
Thursday 16	PCSA Fancy Dress Costume Sale after school
Friday 17	PCSA Quiz Night Social. Adults only
Thursday 23	Reception Parent/Carer Stay & Learn session 9-9.45am
Friday 24	Y6 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Mon 27-Fri 31	Half-Term
Friday 31	Deadline for Y6 applications to secondary school

NOVEMBER 2025

Thursday 6	Outdoor Classroom Day
Thursday 6	Early Years Open Event 4.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 7	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Friday 7	PCSA KS2 Halloween Disco. See Ticketsource .
Monday 10	Book Looks 3.20-3.50pm
Tuesday 11	Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm
Thursday 13	Y4 Egyptian Workshops - information to follow
Thursday 13	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm
Friday 14	Children in Need. Wear spotty accessories
Tuesday 18	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.10 in person
Thursday 20	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.10pm in person
Friday 21	School Council trip to Houses of Parliament - information to follow
Tuesday 25	Y5 Viking Day
Wednesday 26	Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 27	Wiley Class Y4 trip to Synagogue
Saturday 29	Festive Fair 12-4pm

DECEMBER 2025

Tuesday 2	Y5 trip to the Science Museum
Wednesday 10	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court
Friday 12	Kusama Class Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday 12	Nelson Class Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 15	Matisse Class Y2 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 15	O'Keeffe Class Y1 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 16	Y4 trip to see Cinderella at the Rose Theatre
Tuesday 16	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm and 5.30-6pm
Wednesday 17	Van Gogh Class Y1 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 17	Hockney Class Y2 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 18	Klee Christmas singing & crafts
Friday 19	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and school breaks up one hour earlier

Achievement Assembly

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Yousef	Teddy & Penelope	Ayaan	Shiloh	Connor	Robbie
Ari	Ruth & Emma	Ava	Elena	Oli	Azra

King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Emily

O'Keeffe Y1 - Dominic

Matisse Y2 - Liana

Hockney Y2 - Harvey & Mila

Cassatt Y3 - Salma

Da Vinci - Isaac

Mehretu Y4 - Asya

Wiley Y4 - Areeb

Dali Y5 - Ari

Warhol Y5 - Jayan

Kahlo Y6 - Harrison & Bibi

Riley - Poppie-Rose

KS1 PE Kelly Marie in Matisse Class Y2

KS2 PE - Grace in Riley Class Y6

PCSA

The PCSA (Parent Carer School Association) can be contacted on: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com. Check out the PCSA noticeboard at the front of the school as you walk through to drop off or collect children. It has a list of all the upcoming events as well as fundraising ideas. The next event is a second hand school uniform sale on Friday 3rd October from 8.40am at the Athelstan Centre (at the back of the car park).



On Thursday 16th October there will be a fancy dress costume sale after school.

On Friday 7th November there is a Key Stage 2 Halloween Disco. Entry is by ticket only. Tickets cost £4.19, and can be purchased at [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk). Friday November 7th from 6-7pm for Years 3&4, and from 7-8pm for Years 5&6.



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:

Girls Journeying Together - Free taster session on October 11th 2025 for a new [Girls Journeying Together](#) group dedicated to 10-12 year old (Year 6 and 7) girls starting in Kingston upon Thames. Girls Journeying Together is a programme run by [Rites for Girls](#), which has been awarded support by the Community Fund: we inspire and empower girls using circle-based mentorship; guiding them, building their inner resources and their friendship so they grow up strong and free, gaining tools to navigate their teen years. Fully funded bursary places available. To find out more book a place for the free taster session on October 11th 2025, click [here](#) or write to annamaria@ritesforgirls.com.



The Grow Team - The Grow Team can help find flexible work, help with English, assistance with writing a CV and interview practice for mums who want to get into work. Find out more at Kingston Guildhall on Wednesday 1 October at 12pm. See the flyer here or info@belinagrow.co.uk