



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 5 – Friday 3rd October 2025



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



Dear Families,

What a wet end to the week! It serves as a good reminder that children should have coats with them every day. This week, we presented the Junior Leadership Team with their badges. This level of responsibility in Year 6 is very serious and important. The children have already stepped up to their responsibilities with prefects helping out in specific areas around the school. The Co-Chairs will lead the rest of the JLT, which includes all the Prefects and School Council.

This week, Miss Disher led assembly on Tuesday to launch Black History Month. Remind children to do the Black History Month Thinker's Project, posted on Google Classroom this week.

It was great to see lots of families at the Nursery and Reception "Day in the Life" sessions this week. Your children loved showing you around their classrooms.

We would like to say Shanah Tovah to those who celebrated Rosh Hashanah recently, and G'mar chatima tova to all those marking Yom Kippur this week.

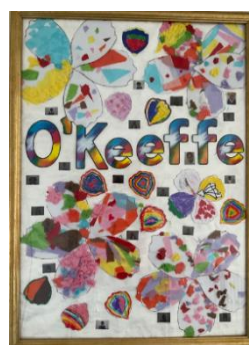


Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Class Frames

As you know, all the classes in King Athelstan are named after artists. Every September, children create amazing pieces of art based on their class artist, which are framed and displayed around the school. Here are



just a few of this year's finished frames.



Christmas Cards

Children will be bringing home a blank template to design their own greetings card which will be turned into Christmas/celebration cards, mugs, tea towels and wrapping paper which can be ordered online. This is a fundraising venture by the PCSA, and participation is not obligatory. Completed artwork must be handed in to your child's class teacher by **Tuesday 14th October**. School will, as usual, pick one design to be printed on the official school Christmas cards. Please note, children can make a card for any celebration so if you do not celebrate Christmas, please feel free to submit something else. For more details please see the leaflet that your child brings home.



World Mental Health Day

Remember that Friday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. Children may wear a **green t-shirt** on this day (with the rest of their school uniform) or green accessories. Our theme is 'It's all about you' and we will be starting the day with a 'Wake Up, Shake Up' session for children in Y2-6, led by our Y6 House Captains. At the end of the day, there will be a free giveaway of soft toys and books in the KS1 playground. Voluntary donations can be made via ParentPay (give what you can) as we are raising money to buy new class frames for every class. Thank you.



King Athelstan Primary School – Inspiring Excellence

Junior Leadership Team

We are really pleased to announce our new Junior Leadership Team for 2025-26, who underwent an application process and interview. The Junior Leadership Team reports to the headteacher. Their duties may include:

- leading assemblies, meetings and events
- co-chairing School Council Meetings
- helping with tours of the school for visitors
- dedicating additional time to duties outside of school e.g. Christmas and Summer Fairs

Co-Chairs are **Nancy** and **Alex**, and the Vice-Chairs are **Freya** and **Ziyad**. The Equality Lead is **Eliza**, and, new for 2025, our Safeguarding Leads are **Bethany** and **Tashvi**. They will be supported by a large group of Prefects, who have started carrying out their duties already this week!

The successful House Captains are: **Red (Dawson) - Max F and Grace**; **Green (Villiers) - Ben and Hanin**; **Yellow (Cambridge) - Harrison and Ella**; **Blue (Hawks) - Anastasiia and Elliot**. Mr McLaughlin will be relying on them to collect House Points weekly, and of course they will have a big responsibility on Sports Days on the 1st and 2nd July 2026.



Eco Warriors and the School Council for this year are as follows:

Eco Warrior 	Year	Class	School Council 
Alice	1	O'Keeffe	Jackson
Bella	1	Van Gogh	Logan
Teddy	2	Hockney	Pippa
Owen	2	Matisse	Beau
Alice	3	Cassatt	Florence
Robin	3	Da Vinci	Ava
Annie	4	Wiley	Emma
Stephen	4	Wiley	--
Amina	4	Mehretu	Jack
Molly	5	Dali	Dunia
Aaliyaah	5	Warhol	Ari
Zophie	6	Kahlo	Robbie
-TBC-	6	Riley	Alessandro

Well done to everyone, and good luck in your new roles.

Early Years Open Event for Nursery & Reception September 2026

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. We are also running some short school tours, which last an hour:

- 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.



King Athelstan Primary School

Early Years Open Event

Thursday 6th November 2025

4.30pm

Come and meet our dedicated staff and a look around our wonderful school. Our school provides the best possible environment for your child to learn, grow, and develop in a nurturing and safe environment.

- ✓ Reception places for September 2026
- ✓ Experienced Early Years Teachers
- ✓ 15 & 30* hour Funded Nursery Spaces
- ✓ Community Driven
- ✓ Extensive Outdoor Areas
- ✓ 2 Year old spaces*

Come as you are leave us great



REGISTER NOW





www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk

*subject to eligibility criteria



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Lachlan	O'Keeffe Y1 - Maria
Matisse Y2 - Caleb	Hockney Y2 - Ellie
Cassatt Y3 - Alice	Da Vinci - Loni
Mehretu Y4 - Koshin	Wiley Y4 - Annie
Dali Y5 - Hatice	Warhol Y5 - Meryem
Kahlo Y6 - Ivy	Riley - Nykollas

KS1 PE Brenden in Matisse Class Y2 KS2 PE - Ethan in Warhol Class Y5

Miss Disher, History Lead, awarded a special certificate to Hazel in Riley Class for her poster about Rosa Parks for Black History Month.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelya	Teddy & Aicha	Jayson	Su	Lillie	Grace
Ari	Ruth & Brenden	Anisa	Elif	Oli	Rhys

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER 2025	
Thur 2 - Thur 9	Harvest Festival Collection for Kingston Foodbank
Tuesday 7	Individual school photos - full school uniform with polo shirts please
Wednesday 8	PCSA - Donate any items of fancy dress (for sale on 16 Oct)
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
Wednesday 12	School Tour for potential EYFS places. 4pm. Book here
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
Wednesday 19	Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 19	Y2 trip to Bushy Park. Information to follow
Wednesday 19	School Tour for potential EYFS places. 4pm. Book here
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 3	Riley Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 10	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 10	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court
Wednesday 10	School Tour for potential EYFS places. 4pm. Book here
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

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.



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.

- Completed artwork for the greetings/Christmas cards is due in to class teachers on Tuesday 14th October
- On Wednesday 8th October, please drop off any donated items for the fancy dress sale, which will then take place on Thursday 16th October 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](#). 6-7pm for Years 3&4, and from 7-8pm for Years 5&6.



KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information about the after school club or the October Half Term Holiday Club here on site at King Athelstan. KOOSA will also be running Christmas and February half-term holiday clubs.



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:

Epilepsy Action Doodle Day

This week is **Epilepsy Action's Doodle Day**, a national event raising funds and awareness for people living with epilepsy. Mr Ahearn (Mrs Ahearn's husband) is showing his support by running an **ultra-marathon this weekend** to raise money for the charity. You can also get involved by bidding on original doodles from famous names such as **Sir Ian McKellen, Joanna Lumley, and top children's illustrators** - with prices starting from just £10! Take a look here: Epilepsy Action Doodle Day Auction. <https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/epilepsyaction>

