



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 6 – Friday 10th October 2025



This week the focus around our school rules was: **We are here to learn**. Next week, our focus will be on the **Zones of Regulation**.



Dear Families,

It was lovely to see so many children arriving in green tops and/or accessories this morning. Thank you for supporting this important day in our school calendar, and a big thank you to Mrs Ramkissoon for organising it!

This week we also had individual/family photos. You should receive the proofs in book bags early next week. Each year, the photography company take one standard school photo and also a different alternative one so families get a variety of pictures and backgrounds over the years.

Thank you for all your Harvest Festival donations. We will be delivering them to the Kingston foodbank next week.

The booking system for Parent/Carer Consultations opens on **Monday 13th October**. Bookings for the SEND meetings will open on **Wednesday 15th October**. Please log in and book an appointment for each of your children.

Don't forget that Christmas card designs are due in by **Tuesday 14th October**. If you do not celebrate Christmas, please feel free to use the template for any celebration. The cards will be blank inside for your own message.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

World Mental Health Day



Today we started World Mental Health Day with an amazing wake up, shake up session led by our newly appointed and enthusiastic Y6 House Captains! There were lots of **green t-shirts**, as well as some **green hair**. We even had lots of **green parakeets** join in! Children made lovely, mostly-green bracelets which they will bring home. At the end of the day, we had a 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.



Years 5 and 6 Cross Country Championship



On Wednesday 32 children from Y5 and Y6 took part in the annual Cross Country Competition at Kingston Grammar Sports Ground with children from schools across the borough. Well done to the whole team; Mr McLaughlin is very proud of them.

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Talk PANTS Week

The Talk PANTS campaign supports professionals and those with caring responsibilities of children aged 3-11 to have simple and age-appropriate conversations that can help them to keep children safe from sexual abuse.



We will be celebrating **Talk PANTS Week** in school from 13 to 17 October, talking about Pantosaurus' five rules for staying safe in assembly and in classrooms.

Talk PANTS promotes simple conversations with young children to keep children safe from harm. Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS introduces child safety messages with the help of PANTosaurus, who helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.



Black History Month

October marks the celebration of Black History Month, which is a special time each year when we learn about and celebrate the achievements, history, and contributions of Black people in our country and around the world. It encourages us to consider their bravery, resilience and determination and helps us to delve deeper into the concepts of 'equality' and 'diversity'. Last week, during assembly, the children were introduced to the importance of Black History Month and were also encouraged to engage in their own learning at home. We have already received some excellent Thinker's Project



homework, which will make its way onto our Black History display. You can find the Black History Month Thinker's Project grid on your Google Classroom. All children who contribute will receive a certificate to mark their participation. We look forward to receiving more excellent work throughout the month!



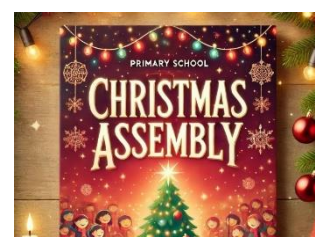
Class Assemblies

Each class from Year 1 to Year 6 will host one class assembly this year, which their families are invited to attend. Class assemblies are on **Wednesdays** and start at **9am**. Please wait at the school gates after drop off.

Wednesday 19 November 2025	Mehretu Class Y4
Wednesday 26 November 2025	Warhol Class Y5
Wednesday 3 December 2025	Riley Class Y6
Wednesday 10 December 2025	Da Vinci Class Y3
Wednesday 4 February 2026	Matisse Class Y2
Wednesday 11 February 2026	Wiley Class Y4
Wednesday 4 March 2026	Kahlo Class Y6
Wednesday 11 March 2026	O'Keeffe Class Y1
Wednesday 18 March 2026	Van Gogh Class Y1
Wednesday 25 March 2026	Cassatt Class Y3
Wednesday 16 April 2026	Hockney Class Y2
Wednesday 20 May 2026	Dali Class Y5

In addition, EYFS and KS1 have their Christmas assemblies/events as follows:

Friday 12 December 9.15am	Kusama Class Christmas Assembly
Friday 12 December 2.30pm	Nelson Class Christmas Assembly
Monday 15 December 9.15am	Matisse Class Christmas Assembly
Monday 15 December 2.30pm	O'Keeffe Class Christmas Assembly
Wednesday 17 December 9.15am	Van Gogh Class Christmas Assembly
Wednesday 17 December 2.30pm	Hockney Class Christmas Assembly
Thursday 18 th December 11-11.30am	Klee AM singing & Christmas crafts
Thursday 18 th December 12.30-1pm	Klee PM singing & Christmas crafts



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.



BBC 500 Words Competition

The BBC's annual competition, 500 Words, is back. For children aged 5-11, it's the UK's largest children's writing competition which encourages children to write the story **they** want to read. There are prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library! The official panel of celebrity judges, Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and Frank Cottrell-Boyce will return to choose the winners. The competition is open now by online submission, and the closing date for entries is Friday 7th November at 9pm. [Click here](#) for all the details.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Isabelle

O'Keeffe Y1 - Noah

Matisse Y2 - Ebrahim

Hockney Y2 - Pippa

Cassatt Y3 - Ozzy

Da Vinci - Noah

Mehretu Y4 - Moreglory

Wiley Y4 - Tasya

Dali Y5 - Pedro

Warhol Y5 - Jasper

Kahlo Y6 - Ayrat

Riley - Abdulrahman

KS1 PE Hazel in Matisse Class Y2

KS2 PE - Molly in Dali Class Y5

Miss Disher, History Lead, awarded special certificates to Asya, Tasya, Zophie and Azra in KS2 for their posters celebrating 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	Aicha & Hector	Loni	Rachel	Eden	Zophie
Grace	Emma & Sharvika	Benjy	Elvis	Pedro	Hanin

House Points will be notified from next week.

Uniform Reminder

We take pride in our school uniform. **Plain black** trainers are now 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. Children should wear white polo shirts, with or without the school logo, and an official purple cardigan or



sweatshirt **with the school logo**. On PE days, plain white t-shirts may be worn, with plain black shorts or jogging bottoms. Please put your child's name in **every item** of clothing. Thank you.

Gardening Club - Volunteer needed

We have had a fantastic start to the year in our allotment. The new team in our Monday Gardening Club have been busy tidying and harvesting tomatoes and potatoes from last year and planting new crops for the autumn. (see photos) We currently have a lovely group of volunteers who support Mrs Williamson with our club but we are still **looking for someone to take on the role of overseeing the club**. You would have to commit to around 2 hours at the school each week during term time, from 3 - 5pm on Mondays, and will need to apply for a DBS check. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or outdoorlearning@kingathelstan.rbksch.org for more information and a job description.



Our working group has also been busy preparing the wildlife garden for the new year, with volunteers coming in to school at the weekend in September to weed and organise the area. Our next focus is on

creating an extra wood chip path, making a woodland nature zone and developing the pond. If anyone has any logs, ferns or moss they are able to donate to school please contact Clare Williamson at

outdoorlearning@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

Job Vacancies

Any vacancies within the school are advertised on eteach, along with details of how to apply. We currently have a vacancy for an Early Years Practitioner - Level 3.

Library - we are looking for a volunteer who is available on a regular basis, on Mondays or Tuesdays, to help out in the school library, covering and logging books and general tidying. To find out more, please contact the school on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER 2025	
Thursday 16	Mehretu Class Y4 trip to Synagogue
Thursday 16	Y1 Parent/Carer Phonics Workshop 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 Phonics 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. Go to ParentPay
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 - Go to ParentPay
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 - Go to ParentPay
Wednesday 3	Riley Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 10	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 10	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating at Hampton Court - details to follow
Wednesday 10	School Tour for potential EYFS places. 9.15am. 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 - Go to ParentPay
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 AM Christmas singing & crafts 11-11.30am
Thursday 18	Klee PM Christmas singing & crafts 12.30-1pm
Friday 19	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and school breaks up one hour earlier

PCSA



The PCSA (Parent Carer School Association) can be contacted on: kingathelstanpcs@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
- Fancy dress costume sale, 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.



Amazon Wish List



We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. The list has recently been updated with a myriad of items, many of them for our Early Years provision. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. 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:

Capture Kingston - This is an annual competition run by the Friends of Kingston Museum and Heritage Service to increase the photographic collection of Kingston History Centre. Entrants could win a cash prize in the under-16 category, and will also have their photographs become a part of the historic collection to be enjoyed by visitors and researchers in the future. The theme this year is Celebrating Kingston 2025, so they are looking for photographs of any events which took place as part of the 2025 celebrations in the borough, including the Athel's Town Saxon Fayre, River Cultures Festival, Carnival and many more. You don't have to have an expensive camera to take part and most entrants use the camera on a smartphone. [Click here](#) for more details. The closing date is 31st October.



NHS Pharmacy First - this is a national NHS initiative now available in community pharmacies across England. Pharmacy First enables children and adults to access prompt healthcare advice and treatment for common conditions directly from a pharmacist, without needing a GP appointment. This can help improve school



attendance by allowing quicker access to treatment for minor illnesses. Individuals can walk into a participating pharmacy or access the service remotely via video consultation. Pharmacists provide private consultations and, where clinically appropriate, can supply NHS medicines and update GP records electronically. This service is especially beneficial for:

- Children aged 1+ with earache, impetigo, infected insect bites, and sore throats (5+ years)
- Adults with conditions such as sinusitis, shingles, and urinary tract infections (UTIs in women aged 16-64)

More details are available [here](#).