

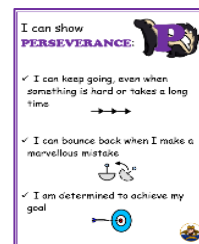


King Athelstan Weekly Digest

Issue 8 – Friday 24th October 2025



This week our focus in school was on being a **Good Citizen** (see below). After half-term, our emphasis will be on **Perseverance**, which is the first of our five **PRIDE** values.



Dear Families,

Thank you for all your support over the first half of the autumn term. It has been great to see improvements across the school in children's uniform and footwear in particular. There are still a few children not wearing plain black trainers. Please do use half-term to address this. **ALL footwear must be plain black.** Thank you.

In the first week after half-term we have our open evening event for prospective families of Nursery and Reception starting in September 2026. Please share the information below with anyone you know who is looking for a school for their 3, 4 or 5 year old.

Due to the current low birth rate, there are significantly fewer children in Kingston and, as a consequence, there are spaces in lots of schools. Our Reception and Year 1 numbers are low and the impact of this, as well as families with older children moving out of the borough for financial/housing/work reasons, will mean huge losses in our school budget for 2026 onwards. Many people do not realise that schools are funded per pupil and, regardless of how many children are in the class, the costs of the class are the same. School is rapidly using reserves to balance the budget. The remaining reserves will not be enough to sustain things as they are for 2026-27. Every child that joins our school will make a difference. Please spread the word.

Don't forget there is a Halloween Disco for KS2 children (Years 3-6) on Friday 7th November. Entry is by ticket only, and you can still purchase a ticket from [Ticketsource](#).

Wishing everyone a happy and restful half-term, and we will see you all again on Monday 3rd November.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Early Years Open Event for Nursery & Reception September 2026

Remember, 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

Starting Primary School in Kingston upon Thames September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 start school in September 2026

Apply online, visit our website www.kingston.gov.uk for more information and an easy step-by-step guide

The closing date is 15 January 2026 Don't be late

For information and advice contact E: kingston.admissions@activeyoungchildren.org.uk

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 Drives
- Extensive Outdoor Areas
- 2 Year old spaces*

Come as you are leave us great

REGISTER NOW

www.kingstonprimaryschool.co.uk

*subject to eligibility criteria

Early Years Pumpkin Patch



With Halloween just around the corner, Nursery set up their own Pumpkin Patch for the children to explore these amazing vegetables (gourds). Thank you to families who donated a pumpkin for this purpose! The children really enjoyed playing 'shop' with them.



King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence

Good Citizen Awards

Autumn 1 2025	Name
O'Keeffe	Alice
Van Gogh	Lachlan
Matisse	Brenden
Hockney	Penelope
Cassatt	Aaron
Da Vinci	Florence
Mehretu	Moreglory
Wiley	Elena
Dali	Oliver
Warhol	Eden
Kahlo	Ella
Riley	Freya

At the end of each half-term, one child from each class is chosen to receive our Good Citizen Award. This special recognition is given to pupils who consistently make the right choices — not for rewards or recognition, but simply because it's the right thing to do. Our Good Citizens show kindness, honesty and responsibility in everything they do, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or around school. They lead by example, showing others what it truly means to be part of our caring school community. Each Good Citizen receives a badge and certificate to celebrate their positive attitude and commitment to doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. We are so proud of our latest recipients — well done to all our Good Citizens!



Anti-Bullying Week

We will be marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks on Monday 10th November! The Anti-Bullying Alliance started Odd Socks Day in 2017 to show that it's OK to be yourself, and is supported by cBeebies, too. Children are welcome to wear their wackiest combination of odd socks. Jade Gulliford, PSHE Lead, will be leading assemblies and activities during Anti-Bullying Week.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Rayan	O'Keeffe Y1 - Jiana
Matisse Y2 - Adam	Hockney Y2 - Jairish
Cassatt Y3 - Yanice	Da Vinci - Sarah
Mehretu Y4 - Alannah	Wiley Y4 - Jensen
Dali Y5 - Molly	Warhol Y5 - Yeva
Kahlo Y6 - Bethany	Riley - Hazel

KS1 PE Logan in Van Gogh Class Y1

KS2 PE - Summer Rose in Wiley Class Y4

Miss Disher, History Lead, awarded special certificates to Amina, Ruby, Sophie, Su, Shiloh, Abdulrahman, Elena, Sarah and Rowan in KS2, and to Ruth and Youcef in KS1 for their work on **Black History Month**.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
William	Aicha & Arjun	Flo	Amina	Alfie	Zophie
Kairo	Ruth & Sharvika	Matilda	Stephen	Ruby	Adam

House Points

This week in joint first place are **Green (Villiers)** and **Blue (Hawks)**, both with 33 points. **Red (Dawson)** have 32 points, and **Yellow (Cambridge)** have 28.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER 2025	
Mon 27-Fri 31	Half-term
Friday 31	Deadline for Y6 applications to secondary school
Friday 31	Deadline for deposit payment for Y6 PGL Trip (June 2026)
NOVEMBER 2025	
Thursday 6	Outdoor Classroom Day
Thursday 6	Early Years Open Event 4.30pm-5.30pm. Book here
Friday 7	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Friday 7	PCSA KS2 Halloween Disco. See Ticketsource .
Friday 7	Closing date for BBC 500 Words Competition
Monday 10	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week - wear odd socks
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 - Please go to ParentPay
Thursday 13	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm
Friday 14	Children in Need. Wear spotty accessories & make a donation via ParentPay
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

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 lots of new items, many of them for our Early Years provision. Thank you to those families who have already purchased some of the new items! There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. Thank you.



Pupil News



Harley in Wiley Class proudly brought in his medal from the national open championship of Irikumi, which is a term used in traditional Karate that refers to a type of continuous sparring or practice fighting. It is distinct from point sparring, where the action is stopped after each successful hit. It is a way for students to practise fighting in both close-range and distance scenarios, developing reflexes, timing, and the ability to stay calm under pressure. Harley came third in the category for 9-12 years, although he's still only 8! Well done, Harley!

Parent/Carer Consultations

Please book an appointment for each of your children: <https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

- Bookings are now open and will close at 9am on Tuesday 11th November
- **In-person** meetings are on Tuesday 11th November 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- **Online** meetings are on Thursday 13th November 4:00pm - 6:30pm
- All meetings, online and in-person are 10 minutes long. Online time slots end automatically after 10 minutes from the start time, so please log in on time
- SEND support plan parent/carers meetings will take place **in-person** on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November from 15.30pm - 17.30pm
- Little Klee (2 year old provision) meetings will take place **in-person** during the weeks commencing 10th and 17th November. The 2 year old leads will contact families individually to arrange these.

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. 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). 6-7pm for Years 3&4, and from 7-8pm for Years 5&6.



KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their after-school club or the October Half Term Holiday Club here on site at King Athelstan. Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information. 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:

Achieving for Children (AfC) Fostering - this is the Local Authority Fostering service for Kingston, Richmond, Windsor and Maidenhead. We provide loving and local family homes for children who are unable to live with their families. Sadly, there is a national shortage of local authority foster carers meaning that we do not have enough local homes for the children that need it. We are therefore trying to increase our community outreach and

awareness as much as possible within the local area with the hope of finding more people that are interested in becoming foster carers. There are many transferable skills such as patience, empathy, and experience in behaviour management which families already have. AfC Fostering recognise these skills and would love to speak to any person that is thinking about fostering.

I didn't think I could... **Fostering** ...but now I am

You could be exactly the right person, no matter your background, culture, religion, ethnicity, sexuality or relationship status to be a great foster carer!

Enquire today to find out how fostering could be right for you.

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Enquire or check out the website for more information
E: info@achievingforchildren.org.uk
T: 0208 811 2292
W: achievingforchildren.org.uk
contact.fostering

Be part of a child's village

Join our community of local foster carers, experienced and new, as you shape the life and future of a child together. Share knowledge, share skills, come together and be part of a child's village.

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