



This week our focus in school was on **Perseverance**, the first of our five **PRIDE** values. Next week, we will focus on **Respect**, which fits beautifully with anti-bullying week and marking armistice day.

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term. It has been a busy first week back, particularly with our Open Event last night and Outdoor Learning Day yesterday. Today we held a well-attended Parent/Carer Forum and have had Governors' Visit Day. This is a day when our governors spend time in school looking at all aspects of school life, and the school development plan priorities in action. They also talk to the children and have presentations from staff, as well as looking at samples of the children's work.

Thank you to those of you who completed the questionnaire about the school lunch menu and the potential introduction of Halal meat. Your feedback was really helpful. We are now working with WilsonJones in order to implement some changes in response to your comments, and we will get back to you with more details. One query some families had was around the adherence to animal welfare standards in the preparation of Halal meat. WilsonJones have been very clear around this:

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.

Our approach is intended to be inclusive of pupils' different dietary needs and respectful of faith practices, while also upholding animal welfare standards.

Other key things we will look at include portion sizes, the variety of fruit and availability of all items on the menu. There were a few questions about jelly – we want to reassure you that **all** the jelly is vegan.

The week is not over yet! Tonight are the Halloween discos for Y3-4 and Y5-6. These have been organised by a parent as fun, fund-raising events, and the PCSA have supported with ticket sales.

If you have a good idea and would like to organise an event, then please go to the PCSA team with a proposal. You would be required to plan and run the event but there is lots of support for things like risk assessments and ticket sales. All proceeds go to the PCSA to support the school.

The PCSA is continuing to look for volunteers to support the running of all their events. Please consider being a volunteer. If lots of people do a little bit, then so much can be achieved and no one is overloaded. Please email the PCSA on kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com. It's a really good way of getting to know more people in our school community and supporting your child's access to improved opportunities and environments that are paid for by the PCSA.

Have a lovely weekend and have fun if you are going to a firework display.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Uniform Error

It has come to our attention that some purple school sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces sold recently by PMG Schoolwear have the incorrect logo. If you have bought an item whose logo shows white fish and a white bridge on the purple background, please return it to PMG for a correct replacement. The correct logo shows Kingston bridge and the fish in gold, as shown here. PMG have now removed all the incorrect items from their stock. Apologies to those affected by this; it was due to an error in the PMG embroidery department.



Early Years Open Event for Nursery & Reception September 2026

Yesterday we hosted an Open Event for families looking for a Nursery place in January or September 2026, or a Reception place in September 2026, which was attended by over 60 families. Thank you so much to all those who helped, especially the Y6 JLT Team, PCSA members, Mr Thomas and the Choir, KOOSA Kids after school club, and WilsonJones, our school caterers. If you have a pre-school child and would like to attend a school tour, please see the website page [here](#). Please let any other families, who may be interested, know about these dates. Thank you.



Junior Leadership Team

All members of our Junior Leadership Team have badges — for example, School Council, Eco Warriors, Prefects, House Captains, as well as the Co Chairs, Vice Chairs, Equalities Lead and our two Safeguarding Leads. Children may also receive a badge for being a good citizen. If your child has lost their original badge, you can buy a replacement for £1 through ParentPay. Please call the school office and let them know your child's name and which badge you need.



Outdoor Learning Day 6th November

We join the international Outdoor Classroom Day movement twice a year (November and May) and take our learning outside! There is a growing body of evidence to show that learning



outside not only supports children's knowledge but also their mental health and wellbeing.



Maths Events

This week was number confidence week and children attended an online assembly and worked on this all week. Mr Gardner, Maths Lead, has arranged a special Maths day



On **Friday 21st November**, where children can dress up in the style of Times Tables Rockstars, or as a NumBot robot for the younger children! During the day, Years 2 to 6 will be having competitions with each other on TTRS and taking part in times tables activities. Reception and Year 1 will be playing on NumBots with their friends and taking part in other maths activities.



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.



Christmas Card Orders

Please note that the closing date to order any Christmas cards or other merchandise in your child's design is **Tuesday 11th November** for free delivery before Christmas.

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Bella

O'Keeffe Y1 - Viktoriia

Matisse Y2 - Kelly-Marie

Hockney Y2 - Lily

Cassatt Y3 - Rana

Da Vinci - Teddy

Mehretu Y4 - Sirine

Wiley Y4 - Alan

Dali Y5 - Ari

Warhol Y5 - Connor

Kahlo Y6 - Eshaal

Riley - Abdulrahman

KS1 PE Ivy in O'Keeffe Class Y1

KS2 PE - Toby in Dali Class Y5

Miss Disher gave a certificate for work on Black History Month to Tashvi in Y6, Lorelai in Y5, Annie in Y4, Loni and Salma in Y3 and Arjun in Y2.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jonah, Dominic	Avery & Arjun	Loni	Amina	TJ	Abdulrahman
Isabelle	Gregory, Ruth & Sharvika	Dhanvin	Tasya	Jasper	Kaysha

House Points

This week in first place is **Yellow (Cambridge)** with 34 points. **Red (Dawson)** are in second place on 32. **Green (Villiers)** have 30 points and **Blue (Hawks)**, 25.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday 10	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week - wear odd socks
Monday 10	Book Looks 3.20-3.50pm for those with online parent/carers consultation meetings
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
Friday 21	NumBots/TTRS Dress Up Day
Tuesday 25	Y5 Viking Day

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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.



Parent/Carer Consultations

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

- Book Looks take place on Monday 10th November for those who have an online meeting.
- Bookings to make an appointment 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 Quiz before half-term £185, and the Year 6 Cake sale raised a brilliant £224! Thanks to all those who helped across both events. The Festive Fair is on Saturday 29th November, from 12-4pm. These are the donation days; all donations should be brought in the morning at drop off:

- **14th November** - Bottles ONLY (no chocs/sweets) - Please make sure donations are IN DATE
- **14th November** - Christmas jumpers - for both adults and children
- **21st November** - Used toys (no books) in good/working condition
- **28th November** - New/unused gift items
- **29th November** - Christmas-themed bake for the cake stall - there will be a prize at the end of the day for most creative bake!



Christmas trees will be on sale at the Festive Fair, with 25% commission paid to the school.

Ticket link for all events: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/king-athelstan-primary-school-pcsa>



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:

Big Sister Programme- Places Leisure are running the **Big Sister Project** at Tolworth Recreation Centre and the Malden Centre, an initiative designed to get more girls active and introduce (or reintroduce) them to sport. The Big Sisters act as role models, empowering and enabling girls aged 9-15 to enjoy sport, exercise, and physical activity during puberty. Importantly, the project is shaped by girls, for girls, providing ambassadors who champion the benefits of sport and understand the challenges they face. [For more information and to sign up, visit the places leisure website here.](#) As part of the programme, girls can access the Big Sister Flexible Membership at £9 per month (50% off the standard Junior membership), which includes: unlimited gym use during Junior Gym hours (with induction for 11-15 year olds), unlimited swimming, age-appropriate group workout classes, including exclusive We Move sessions, free racket sports at off-peak times (Malden Centre only), support from a friendly on-site team.

Fairfield Litter Pick - A huge thanks to the 20 litter heroes who collected 5 big bags of rubbish (including 2 of recycling) on World Clean Up Day in September. The next litter pick is at Fairfield on **Saturday 15 November from 2-3pm**. So, if you're free, why not come along and help make a difference. As usual, there will be some litter pickers available to borrow, plus sweet treats for litter heroes, but if you have your own pick, hoop or gloves, please do bring them along. And be sure to pop 17 January and 7 March 2026 (2-3pm) in your diaries too for the next 2 litter-picking events.



Regency Bookshop Discount - on **Saturday 8th November**, there is 25% off ALL books at Regency Bookshop (Discount applies to RRP. Not in conjunction with any other offer.) This applies to all books in stock and orders placed on the day.



New Group for SEN children -

Sensory Stars
A Place To Shine & Grow
Wednesday 12th November
3.45 - 5.00pm

A new group for SEN children aged 4-7 to explore, learn, and have fun with a world of sensory activities!

Join us for:

- **Money Play:** Squish, splash, and get creative with our exciting money play station!
- **Art & Crafts:** Unleash imagination with colourful and engaging art projects.
- **Sensory Activities:** Discover new sensations with activities to engage their senses - smells, textures, sounds.
- **And So Much More!**

Parents are invited to bring their children, both pre- and post-diagnosed, to play and connect with other families in a stimulating and supportive environment.

Scan QR code to complete Expression of Interest Form

Contact Information:
To register an interest in the session please scan the QR code or email familyhubs@kingathelstanprimaryschool.org.uk
SEN Sensory Stars for SEN 4-7

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