



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 1 – Friday 11th September 2026



Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone, and a very warm welcome to families new to our school. It was fantastic to see the vast majority of children returning with happy smiles on Monday. For a few children, it took a couple of days to acclimatise – it's a hard transition back in after the summer!

Our new Nursery and Reception children have started now and lots of new children have joined across the school. Those starting school for the first time look ever so smart and grown up in their uniform, and I have loved meeting them on tours around the school or on the school gate. It's great to see children settling in so positively. Thank you for all your support with this.

Well done everyone for following the drop off and pick up rules by waiting outside the school until it's your child's time slot. Please be aware that the system does speed up considerably once Nursery and Reception are settled in and confident with separating from their grown ups.

On Monday we had a visit from our new School Improvement Partner (SIP) Matt Ball. Matt takes over from Rob Eyre-Brook who retired at the end of last year. All schools work with a SIP from Achieving for Children (part of Kingston Children's Services). You may see Matt on the gate on Monday with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

As you can see, we have come in today to significant roadwork disruption outside the school. Please be as careful as you can when crossing the road. We are contacting the relevant authority to ask about a temporary crossing.

Have a lovely relaxing weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Reminders

Here are some handy reminders for the new year:

- Black shoes/trainers - please ensure your child has the correct **completely black** (including soles and logos) shoes or trainers - **no other** shoes are permitted.
- School sweatshirts/cardigans - children are only allowed to wear the purple school sweatshirts and cardigans with the school logo - plain or knitted versions are not school uniform. Second-hand uniform is available from the PCSA [here](#).
- Backpacks - these are not allowed. There is no space to store them. Children only need their lunch box, named water bottle and book bag.
- Please ensure **all items** children bring in to school are **named**.
- Lunch - please remember you can book your child's school lunches now right up until half term so you do not have to remember to do it every week!
- Playtime snacks - Fresh fruit and vegetable snacks only please (in KS1 this is provided)
- Walking home alone - there is a consent form on the website if you would like to give your child in Y5 or Y6 permission to walk home alone. They will not be dismissed alone without this. See the form [here](#).

Thank you.

Roadworks

UK Power Networks are installing new electricity cables from Chessington to Kingston and are currently working on the section along Villiers Road. There will be some traffic disruption and temporary traffic lights until the end of October. Please allow extra time to get to school, and remember to park considerately.



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Ofsted Inspection

As you are aware, we are now in an Ofsted Inspection window as it is 4 years since our last inspection. Since then, the Ofsted framework has changed completely. Just so that you are well-prepared: the school will receive notice of an inspection on a Monday morning. We don't know when, but we think it will be early in this academic year. We will inform you by email of the inspection date and timings. The Inspection Team will request that parents/ complete questionnaires and will also talk to families on the gate. We are proud of our school and our community and look forward to sharing what we do with an Inspection Team.



Wraparound Childcare

Breakfast Club is run by King Athelstan staff and is open 7.45am to 8.40am daily, and is located in the King Athelstan Centre at the back of the school (access at the back of the car park). The children are given a choice of breakfasts such as cereals, fruit, toast and juice and undertake a mixture of fun and educational activities. The charge is currently **£6.50 per day**.



A registration form must be completed by a Parent/Carer before the child can attend their first Breakfast Club. The form can be completed [here](#). Once you have registered please allow 48 working hours for Breakfast Club to be available on your ParentPay Account.

- Breakfast club sessions must be pre-booked and paid for on ParentPay in advance.
- Bookings must be made by midnight on Thursday for attendance the following week.
- Breakfast Club can be cancelled up to 15:30 on the day before the booked session. A credit will be added to the child's ParentPay account.
- Cancellation after this time is non-refundable based on staffing and resources already put in place.
- Click [here](#) to access the ParentPay login.

KOOSA Kids After School Club at King Athelstan runs every school day from school finish until 6.00pm. The club is based from the main School Hall and King Athelstan Centre and is fully Ofsted registered. Children are able to choose from a host of activities including construction games, art tables, role play, book corners, puzzles, train sets, play mats and a large selection of active games such as football, hockey, rounders and much more. A healthy and nutritious snack is provided (e.g. toast, crumpets / crackers & a whole piece of fruit or vegetable). Book for single or multiple sessions up to 6.00pm the working day before, and if your requirements are fixed, we can offer a 'permanent places agreement' to guarantee your sessions each half term.



KOOSA often run holiday clubs during the school holidays, too - look out for booking information nearer the time. For more information or to make a booking, contact KOOSA Kids on 01276 21884 or visit the [KOOSA Kids Website](#)

Clubs for Autumn Term

The letter about clubs has been emailed to all families in Years 1-6. Autumn term clubs will start in the week beginning 28th September. We aim to offer at least one before- or after-school club to every child who applies. Each PP-eligible child is entitled to one free club per term. Pupil Premium funding is allocated to children who are entitled to Free School Meals (not universal free school meals for YR-Y6) or those who have been entitled during the past six years. Please apply for club places on the Google Application Form and indicate if your child comes under our PP scheme. Clubs for Reception will start in January.

- Clubs letter issued: Thursday 10th September
- Google application form opens: Sunday 13th September at 10:00am
- Google form closes: Tuesday 15th September at 7:00am
- Places confirmed by: By Friday 18th September at 4:00pm
- Payment due: Wednesday 23rd September at 10:00am
- Clubs start: week commencing 28th September



Easyfundraising

Did you know you can help raise money for our school every time you shop online? By using the PCSA's **easyfundraising** app or website before making purchases, thousands of retailers will donate a percentage of what you spend directly to our school - at **no extra cost to you**. This includes everyday supermarket shopping with retailers such as **ASDA, Tesco, Morrisons and Sainsbury's**, as well as booking holidays through sites like **Booking.com** and **Hotels.com**, or even flights and travel through Skyscanner. Many purchases can earn around **4% back for the school**, with some retailers offering even more. Simply scan the QR code or click this [link](#) and get the easyfundraising app, select **King Athelstan Primary School** as your chosen cause, and remember to start your shopping through the app each time you buy online. It's a really simple way to support the school while shopping as normal. Thank you for helping us raise valuable funds for our pupils!



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Luna	Van Gogh Y1 - Charlie
Hockney Y2 - Advik	Matisse Y2 - Haider
Da Vinci - Owen	Cassatt Y3 - Ellie
Mehretu Y4 - Anijah	Wiley Y4 - Afsa
Dali Y5 - Talia	Warhol Y5 - Alannah
Kahlo Y6 - Ayan	Riley - Lillie
KS1 PE - Ari in Hockney class	KS2 PE - Archie in Warhol Class

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions for year 3 and 6 only this week:

Year 3	Year 6
Ruth & Teddy	Asia & Ruby

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2026	
Monday 14	Y5 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Tuesday 15	Y3 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Wednesday 16	Y1 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Thursday 17	Y2 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Friday 18	Y4 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
Friday 18	Current Y2 Trip to Littlehampton (postponed from June)
Wednesday 30	Individual & sibling photographs
OCTOBER	
Thurs 1	Day in the Life of Reception 8.35am
Friday 2	Day in the Life of Nursery 8.30am and 12.30pm
Wednesday 7	Inset day - children not in school
Friday 9	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park
Tuesday 20	Y4 Egyptian Workshop in school
Thursday 22	EYFS Open Event - details to follow
Mon 26 - Fri 30	Half-term

Inclusion Spotlight Newsletters

We have updated the Inclusion Spotlight Newsletters which you can find on the [website here](#). They cover mental health, diversity, inclusive classroom practice, neurodiversity and behaviour.

PCSA

The PCSA (Parents, Carers, Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school fundraising for equipment and activities for the children.

Here is a message:

"Welcome to KA all new parents and welcome back to others! We have a few things the PCSA would like to share.

We are holding a 'get to meet the PCSA and other parents' on Thursday 17th at 7.30pm at the Spring Grove or if you prefer a coffee please join us on Friday 18th straight after drop off in the King Athelstan Centre at school (KOOSA) instead!!

The PCSA helps raise money for the school but also, just as importantly, we create fun and interesting events and activities for your children to take part in! We have a great list of upcoming events and activities lined up for this year so it would be great to have more volunteers coming on board so we can deliver everything in the best possible way for our children.

The PCSA is also looking for class reps for the two reception classes - it's very super simple and it's really very little work! You are just helping share information about school PCSA events and fundraising with the class, helping drum up volunteers for the Christmas and autumn fair. And that's it! Optional extra is organising the teacher gifts but that's up to you. All it means is joining the class reps PCSA group and sharing messages with your class. It makes a huge difference to the PCSA in terms of making sure fundraising and fun events don't get missed by any of the parents and kids.

If you feel you could help please message Sarah at 07793 769976. Thank you."



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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:

CoderDojo KU coding club - this is a fully volunteer-led, free monthly club for children and young people 7-17 years of age, taking place at Kingston University. We have been running for over 12 years now and have over 100 children attending every month, joining a variety of coding activities. The first session is 10th October. See the website for more information.

