King Athelstan Weekly Digest
Issue 11 – Friday 27th November 2026

Dear Families,

It's the PCSA Christmas Pantomime and Fair TOMORROW! It's not too late to get your tickets! You can also buy them on the door. The show promises to be really entertaining and there are lots of other activities to do, too. We look forward to seeing you there. You can book tickets using this link.

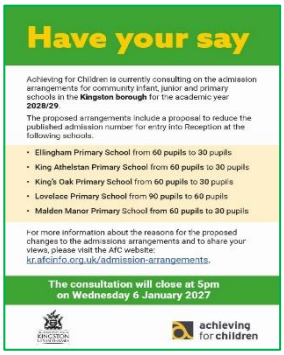
The attendance at last Friday's MHST coffee morning around managing children's behaviour was excellent and we have had really fantastic feedback – thank you to everyone who attended. We will look at running more of these in the future.

We had an excellent turnout this morning at the Parent/Carer Forum. We were also joined by two members of the management team from Stir, our school caterers. We had a very productive discussion, particularly around both school lunches and parking locally. We will share the discussion and any outcomes in the near future.

Next week, there are two key workshops for parent/carers:

- On **Wednesday 2 Dec** at 3.20pm there is a short presentation for Y4 parents/carers to talk about the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) which all Y4 children undertake in the summer term.
- On **Friday 4th December**, our school IT provider, eduthing, will be hosting a free IT workshop for all parents and carers, starting straight after morning drop off at **8.50am**. See below for details.

If you haven't yet responded to the AfC questionnaire about the proposed admission arrangements from September 2028, please take the time to do so.



We hope to see you all at the Fair tomorrow!

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Parent/Carer IT Workshop

On **Friday 4th December**, our school IT provider, eduthing, will be hosting a free IT workshop for all parents and carers, starting straight after morning drop off at **8.50am**. The workshop will cover:

- Keeping children safe online and understanding online risks
- Managing screen time
- Conversations around online use
- Practical tips – around parental and privacy controls



Keeping up with the latest apps, games, and online trends can feel overwhelming. This practical, jargon-free session is designed to give clear, straightforward advice on how to keep your child safe online—no technical knowledge is required.

Allergy Aware Reminder



Please be reminded that King Athelstan is a **no nuts and allergy aware school**. We have children and staff with severe, life-threatening nut allergies. Please ensure that all snacks, packed lunches, and food brought into school contain **no nuts or nut products** (including peanut butter and chocolate hazelnut spreads, such as Nutella). Thank you for helping us keep all of our children safe.

Y2 Multi-Skills Festival



Congratulations to the 9 children who took part in the Y2 Multi-skills festival at The Kingston Academy this week. The children participated in ten different games including speed bounce, running and balancing. All the children tried their hardest and represented the school really well. They received a certificate and a well-earned medal at the end of the event! Thank you to the volunteers who came along to support at the event.

Parliament Week

As part of Parliament Week, Y12 politics students from Kingston Grammar School came in and gave Y6 classes a presentation about how Parliament works and the importance of voting. They set up a debate about whether school should start and finish later, examining the pros and cons, and then asked the children to vote using a ballot box. The children found it very interesting, and they finished the session with a quiz about Parliamentary pets!

Riley Class Assembly



Riley Class Y6 wowed their families with a fabulous class assembly all about The Unexplained. There were ogres, creatures from the deep and even a snow machine to finish off! Well done, Riley class. The Unexplained is now explained.

Cassatt and Da Vinci classes are hosting their joint year group assembly next Wednesday – all Y3 families welcome.

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 – Echo & Lucca
Van Gogh Y1 – Sayesha
Hockney Y2 – Lachlan
Matisse Y2 – Khalil
Da Vinci Y3 – Ensa
Cassatt Y3 – Avery
Mehretu Y4 – Noah
Wiley Y4 – Alice
Dali Y5 – Muhammed
Warhol Y5 – Paola
Kahlo Y6 – Aida
Riley Y6 – Alia

KS1 PE – Jonah in Matisse Class Y2
KS2 PE – Holly-Mae in Warhol Class Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phoebe M Rubecca	Lachlan Jackson Amelya	Herberts Ruth	Jamie Afsa	Alice Emma	Roxani Oli Inaya

House Points

This week the winners are Red (Dawson) with 30 points. Yellow (Cambridge) and Blue (Hawks) are in joint second place on 24, and Green (Villiers) are just behind on 23.



Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz .

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY	
NOVEMBER	
Monday 30	Y5 trip to the Science Museum – returning to school 4pm
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 2	Cassatt & Da Vinci joint Assembly – Y3 families invited at 9am or 2.20pm
Wednesday 2	Y4 MTC presentation for parents/carers 3.20pm
Friday 4	Parent/Carer IT Workshop 8.50am
Wednesday 9	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating – go to ParentPay
Thursday 10	Wiley Class trip to synagogue
Friday 11	Kusama Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday 11	Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 14	Matisse Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 14	O'Keeffe Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 15	Thinker's Project Exhibitions 3.20-4pm and 5-6pm
Tuesday 15	Y4 to see Wind in the Willows at the Rose Theatre – details to follow
Wednesday 16	Van Gogh Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 16	Hockney Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 17	Mehretu Wiley Class trip to synagogue
Thursday 17	Nursery Christmas Singing & Crafts Klee AM 11-11.30am Klee PM 12.30-1pm
Friday 18	Christmas jumper Day. Christmas lunch & break up one hour early
JANUARY 2027	
Monday 4	Inset day - children not in school.
Friday 8	First Y5 swimming lesson at The Malden Centre – details to follow
FEBRUARY	
Mon 15-19	Half term
TBC	Iftar event – details to follow
MARCH	
Monday 1	Eggs/chicks arrive in Reception
Thursday 4	World Book Day
Tuesday 9	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm – details to follow
Thursday 11	Y3 trip to Festival Hall – details nearer the time
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Tuesday 16	Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm – details to follow
Thursday 18	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm– details to follow
Friday 19	Reception trip to the Wetlands Centre – details to folloe
Tuesday 23	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Monday 22	Y5 Bikeability course starts
Thursday 26	Last day of spring term. School finishes one hour earlier
APRIL	
26 March – 9 April	Easter holidays
Wednesday 14	Y4 Thames Young Mariners trip – details to follow
Friday 23	TCS London Mini Marathon – details to follow
MAY	

Friday 21	Outdoor Learning Day
Monday 24	Y6 Bikeability course starts
Mon 31- Fri 4 June	Half-term
JUNE	
Wednesday 9 June	Sports Day for EYFS
Thursday 10	Sports Day for Y1-6
Wednesday 16 June	Back up Sports Day for EYFS
Thursday 17	Back up Sports Day for Y1-6
Tuesday 22	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Review Meetings in person
Thursday 24	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Review Meetings in person
Fri 25-Mon 28	Y6 PGL Residential weekend – go to ParentPay
Tuesday 29	Rest day for Y6 on PGL
JULY	
Friday 2	Inset day - children not in school. No clubs
Wednesday 7	International Day
Friday 9	EYFS Beach Day
Wednesday 14	Y6 Production 2pm
Thursday 15	Y6 Production 7pm
Friday 16	Y4 Ukulele concert 2.30pm
Tuesday 20	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Wednesday 21	Y6 Leavers' Tea & Assembly
Friday 23	Break up one hour earlier

Christmas Lunch



On the last day of this term, **Friday 18th December,** there will be a Christmas lunch which should be booked on ParentPay in the usual way. The menu has been changed slightly, so please see the amended options on the Stir poster here. Please note, there will be no jacket potatoes on this day. Children may wear a festive jumper to school with their uniform, and Santa hats/reindeer ears are welcome! Please remember school will finish one hour earlier than usual on this day.



Chess Club



Our Chess Club recently took part in an exciting competition, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Max in Riley class for achieving 1st place and to AJ in Kahlo class for coming 2nd — a fantastic achievement for both of them! Julian, our Chess Club instructor, is very proud of all the children who took part in the competition.

Clubs for Spring Term

Please see below a list of dates regarding Extra-Curricular Clubs for next term:

Clubs letter emailed to families: Thursday 3rd December

Google booking form opens: Sunday 6th December at 10:00am

Google form closes: Tuesday 8th December at 7:00am

Confirmation of places: By Friday 11th December by 4:00pm

Payment due: Monday 14th December at 10:00am



Clubs will start in the week beginning Monday 11th January 2027, and will finish in the week beginning Monday 15th March, giving a total of 9 weeks.

Stir Catering

Here are some recent photos of our school lunches provided by Stir catering:

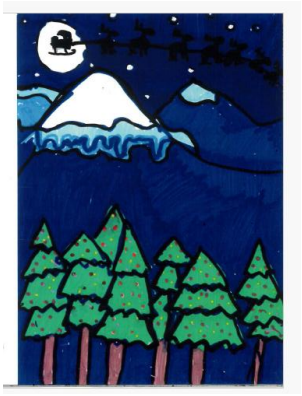






PCSA

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 are some of the upcoming events:



Christmas Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' and Festive Fair – We hope you can come to join us for the panto and the Fair from 12-4pm tomorrow.

Christmas card – the winner of our school Christmas card competition is Ava from Wiley Class, Y4. Her wonderful design (right) is being used as the school's official Christmas card this year, so will be seen by many across the borough. Well done, Ava! The two highly commended runners up are Anna in Warhol Class (Y5) and Theo in Kusama Class (Reception) who also received a prize.

Tesco Blue Tokens – PCSA are very excited to have a Tesco fruit and veg grants blue token box for voting in some Tesco stores until the **10th January!** If you have time please pop to one of the stores below and vote for the King Athelstan 'Grow, Eat, Thrive' programme. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. Here are the stores that you can currently vote in:

Hook Express KT9 1EL
Tolworth Express KT6 7DQ
Chessington Express KT9 1SG
New Malden High Street Express KT3 4DQ
Norbiton Express KT1 3RT
Kingston Thames Express KT2 5EB
Surbiton Express KT6 5AR
Worcester Park Express KT4 7NW



PCSA

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are now taking bookings for their Merry & Magical Christmas holidays 21st-23rd December and Blast Off into Space for February Half Term 15th-19th February. Prices start from just £31.50 per child (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; extended days available 8.15am-6.00pm). See here for more information. Bookings for free places via HAF Holiday Activities for children who receive Targeted Free School Meals opens on Wednesday 2nd December at 9am. We strongly advise that you register as soon as possible by clicking the link https://eequ.org/koosakids as places are limited. HAF booking codes are no longer needed. If you require any help with your booking, please call our friendly customer service team on 01276 21884.



Volunteer Gardener

If anyone has a couple of hours spare and would like to help with a little gardening, we would be very grateful. It would involve weed and tidying up the spaces at the front of the school. Contact the school office if you think you can help. Thank you.



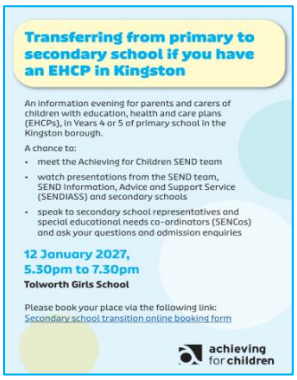
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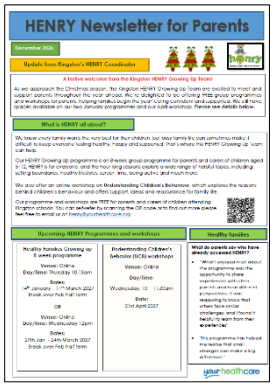
In this section of the Digest we include information received from other agencies. We are not promoting these items, but include them in good faith as they may be of interest to King Athelstan families:



Easyfundraising – don't forget you can raise money for the school whilst doing your personal shopping! Please scan the QR code to sign up and select King Athelstan. Thank you.

Transfer to secondary for children with an EHCP – AfC have an information evening for families of children currently in Y4 or Y5 who have an EHCP. This will be at Tolworth Girls' School on 12th January at 5.30pm. Book a place here.





Henry Newsletter - The Kingston School Health Team deliver the HENRY Healthy Families: Growing up programme (an 8 week online programme for the parents/carers of children aged 5-12. The Health Visiting Team also offer a programme for parents of 0-5's). The team can advise which programme would be the best for their family. If parents aren't sure if the programme is for them, they can come along for a taster session to check it out.

Safeguarding Details

Click here to find out about the school DSLS: Designated Safeguarding Leads at King Athelstan

