



Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope 2026 has started well for you all, despite the very cold weather. We also hope you had a fantastic break and that those celebrating Christmas enjoyed the festivities. Thank you, once again, on behalf of the whole staff team, for the kind cards, messages and gifts received at the end of term.

It was lovely seeing the children coming in on Tuesday, happily greeting their friends and teachers. It has been good hearing about their holiday adventures!



A very small snowman made by children in the playground this week!

This week, Year 5 started their swimming lessons at the Malden Centre. These lessons run throughout this term.

In this cold weather, please make sure children have appropriate layers of clothing. Whilst we only formally state short-sleeved white polo shirts in our uniform information, it is fine for them to wear plain white long-sleeved polo shirts in the winter months. These can be purchased in many high street shops/supermarkets, as well as online.

Children are looking really smart in their uniform/PE uniform at the moment. Thank you for supporting us with this. It really does make a significant difference to each child's sense of belonging. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, school will contact you to remind you of the expectations and offer support. The PCSA has many items of pre-loved uniform available and you can request this at any time. They will hold a sale on the first Friday of each month – a smaller version of the sale that took place after school today.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Starting Reception 2026

Please remember that the closing date for applications to start Reception in September 2026 for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 is next **Thursday 15th January**. Applications must be made using [eAdmissions](#). National Offer Day is on **Thursday 16 April 2026**. You will receive your outcome via email which the eAdmissions system sends in batches after 5 pm. If you applied online, you can also log in to your eAdmissions account after 5pm on this day to view your outcome and submit your response. **If your child is currently in our school Nursery and due to start Reception in September 2026, you must still complete an application as it is a separate process.**



Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is open **7.45 to 8.45** 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, toast, fruit and juice and undertake a mixture of fun and educational activities. The charge is currently **£6.50 per day**. Breakfast Club is run by King Athelstan staff, and there is space for a maximum of 24 children Monday – Thursday, and 16 on a Friday. A registration form must be completed by a Parent/Carer before the child can attend their first Breakfast Club. The form to register 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.**

Y6 PGL Trip

Y6 families please be aware that the next instalment of £70 is due by 23rd January 2026 for the Y6 PGL residential trip in June. Please pay on ParentPay as usual. Thank you.

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids After School Club is open Monday-Friday from school finish until 6pm. During January and February children can look forward to taking part in games and activities based around our **Epic Explorers** theme. Find out more about special dates in the diaries and things to look forward to on our [website](#).

Book single or multiple sessions for this half-term as needed (subject to availability). Book after school club sessions by 6pm the working day before. If you require after school childcare for the same days on a regular basis, we may be able to offer you a Permanent Places Agreement, guaranteeing your sessions on a rolling basis. Visit www.koosakids.co.uk or call 01276 21884 for more information or to book now.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY 2026	
Monday 12	Clubs start this week
Wednesday 14	Kingston Music piano & guitar lessons start
Friday 30	Y5 Cake Sale 3.15pm
FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 4	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 11	Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Friday 13	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop - go to ParentPay
Mon 16-Fri 20	Half term
Tuesday 24	Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm- details to follow
Thursday 26	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm - details to follow
Friday 27	Y4 Cake Sale 3.15pm
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday 4	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 5	World Book Day - details to follow
Tuesday 10	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm- details to follow
Wednesday 11	O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 12	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm- details to follow
Monday 16	Clubs end this week
Tuesday 17	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum - details to follow
Wednesday 18	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 19	Y5 visit to St John's Church - details to follow
Friday 20	Crazy Hair Day - PCSA Fundraiser £1 donation
Tuesday 24	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Wednesday 25	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 26	Reception trip to the Wetlands - details to follow
Thursday 26	KS2 Spring Showcase - details to follow
Friday 27	Y3 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Friday 27	Break up for Easter one hour earlier
APRIL 2026	
30 March - 10 April	Easter Holidays
Wednesday 15	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 15	Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 24	Y2 Cake Sale 3.15pm

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Amelya	Van Gogh Y1 - Rico
Hockney Y2 - Hector	Matisse Y2 - Ruth
Cassatt Y3 - Sefa	Da Vinci - George
Mehretu Y4 - Rowan	Wiley Y4 - Souhila
Dali Y5 - Toby	Warhol Y5 - Julian
Kahlo Y6 - Augustyn	Riley - Max F

KS1 PE Emma in Matisse Class Y2

KS2 PE Evie in Riley Class Y6

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isabelle	Teddy & Aicha	Ayaan	Sharav	Yeva	Ivy
Vasyl	Gregory, Ruth & Brenden	Ben	Stanley	Ana	Abdulrahman

House Points

The first winners for 2026 are **Yellow (Cambridge)**. **Blue (Hawks)** are second with 32 points. **Red (Dawson)** have 29 points in 3rd place and **Green (Villiers)** are 4th this week.



PCSA

The Parent, Carer, School Association (PCSA) can be contacted on: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com. Check out the PCSA noticeboard on the right inside the front gate 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.



The PCSA held a second-hand uniform sale in the hall today after school, and many families managed to stock up on good quality, clean uniform items. PLEASE put your child's name in all items they wear or bring in to school. Remember to do this for water bottles, coats, gloves and hats as well as clothes. The PCSA has an arrangement with Stikins name labels, where our school earns a commission on every sale if you use the code 11019. Stikins labels are very easy to use and save time labelling items!



On **Saturday 7th February** there is a fundraising Gig Night (adults only) at the Fighting Cocks venue in Kingston from 7.30pm, where our very own music teacher, Mr Thomas, will be performing, alongside other Bands. Tickets are £8 in advance - click on the QR code on the left here to buy.



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:

Parenting Courses - Achieving for Children have several workshops available free of charge to parents/carers in the borough.

For any further information about these or other available events, please contact Karen Williams on:

karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Parenting Workshops
Tolworth Children's Centre
School Lane, Tolworth, KT6 7QJ

Every parent finds parenting tough at times. Take some time out to meet other parents, share experiences and pick up some tips that may make life a little easier. We will be running three workshops aimed at parents with children up to ten. Covering different topics, please sign up for any sessions you are interested in. Topics covered:

Parenting Styles, Expectations and how to improve positive behaviour - Using praise and thinking about the impact of criticism, using reward charts for encouraging new behaviours
Wednesday 14th January 9:30-11:30

Communication and looking after yourself - Listening and spending time with your child, giving attention, managing feelings and thinking about empathy
Wednesday 25th January 9:30-11:30

Strategies to manage difficult behaviour - Boundaries, Using Ignoring, Time Out, Choices and Consequences, Family rules, reward systems for managing a misbehaviour, giving clear instructions and logical consequences
Wednesday 25th January 9:30-11:30

Booking Link and QR code:
<https://www.achievingforchildren.org.uk>
T: 0771 14306

Contact: 020 8329 9448 / 0771 9743486
karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk

The Parenting Puzzle

The 'Nurturing' programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier family life. Suitable for parents and carers of children up to 11 years of age.

The course will help provide adults and children with the understanding, skills and ability to lead emotionally healthy lives, build resilience, empathy, self-esteem and support positive relationships.

Over 10 weeks you will look at different topics including:

- understanding why children behave as they do
- recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- exploring different approaches to discipline

Where: Old Malden Family Hub, 100 Lawrence Ave, New Malden, KT3 5NB
The group starts on Thursday 15th January and runs from 10am to 12.00pm (term time only)

Kingston courses: Contact Karen Williams
E: karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk
T: 0771 14306

Richmond courses: Contact Tom Maylay
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National Autistic Society (NAS) Teen Life programme

Teen Life is a NAS (National Autistic Society) programme for parents and carers of children aged 10 to 16 years with a diagnosis of autism. The programme will run for six consecutive weeks and sessions are 2.5 hours.

Session topics are:

- Session 1: Understanding autism
- Session 2: Understanding autistic identity
- Session 3: Stress and anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Session 4: Health and wellbeing
- Session 5: Puberty
- Session 6: Education and transition to adulthood

Starting Thursday 12th February 2026
9.45am to 12.15pm (term time only)
Moor Lane Centre, Moor Lane, Chessington, KT9 2AA - Kingston borough

For more information and to enquire about availability, please contact the Parenting Team
Email: parentingteam@achievingforchildren.org.uk or Phone: Karen Williams for Kingston 0771 9743486
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Special Educational Needs and Disability Register - All local authorities have a register of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) in their area. [Register online](#) here.

The register is an opportunity for the local authority to hear from children, young people, parents and carers. This information is used to plan and develop better services. Everyone on the register will benefit from:

- Information about support, services, activities and events
- Information aimed at young people with disabilities
- Opportunities to have your say about the services that are important to you
- The knowledge that your anonymous statistical data is helping to plan and improve services

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Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Register

There's a new way to sign up for our special educational needs and disability (SEND) register!

Join the register by:

- visiting the SEND information on support
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Visit this page of the SEND information on support

Already have an Achieving for Children (AFC) account? Log in to your account

Accessibility and language: The register is available in English, Urdu, Bengali, Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi, and Sylheti

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If you live in either Kingston or Richmond, anyone whose family includes a child or young person whose has a special educational need or disability can register. This would include:

- Pre-school children whose learning and development is significantly delayed.
- Preschool children who have been identified as needing extra support
- School age children who are receiving support for a special educational need at their school. Children may be on the SEN Support register in their school.
- Children who have an Education Health and Care plan issued by either Kingston or Richmond (through Achieving for Children).

Children's play space in Canbury Gardens - As part of investment in green spaces, the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames is planning a dedicated, all-abilities play space for children, by the existing playground and



near the tennis courts in Canbury Gardens. Following community engagement earlier in the year, the design concepts have been revised to reflect what matters most. Community feedback at this stage is crucial as it will help to ensure the final design meets the needs of the children and families who will use the space. Visit the [Let's Talk website to view the revised designs and leave your comments](#) up until **Tuesday 13 January 2026**.

Girls Cricket - Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club are giving girls free membership this season. Training starts on **Sunday 18th January** at Tiffin Girls' School from 8:30am -10:30am.

Get in the game! Junior Girls Cricket at Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club

Calling all girls aged 10-16 who are interested in playing cricket. We have a friendly and welcoming club that offers free and fun for all abilities. We're looking for more experienced players. It's time to show your skills in a friendly and fun environment. Join us!

What we offer:

- Free and regular coaching. Qualified coaches provide a supportive environment for learning and improving. Mentors for support and advice.
- Training sessions. The club has a dedicated age group, from 10-16 years old (for 10-16 years old) and 17-19 years old (for 17-19 years old).
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