



Dear Families,

We've had another great week at school! Despite the very rainy weather, the children have been busy learning, playing, and making the most of each day.



Over the Christmas break our school hall was re-painted and we've all been admiring its smart new look! Thank you to the PCSA for funding this project.



Inclusion assemblies have returned this term. Last week, we marked World Braille Day by telling the story of how Louis Braille developed his system for reading without seeing. This week marked World Religion Day, focussing on the similarities between the main world religions. There was a common thread of kindness and treating others how you would like to be treated. We linked this to our school rule 'we are kind' and talked about having the right to experience kindness and the responsibility to be kind.

With all the coats, jumpers, and spare clothes in use at the moment, please remember to clearly label **all items** with your child's name. This really helps us return belongings quickly and avoids items being lost.

Please remember, we encourage children from Y3-Y6 to bring a piece of fruit for morning break - a banana or apple are ideal.

Thank you for your continued support — we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Alice Govan

Assistant Headteacher



## Villiers Road Roadworks

As most of you will have seen, there are currently roadworks with temporary traffic lights on Villiers Road near the Co-Op. These roadworks will gradually be moving down to Hawks Road, right in front of the school, and are planned to take place until April 2026. We are waiting to hear about any temporary crossings near the school, and will keep you informed. There will inevitably be congestion causing delay - please factor this in to your drop offs and pick ups and try not to drive, if possible. Thank you.

## Kingston Music Service

Kingston Music Service (KMS) offers a range of music activities in school and at four music centres across the borough. KMS is a Local Authority service and provides individual instrumental and vocal tuition in primary and secondary schools across the borough.

Provision varies according to arrangements with each school so [see our music lessons in schools page](#) to find out what's on offer. There are music centres in Coombe, Kingston, Tolworth and Hook. These operate after school and on Saturday mornings, with some adult tuition available. These venues offer a wide range of activities including individual and small group **lessons**; theory and **ensemble** activities including bands and orchestras. At King Athelstan, we currently have children from Y3-Y6 taking piano and guitar lessons in school with KMS tutors. See [the website](#) for more information, how to book and prices.



## Supermarket Food Vouchers

Supermarket vouchers will be emailed out as usual to families of children entitled to free school meals (not the universal free school meals funded by the Mayor of London) for February half-term. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please go to the [website here](#) for more information and to apply.



## Nursery Cooking!



The children in Little Klee AM (Nursery) were busy this week. They made jam sandwiches, practising their fine motor skills and instruction following. They concentrated really hard, and looked great as well!



## Amazon Wish List

The Wish List is back! This was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. The list has recently been updated with lots of new items. 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: [King Athelstan Wish List](#). Thank you.



## KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating a February Half Term Holiday Club at King Athelstan from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February. The exciting, action-packed activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of exciting games, art & crafts, science and active challenges that bring our Under the Sea theme to life with a Fancy Dress Parade on Friday 20th! Bookings are now open: <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club> or call 01276 21884 for more information or to book.



## House Points

This week, **Green House (Villiers)** won with 37 points. **Yellow (Cambridge)** are second with 34, **Blue (Hawks)** are third with 33 points. **Red (Dawson)** have 25.



## Term Dates for 2026-2027

There will be two INSET days at the start of the 2026-27 academic year, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September, and so children will return to school on **Monday 7th September 2026**. Other INSET Days in the next academic year will be: Wednesday 7th October 2026, Monday 4th January 2027 and Friday 2nd July 2027.

2026-27 Term	Date from	Date to
Autumn Term 1 2026	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b>	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b>
Autumn Term 2 2026	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027</b>
Spring Term 1 2027	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027</b>
Spring Term 2 2027	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b>
Summer Term 1 2027	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2027</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2027</b>
Summer Term 2 2027	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2027

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### JANUARY 2026

**Friday 30** Y5 Cake Sale 3.15pm

### FEBRUARY 2026

**Wednesday 4** Matisse Class Assembly 9am

**Wednesday 11** Wiley Class Assembly 9am

**Thursday 12** Y6 Junior Citizen - details to follow

**Friday 13** Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop - go to ParentPay

**Mon 16-Fri 20** Half term - children not in school

**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

Van Gogh Y1 - Ari

O'Keeffe Y1 - Dominic & Youcef

Hockney Y2 - Olivia

Matisse Y2 - Cece

Cassatt Y3 - Louis

Da Vinci - Harry & Jamie

Mehretu Y4 - Aya

Wiley Y4 - Oscar

Dali Y5 - Ari & Amelie

Warhol Y5 - Alex

Kahlo Y6 - Ben

Riley - Max P

KS1 PE Adam in Matisse Class Y2

KS2 PE Ali in Mehretu Class Y4

Alex in Kahlo Y6 played the piano for KS2 assembly

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelya & Dominic	Teddy & Aicha	Zoe	Su	Leyah	Kaysha
Logan	Ruth	Paula	Alice	Sahib	Milena

## PCSA



The Parent, Carer, School Association (PCSA) can be contacted on: [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com). Check out the PCSA noticeboard at the front of the school - it has a list of all the upcoming events as well as fundraising ideas.

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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:

**Fairfield Litter Pick** - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2-3pm. Please do join in this weekend if you can, and be sure to keep Saturday 7 March in your diary for the next event too. As ever, there will be some litter pickers to borrow, plus sweet treats for litter heroes, but if you have your own pick, hoop or gloves, please do bring them along. Thank you.



**Surbiton Hockey Club** - Surbiton Hockey Club is offering FREE after-school hockey sessions for local school children in Years 3-6. Please see the flyer with details of the free sessions, which start on 15<sup>th</sup> January and run every Thursday from 3:30-4:30pm at Surbiton Hockey Club, Sugden Road.

**Free Classes for Parent/Carers** - Physical well-being is a precursor to good mental health, resilience and wellbeing. Yoga exercise and mindfulness, as well as Pilates exercise provide a beneficial release from stress enabling you to manage better with resilience, calm and ease. See the posters here for more details.

