



Dear Families,

We are already half way through this very short term and it's fantastic to see how hard the children are working. When you walk around the school during the day, you see children of all ages absorbed in their learning, whether it is in their classrooms, or in one of the shared learning spaces like the art room or music room or outside. They show resilience and persevere with the greatest challenges and are often observed to be supporting each other or working as a team. One regular part of my job is to show new families around the school and I always feel really proud of the excellent learning behaviour we see on these tours, as well as the children's confident interactions with our visitors. Well done everyone.

Thank you for all your positive feedback about our proposed Iftar event. It was great to read such encouraging responses. Look out for more information in the coming weeks.



Congratulations and thank you to the King Athelstan Swimming team who represented our school so brilliantly at the Swimming Gala this week. The children came back to school proudly wearing their medals having competed against other Kingston Schools. Thanks, as usual, to Mr McLaughlin for organising this opportunity.

This week in our inclusion assembly, Miss Govan marked Martin Luther King Day. Do check in with the children in Years 1-6 to see what they remember.

Please remember that children are not allowed to wear smartwatches, which have the capacity to access the internet and make recordings, in school. We will take any smartwatches into safekeeping and return them to adults at the end of the day. Please leave them at home.

Just a reminder to feel free to email us on our main admin email address admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org with any of your child's out of school achievements. We love to celebrate these in the digest. Send in a photo with a brief explanation and we can include it in our next edition. Dance/music examination results, success in competitions, sporting achievements, charity fund raising efforts or anything similar is welcome.

Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Y6 Swimming Gala

Congratulations to the Y6 swimming team who took part in a swimming gala this week with other Kingston schools. They reached the final in five races and came third in the squadron race! Well done Rosa, Freya, Nancy, Ivy, Max P, Ziyad, Harrison and Ben. An extra shout out goes to Max who also got a bronze medal in the final of the boys' front crawl. You all made Mr McLaughlin very proud.



Amazon Wish List

The Wish List was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. We frequently add new items, and this week, have added new house point collection jars and milk jugs for Breakfast Club. Thank you to those families who have already made some purchases. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: [King Athelstan Wish List](#).



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th February is Safer Internet Day. Eduthing, our IT advisor, in partnership with ScreenSafe, is offering a free online webinar for parents and carers on Safer Internet Day from 7-8pm. The webinar will cover artificial intelligence and how to support children with this, top tips and tricks for families, apps and features to be aware of and a chance for an



interactive question and answer session. To register [click here](#) and the joining link will be sent to you.



London Mini Marathon & Parkrun

Families of Years 5 and 6 received a letter this week about the chance for children in Y5 and Y6 to apply to represent Kingston in a new race for U12s at the London Mini Marathon, in association with parkrun. When registering, you will need to input your best time from a 2k junior parkrun for U12s. The 2k junior parkruns are on Sundays



at 9am, and the closest junior parkrun events are at Alexandra Recreation Ground in Surbiton, Bushy Park in Teddington, and Latchmere Recreation Ground. For more



information, see [parkrun](#). Complete the [Kingston Mini Marathon online application form](#) before **5pm on Sunday 29 March 2026**. The U12 four fastest males and four fastest females will be chosen to represent Kingston. Qualifying athletes will be contacted by email soon after the entry deadline. As in previous years King Athelstan will have some places available for children from Reception up to Y6 as well - more information and the application form will follow once we have received details.

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are here for a February Half Term Holiday Club from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February. Bookings are now open: <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club> or call 01276 21884 for more information or to book.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Alia O'Keeffe Y1 - Vasyl

Hockney Y2 - Penelope Matisse Y2 - Louis

Cassatt Y3 - Elif Da Vinci - Mila

Mehretu Y4 - Aythan Wiley Y4 - Parsa

Dali Y5 - Katarina Warhol Y5 - Zayd

Kahlo Y6 - Zofie Riley - Alessandro

KS1 PE William in O'Keeffe Class Y1 KS2 PE Max P in Riley Class Y6

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 |
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| Aadarsh | Ellie & Dario | Flo | Stan | Eloise | Karin |
| Isabelle | Brenden & Ruth | Paula | Alice | Alae Nor | Rowen |

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House Points

This week, the results couldn't be closer! **Yellow (Cambridge)** and **Green House (Villiers)** are joint winners with 29 points. In second place with 28 points is **Red (Dawson)**, and **Blue (Hawks)** have 26 points.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

| JANUARY 2026 | |
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| Friday 30 | Y5 Cake Sale 3.15pm |
| FEBRUARY 2026 | |
| Wednesday 4 | Matisse Class Assembly 9am |
| Wednesday 4 | Community Iftar event - details to follow |
| Wednesday 11 | Wiley Class Assembly 9am |
| Thursday 12 | Y6 Junior Citizen - go to ParentPay |
| Friday 13 | Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop - go to ParentPay |
| Mon 16-Fri 20 | Half term - children not in school |
| Monday 23 | Parent/Carer Books Looks for those with online bookings 3.25-3.55pm |
| 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 | Y5 & Y6 Kingston cinema trip - 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 |
| Monday 16 | Y5 Greek Day |
| 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 - Google form for volunteers |
| Friday 20 | Comic Relief Crazy Hair Day - PCSA Fundraiser £1 donation |
| Tuesday 24 | Y6 trip to Kew Gardens - details to follow |
| Tuesday 24 | Y1 Kingston cinema trip - details to follow |
| 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 |

Nursery Cooking

Our Little Klee chefs have been busy baking again! This week, it's fairy cakes...



Lost Property



Another plea to families to put children's names in all items they bring into school. This is a picture from the lost property box this week, with several winter coats without names so we cannot return them to their owners. The box is located just inside the gates of the KS1 playground so you can check it at pick up time. Anything which has a name in it will be returned to the child's class, so please write names in over the weekend.

PCSA

On **Saturday 7th February** the PCSA have 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.



The Parent, Carer, School Association (PCSA) can be contacted on:

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.



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:

Chelsea Women Under 18's - Chelsea Women Under 18's football team will be taking on Manchester United in the Women's Professional Game Academy U21 League on **Wednesday 4th February**. These games in the past have featured Lionesses and it's a great opportunity to get an early glimpse at some of the future stars in the women's game. **Free** tickets are available for this match at the Kingsmeadow Stadium in Kingston. Click on the link here to order tickets:
<https://www.chelseafc.com/en/news/article/new-offer-free-tickets-available-to-watch-chelsea-women-academy-match?previewEntryId=5PS5X1UUNJu7m8XNFSyFIZ>



Kids' Roller Skating - a parent has suggested this activity, which may be of interest to families.