



Dear Families,



An update on the progress towards including halal options on our school menu: we now have the draft new menu which starts after Easter. Wilson Jones have included a weekly halal option which will run on a trial basis for the duration of the menu cycle (until October 2026). We will gather feedback next term. We are also looking at introducing some variation on the third-choice option which is currently jacket potatoes every day.

Today we put **all** the lost property out in the playground - there were hundreds of items without names, including coats and shoes. PLEASE name everything that your child brings to school, including gloves and lunch containers. If it is named, we can reunite items with your children quickly. Thank you.

This week we met with the project managers responsible for the electrical supply upgrade work currently causing the roadworks further up Villiers Rd. The works will be coming past King Athelstan in the coming weeks. The meeting was very positive and the team assured us that they would put in a crossing to support families coming to school. There will be significant disruption to parking with suspension in place along Villiers Rd outside the school for the duration of the work. Please start to think about alternative parking options, or consider walking/cycling to school. We will send out more information when we have it.

Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

WhatsApp Groups

We understand that WhatsApp groups are helpful when created by parents/carers to share information and provide support, however they are not an appropriate forum for addressing concerns relating to the school. We kindly ask that all parents/carers ensure communication in any school-related messaging groups remains respectful and appropriate at all times. If you have any concerns whatsoever about school matters relating to your own child or about members of staff, we request that you raise these directly with the school so they can be addressed in a constructive and supportive manner. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping us maintain a respectful and positive school community.



SEND Parent/Carer Consultations

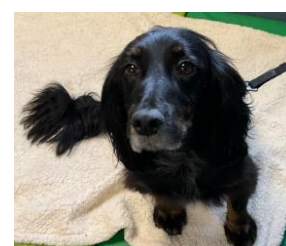
Booking for the SEND Parent/Carer Review meetings is now open, and a letter was sent to all families on Tuesday. Bookings will close at 9am on Tuesday 10th March. The SEND meetings are in person and 20 minutes long. Unless we have spoken individually, meetings will take place on:

- Tuesday 10th March 3.30-5.30pm – **All classes except Van Gogh**
- Wednesday 11th March 3.30-5.30pm – **Van Gogh Class only**
- Thursday 12th March 3.30-5.30pm – **All classes**

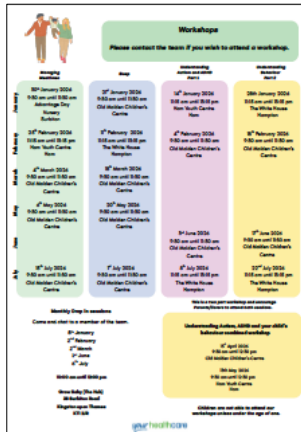
Please book your meeting here: <https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

New PAT Dog

This week we welcomed our new PAT (Pets As Therapy) dog Gin, who came in with her adult to meet some children. Find out more about the charity Pets as Therapy [here](#). PAT Dogs love meeting new people and relish being touched and stroked. Volunteers and their pet dogs come into schools to support children. Gin will come in once a week to meet small groups of children and share story time in a Nurture setting.



SEND Support Team



The Kingston SEND Support Team has asked us to share these details offering help and advice to families of children with SEND, or those who are on a pathway to diagnosis. You can contact them here: sendsupport@yourhealthcare.org
You can scan the QR code below for more information:



Inappropriate Games

It has been brought to the school's attention that some children have been playing an inappropriate game with scary/supernatural themes while in school. Please be assured that this has been dealt with. Whenever we become aware of this sort of thing happening, we deal with it immediately. Please be aware that it sometimes takes a couple of days for it to stop completely, however, it is helpful for you to let us know if you realise that a problem persists beyond that. A lot of viral games come from online access particularly YouTube and social media. Please continue to monitor carefully your child's online access. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Primary Maths Challenge

Four of our Year 6 children took the primary maths challenge before Christmas with the following results: Eshaal reached gold with an amazing 20 points, Adam and Max P reached bronze and Alex was commended. They are all now working towards the Junior Maths Challenge. The event was held at Kingston Grammar School, who said the children did really well - it really is quite a challenge!



Y4 Mehretu Class Art



Mrs Barr, Art teacher, is incredibly proud of the art work the children produce and wanted to show Mehretu Class' fabulous ancient Egyptian masks which they worked on last term. The children really enjoyed working on these, and they look amazing!

Amazon Wish List



The Wish List was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. We frequently add new items that we need in school. We received a much-needed milk jug for breakfast Club today - thank you! There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: [King Athelstan Wish List](#).



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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 4	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
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 - Bookings open
Thursday 26	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm - Bookings open
Friday 27	Y4 Cake Sale 3.15pm
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday 4	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 4	Community Iftar event - details to follow
Thursday 5	World Book Day - details to follow
Tuesday 10	Y5 & Y6 Kingston cinema trip - Go to ParentPay to volunteer
Tuesday 10	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm - Bookings open
Wednesday 11	O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 12	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm - Bookings open
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 open
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 - Go to ParentPay to volunteer
Tuesday 24	Thinker's Project Exhibition - deadline for entries 16.3.26
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

School Uniform

Please remember that children should wear black, white or grey socks/tights every day, and not brightly coloured or patterned ones. These are only permitted on Odd Socks days for charity. Thank you.

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.



House Points

This week **Yellow (Cambridge)** are the winners with an amazing 37 points. **Red (Dawson)**, and **Blue (Hawks)** are in joint second place with 29, and **Green House Villiers** just behind on 28.





Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Kairo

O'Keeffe Y1 - Nevaeh Jade

Hockney Y2 - Sonny

Matisse Y2 - Chrystal

Cassatt Y3 - Talia

Da Vinci - Louis

Mehretu Y4 - Poppy

Wiley Y4 - Sofia

Dali Y5 - Aicha

Warhol Y5 - Rosa

Kahlo Y6 - Eliza

Riley - Tala

KS1 PE Alia in Van Gogh Class Y1

KS2 PE Archie in Mehretu Class Y4

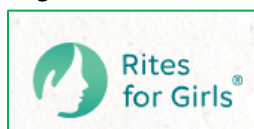
Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Logan	Herberts, Lily & Ellie	Anisa	Stan	Inaya	Karin
Youcef	Gregory & Ruth	Mila	Sirine	Hatice	Milena

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:

Girls Journeying Together - Helping Your Daughter Thrive in Secondary School. Is your daughter preparing for secondary school? This exciting transition can bring doubts about confidence and navigating new friendships. '[Girls Journeying Together](#)' (for ages 10-12 / Year 6 and 7) offers a supportive space to build inner strength, resilience, and genuine connection, helping them feel ready and empowered for this next chapter. We meet monthly for a year and girls make friends for life! Discover more at our **FREE Taster Session on March 21st 2026** in Kingston upon Thames. There are fully funded places available thanks to the Community Fund. For more information and to book your place, [click here](#).



Home Start - there are vacancies at Home-Start Richmond, Kingston and Hounslow which may be of interest. They are live on the website here: <https://homestart-rkh.org.uk/about-us/#vacancies>

- Finance Office
- Community & Events Coordinator
- Fundraising Volunteer

