



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 2 - Friday 18th September 2026



Dear Families,

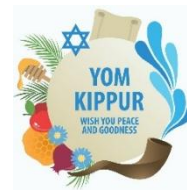
It has been lovely seeing the children gaining confidence in their new classes this week, and particularly nice seeing the Year 1 children enjoying subject specialist teacher lessons in art and music, and for Y3 starting to learn French (see below). Well done to everyone in EYFS - you are being so grown up coming through the gate in the morning and you look so smart in your uniforms. Well done also to everyone for welcoming new families across the school - your kindness helps your new friends to settle quickly.

Just a reminder that our school website is a really good source of information, including safety advice for electronic devices, how to support handwriting and reading, and the maths Key Instant Recall of Facts for each year group. Do take a look: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/curriculum/?/>

We have been advised that some of our school emails are being directed into 'junk' or 'spam' folders. As we send school communications via email, please check these folders on your devices. Thank you.

Please remember to drive and park really carefully, especially important with the current roadworks nearby. Thank you.

"G'mar chatima tovah" to those families observing Yom Kippur this weekend.



Emily Newton
Headteacher

EYFS Open Evening

We are holding an Early Years Open Event on **Thursday 22nd October**, for anyone looking for a Nursery or Reception place in 2027. Come along at 4.30pm to see the whole provision and meet the Early Years Team. We are also running some short school tours, which last an hour:

- Wednesday 11th November at 4.00pm
- Wednesday 18th November at 4.00pm
- Wednesday 9th December at 9.15am
- Thursday 7th January at 4.00pm

If you would like to book to attend any of the above events, please do so [here](#). Please let any other families who may be interested know about these dates, too. Thank you.

Clubs for Autumn Term

The application form for clubs has now closed and places will be confirmed by Friday 18th September. Please check your ParentPay account. For Pupil Premium places only, you will receive an email confirmation as there is no payment due. All clubs will start in the week beginning **28th September**. We aim to offer at least one before- or after-school club to every child who applies. Each PP-eligible child is entitled to one free club per term. Clubs for Reception will start in January.

- Places confirmed by: By Friday 18th September at 4:00pm
- Payment due: Wednesday 23rd September at 10:00am
- Clubs start: week commencing 28th September



Applying for a place at Secondary School

For families of children currently in Year 6, please refer to the email sent on 15th September, which contained the RBK Transfer to Secondary School presentation. The Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools guide is available here: [AFC website](#). The deadline for submitting an application for September 2027 entry is 31st October 2026. To apply, please visit the eAdmissions website: [eAdmissions Website](#)

French at King Athelstan



Our French teacher, Madame Bailey, writes: "Bonjour! Year 3 have had an exciting start to the term and have begun to learn French! From Year 3 onwards, each class has one hour of French learning every fortnight. We focus on a wide range of topics through Key Stage 2, from sports and pets to French artists and



cafe culture. For their first immersion into the language we discussed what we already know about the language (more than we thought!) and used the phrase "Je m'appelle...." to introduce ourselves. We are all looking forward to our topic called "All About Me" and learning to describe how we are feeling, say our age, count and learn some classroom instructions over the next term."

New Caterers - Stir

Stir Food is delighted to be the chosen caterer providing lunchtime meals to the children at King Athelstan Primary School from September 2026. They provide delicious, home-cooked food. We have had some positive messages about the food so far, but Stir wanted to explain why they serve jacket potatoes in halves. Stir says:



"As a company, we buy larger jacket potatoes and cut them in half. This portion is similar in size to what you'd get from a small whole jacket potato, but it's much easier for students to eat and means they get more of the lovely fluffy potato rather than mostly skin. Alongside the jacket potato, students get a choice of topping, vegetables, bread, and a dessert, as well as access to our salad bar, which offers six types of salad. We're governed by school food standards and accredited by Food for Life, so you can be assured all our menus are fully compliant with these standards."

If your child has any feedback on the new menu/food on offer, please do let us know on:

admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

Butterfly Dreams



This week children in Y1-Y6 have started to think about their Butterfly Dreams. At King Athelstan, we want all our children to be aspirational and set themselves challenging ambitions. We call these our Butterfly Dreams and link them to the poem, right. The children speak about their dreams for the future and what they would like to achieve this year. In PSHE, the children write down their dreams on butterfly cut outs which are displayed in various different ways in classrooms. At the end of the school year, the children discuss and reflect on their Butterfly Dreams and celebrate their successes.

Thank you to Erin, Katerina, Molly, Lorelai in Year 6 for making the butterflies for the whole school!





Butterfly Dreams

I am a caterpillar with butterfly dreams.

I dream of growing up and having butterfly wings.

I will fly higher than high and capture the blue in the sky.

I will show everyone just how high I can fly.





Snacks at Break Time

Children should only be having snacks of fruit or vegetables only at break time. Chocolate bars, crisps, fruity



chews and oat bars are not permitted. Please remember, we do not have nuts at all in school. This is in line with our Healthy School Policy. Thank you.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Da Vinci Y3 - Hazel

Cassatt Y3 - Aicha

Mehretu Y4 - Aylin

Wiley Y4 - Alycia

Dali Y5 - Souhila

Warhol Y5 - Sirine

Kahlo Y6 - Amelie

Riley Y6 - Lillie

KS2 PE - Sophie in Dali Class

SENDIASS Workshops for Families

Join SENDIASS for free, confidential online workshops delivered by experienced SEND support professionals. These sessions provide independent, impartial advice, practical guidance, and the opportunity to connect with others on a similar journey.

Free support for families of children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND

- Confidential sessions - not recorded
- Peer support and shared experiences
- Guidance from experienced SEND Support Workers

Whether you are considering an EHCP, responding to a draft plan, exploring SEND support available in school, or preparing for an appeal, these workshops are designed to help you feel informed and empowered. [To join just click on the Teams 'join us' link on the day.](#)

Richmond & Kingston SENDIASS Online Workshops	
3 SEPT 13:30 Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	10 SEPT 10:00 Appeals to SEND Tribunal A step-by-step guide through the appeals process
16 SEPT 12:00 Orally Available Provisions and SEN Support Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP	7 SEPT 12:00 Considering an EHCP Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process
17 SEPT 13:30 Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	21 SEPT 10:00 Alternative Provision What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the Education Act

www.rksendiass.co.uk/workshops

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. See the PCSA noticeboard outside school for all the dates and events.



KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids After School Club at King Athelstan Primary School runs every school day from school finish until 6.00pm. The club is based from the main School Hall and King Athelstan Centre and is fully Ofsted registered. Book for single or multiple sessions up to 6.00pm the working day before, and if your requirements are fixed, there is a 'permanent places agreement' to guarantee your sessions each half term. For more information or to make a booking, contact KOOSA Kids on 01276 21884 or visit [KOOSA Kids Website](#)



DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2026

Monday 21	Kingston Music - piano lessons start
Wednesday 23	Author M G Leonard visiting Years 3-6
Wednesday 30	Individual & sibling photographs

OCTOBER

Thurs 1	Day in the Life of Reception 8.35am
Friday 2	Day in the Life of Nursery 8.30am and 12.30pm
Wednesday 7	Inset day - children not in school. No clubs
Friday 9	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park
Tuesday 20	Y4 Egyptian Workshop in school
Thursday 22	EYFS Open Event 4.30pm - see details above
Mon 26 - Fri 30	Half-term

NOVEMBER

Monday 9	Book Looks 3.20-3.50pm
Tuesday 10	Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm - details to follow
Thursday 12	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm- details to follow
Friday 13	Children in Need - wear spotty accessories
Tuesday 17	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.10pm- details to follow
Wednesday 18	Flu immunisations - details to follow
Thursday 19	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.10pm- details to follow
Monday 30	Y5 trip to the Science Museum - details to follow

DECEMBER

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
Friday 18	Christmas jumper Day. Christmas lunch & break up one hour early

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:

The Hollyfield School Open Evening- the new Year 7 Open Evening is 'in person' on Tuesday 22 September.

Gates open at 5.00pm. Headteacher Amy Jackson will give three speeches during the evening at 5.15pm, 6.00pm and 7.00pm. One of the Hollyfield ambassadors will lead tours around the school to see presentations from all of the departments, to see the facilities, talk to the teachers and answer any questions. There are also Open Day tours. These take place in the morning and/or afternoon of the 25 September, 28 September, 1 October, 2 October, 5 October, 7 October and 9 October. Places are limited to 50 per tour. Please book using the QR code on the right.



Hollyfield Year 7 SEN/SRP Presentation and Tour

On 23 September there will be a presentation from the Learning Support and Specialist Resource Provision teams followed by a Q & A session. This event will also include a brief tour of the Learning Support and Phoenix departments. This will give families ample opportunity to ask any questions they may have and to see our SEN provision. If you are interested in attending the SEN Panel Presentation on 23 September 2026, please scan the QR code here.



Southborough High School Open Evening - this will take place on Wednesday 23 September, with several sessions starting from 5pm until 8pm. Please book using the QR code. There are also several Open Days - see the QR code for this, too.



London Cycling Festival - To celebrate the [London Cycling Festival](#) and help more local households enjoy discovering new routes by bike, [Kingston Cycling Campaign](#) and [Full Cycle Community Bike Project](#) are inviting residents of all ages to join the upcoming free family-friendly ride this Sunday, 20 September.

- Starting from Beverley Park, this gentle-paced 6.5-mile ride will explore some of the quieter, cycle-friendly routes around New Malden and Raynes Park. Designed for all ages and cycling abilities, it's a great way to build confidence, enjoy riding together and discover useful local routes in a relaxed and supportive environment.
- With marshals keeping everyone safe, Full Cycle volunteers will be providing free Dr Bike-style TLC before and after the ride, while the police will also be offering free bike security marking.
- The ride is completely **free**, but registration is required to take part. To find out more or reserve a place, visit tiny.cc/FunRideSept26.



[Designated Safeguarding Leads at King Athelstan](#)



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