



Dear Families,

In my assemblies over the last 2 weeks we have looked at the history of Lego and the lessons we can learn from this. These include: not giving up when things go wrong, taking wise risks, learning from mistakes and to keep

improving. We learnt lots of interesting facts and heard stories from the history - ask your KS1 and KS2 children what they can remember. Our most interesting facts were that a Lego brick from 1958 still fits perfectly with Lego bricks today, and that each brick is made to be accurate to within 0.002mm - that's thinner than a human hair!

Don't forget to book your Parent/Carer Consultation meeting appointments as soon as possible. The booking link is: <https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Look out for the Iftar celebration letter we sent earlier today, and complete the Google form in order to book your places.

Have a good weekend.



Emily Newton
Headteacher

Y2 Matisse Class Assembly

Matisse Class showed off all their learning about the Great Fire of London in their class assembly this week, along with some lovely singing! Matisse families can see the recording on their Google Classroom. Well done, Matisse!



KS2 Spring Showcase

We will be holding our third annual Spring Showcase on the evening of **Thursday 26th March**. This exciting show will celebrate the skills of our musicians, dancers and actors, giving them a chance to perform to the school community and share what they have learnt. This year, we have arranged to hold the event at The Hollyfield School on Surbiton Hill Rd. This larger venue with good technical facilities will support the increasing demand for tickets and our aim to make the event bigger and better every year. Children who want to take part must submit an audition video to Mr Thomas on Google Classroom by **Friday 13th February**. There are 4 categories:



- Singing (soloist, duet or trio maximum)
- Instrumental performance (they may play with a backing track, or an adult accompanying them).
- Dance/Gymnastics (must be performed to music)
- Drama (e.g. stand up comedy, magic trick, sketch, monologue, poetry reading etc.)

Children can see Mr Thomas if they have any questions. Ticketing arrangements will follow.

NSPCC Number Day



Today was NSPCC Number Day, and Mr Gardner, Maths Lead, organised an online tournament, NSPCC Rocks, for Years 2-6. Just under 4000 schools across the UK took part - that's nearly 300,000 children! Well done, everyone.

3,984	20,729	293,444
Correct Answers	Classes	Students

75,738,677	9,480	258
Correct Answers	Top Score	Average Student Score

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY 2026

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
Wednesday 25	Y5 to Kingston Train Station trip
Thursday 26	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm - Bookings open
Thursday 26	Y4 Cake Sale 3.15pm (moved from Friday 27)
Friday 27	PCSA School Discos: Y3-4 from 6-7pm, Years 5-6 from 7-8pm

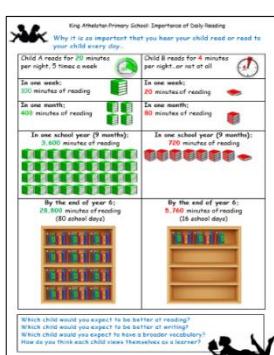
MARCH 2026

Wednesday 4	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 4	Community Iftar event - see letter & Google form
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
Tuesday 24	Thinker's Project Exhibition - deadline for entries 16.3.26
Wednesday 25	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 25	PCSA Uniform Sale in the Hall after school
Thursday 26	Reception trip to the Wetlands - details to follow
Thursday 26	KS2 Spring Showcase - audition videos due in by 13 th February
Friday 27	Y3 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Friday 27	Break up for Easter one hour earlier

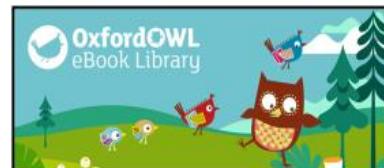
APRIL 2026

30 March - 10 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13	Y3 trip to the Mosque
Wednesday 15	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 15	Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 24	Y2 Cake Sale 3.15pm

Reading at Home



Reading for pleasure is at the top of our reading agenda at King Athelstan and we have worked hard to create a positive reading environment. As parents and carers you can support the love of reading at home by listening to your child read and reading to them daily. Bed time stories and reading at home not only increase academic ability, but also help to strengthen family relationships and foster a lifelong love of books. Children can read online books for free at [Oxford Owl](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/) - their log ins are in their reading record books.



The Parent, Carer, School Association (PCSA) can be contacted on: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com.

There will be another **pre-loved uniform sale** after school on **Wednesday 25th March**. Call in to the Hall at drop off to pick up some items for a donation to the PCSA, any amount welcome. 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.

PCSA has now set up a page on the well-known site, [easyfundraising](#). When you buy something from certain websites that company will donate a percentage of money to the King Athelstan PCSA. It doesn't cost you anything - it all comes from the company/business you are buying from. It costs us nothing, but if everyone signs up it could make a massive difference to your child's education and experiences whilst at King Athelstan - thank you.

The **school disco** is back! On Friday 27th February. Years 3&4 from 6-7pm, and then Years 5-6 from 7-8pm. Entry by ticket only, no tickets on the door. Tickets cost £4.19, including booking fee. Buy your tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/king-athelstan-primary-school-pcsa>



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Eren O'Keeffe Y1 - Samar

Hockney Y2 - Mila Matisse Y2 - Whole Class

Cassatt Y3 - Theo Da Vinci - Ayaan & Jayson

Mehretu Y4 - Sharav Wiley Y4 - King

Dali Y5 - Jake Warhol Y5 - Jeremiah

Kahlo Y6 - Eshaal Riley - Charlie

Alex from Kahlo Class played the piano (including The Muppet Show Theme!)

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alice	Arjun & Fatima	Anisa	Megan	Alfie	Zophie
Eren	Gregory & Ruth	Jayson	Uzay	Ruby	Grace

Replacement Badges

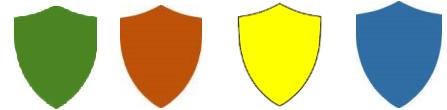
All members of our Junior Leadership Team have badges — for example, School Council, Eco Warriors, Prefects, House Captains, as well as the Co Chairs, Vice Chairs, Equalities Lead and our two Safeguarding Leads. Children may also receive a badge for being a good citizen. If your child has lost their original badge, you can buy a replacement for £1 through ParentPay. Please call the school office and let them know your child's name and which badge you need once you have paid.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



House Points

This week **Red (Dawson)** are in the lead with 34 points. **Blue (Hawks)** are just behind with 33 points. **Green House (Villiers)** have 30 and **Yellow (Cambridge)** have 29 points.



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 to book.



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. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: [King Athelstan Wish List](#).

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:



Family Cycle Ride - Join Kingston Cycling Campaign and local friends on **Sunday 8 March 2026** for a fun-filled ride through the borough. This family-friendly ride will start in Manor Park Recreation Ground, Malden Rd, New Malden, and head out on a deliciously-flat 6.5 mile route through 4 different boroughs, designed with all ages and cycling abilities in mind. [To join in the fun or to find out more click here.](#)

Mums returning to work - The award-winning Kingston GRoW programme is here to help mums find their feet and build confidence. Whether you're just starting to think about your next steps or you're ready to dive back in, come and have a chat with the friendly team at Kingsnympton Youth and Community Centre: 12 February at 12:30pm. To sign up, join the team at the Guildhall on 4 March or 1st April (10am-Noon). The team speaks a wide variety of languages including Urdu, Punjabi, Tamil, Farsi, Pashto, Hindi, Malayalam, and Ukrainian to ensure everyone feels welcome.



Parenting Groups in Kingston - There are places available on these **free** parenting groups in Kingston:



Triple P Teen for families of adolescents with mild to moderate challenging behaviour. A two-week course held on Saturdays.
Left to their own devices workshop for parents and carers of children of all ages. The workshop will help parents and carers navigate the challenges of raising children in a digital world. One-off workshops lasting two hours. Please see posters here or contact karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk for more information.



Family Community Day - the Safer Kingston Partnership are holding a community event on 18th February at the Queen Mary Hall during February half term. It is free and open to all.

