



Dear Families,

What a fabulous week we have had. World Book Day is always an amazing day celebrating our love of books and reading. Thank you for the incredible efforts that families have gone to with costumes. We had some great outfits and wonderful comfy pyjamas, too. Thank you to Mr Barson, our English Lead, for arranging the day.



Our first Iftar event on Wednesday night was a great success! It was brilliant to see such a cohesive school community enjoying spending time together. Thank you to Miss Rana and Mrs Al Majali for leading the evening and to all staff and parents involved in planning the event. Please see below for more information about the event.

Remember that the link to the Google form to apply for a place in the Mini London Marathon will be sent at 10:00am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please refer to the letter sent earlier this week for more information.



Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton  
Headteacher

### Ramadan Iftar Event

We held our first ever Ramadan Iftar event this week, where almost 100 members from across the King Athelstan community came together at sundown to pray and break the

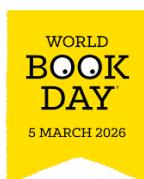


fast. Thank you to all those who helped arrange this event, advised on the format, donated delicious food items and helped make it such a wonderful evening. Thank you to the Soukine family for gathering informal feedback and creating this amazing wordcloud (left) from the words of some of the people who attended the event. It was particularly good to see families from the whole community, Muslim and non-Muslim, sharing food together. We are already looking forward to next year.



### World Book Day

On Tuesday, as part of our World Book Day activities, we had a visit from Lauren O'Farrell and Matthew Dooley, who ran comic book workshops for children in Y1-Y6. The children were really inspired to create their own characters and write comic book scenes. See more about the event from Lauren [here](#). On Thursday we had some wonderful creations as children



came to school dressed as their favourite book characters, and many others came in pyjamas, too! There were lots of book-related activities and all classes enjoyed the variety of things to do. Don't forget to enter the Extreme Reading Competition, and keep on reading, King Athelstan! See lots more photos of the day at the end of the Digest.

## Trips Overpayment

For trips that take place during school hours or are part of the National Curriculum, we request voluntary contributions from parents/carers. We recognise that some families may be able to contribute more than the suggested amount, while others may find any contribution challenging. No child will be excluded from a trip because their family cannot contribute. Some families have asked if they could contribute a little extra, a generosity which helps ensure that all children can participate. In response, we set up an item called 'Voluntary Overpayment for Trips' in ParentPay. Any additional voluntary contributions in this account go directly towards supporting the trip for all pupils in the year group. Every child at our school has access to the same opportunities. If you have any concerns about costs for school trips, please speak to us in confidence. We're here to support you. Thank you so much.



## Kahlo Class Assembly



Kahlo Class hosted a very professional class assembly for their families on Wednesday. It showcased so much of their recent work, from learning about the Amazon Rainforest, to the HMT Empire Windrush and some wonderful writing as well as tricky maths!

## Clubs for Summer Term

Here is the list of dates regarding extra-curricular clubs for the summer term:

- Clubs letter released: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm
- Google form opens: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am
- Google form closes: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00am
- Places confirmed by: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm
- Payment due by: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10:00am

## King Athelstan Chicks

It's that time of year and we are very pleased to announce that we once again have our very own spring chicks on site! The Happy Chick company provided 11 eggs in an incubator to our Reception classrooms earlier this week. By this morning we had 11 very cute and fluffy chicks! The whole school can get involved as there is a ChickCam so we can all follow their progress. Thank you to all families for supporting the school through the PCSA. It has made it possible for the PCSA to fund this opportunity to allow the children to experience the chicks and excitement they bring.



## PCSA



wonderful time.

The recent discos for Y3-4 and Y5-6 were a huge success, and children gave great feedback about them and how much fun they had. Y1-2 are having their spring party today after school - they will also have a

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March there is an Easter Cake sale and competition! See the poster here:



## Amazon Wish List



The Wish List was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. Thank you. The link is: [King Athelstan Wish List](#).

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## KOOSA Kids - Easter Holiday Club & HAF Programme

KOOSA Kids will be running a Holiday Club over the Easter holidays on site from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**. Bookings are now open: <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club>



KOOSA will also run the fully-funded Easter Holiday Activity & Food Programme (HAF) for eligible children from **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**. [Click here to book!](#)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH 2026	
Tuesday 10	Y5 & Y6 Kingston cinema trip
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	Y5 Greek Day - see letter sent
Monday 16	Deadline for Thinker's Project online entries via Google Classroom please
Tuesday 17	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum - go to ParentPay
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 - go to ParentPay
Tuesday 24	Y1 Kingston cinema trip
Tuesday 24	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50 & 5.30-6pm
Wednesday 25	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 25	PCSA Uniform Sale in the Hall after school
Thursday 26	Reception trip to the Wetlands - go to ParentPay
Thursday 26	KS2 Spring Showcase - tickets on sale soon
Friday 27	Easter Cake Competition & 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 - details to follow
Wednesday 15	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 15	Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 21	Parent/Carer Forum 2pm
Friday 24	Y2 Cake Sale
Saturday 25	London Mini Marathon - complete Google form on 8 <sup>th</sup> March to apply for a place
Monday 27	Clubs start this week

### Achievement Assembly



### Achievement Award

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| Van Gogh Y1 - Khadija           | O'Keeffe Y1 - Alice |
| Hockney Y2 - Kirpa              | Matisse Y2 - Stoyan |
| Cassatt Y3 - Nyla-May           | Da Vinci - Nicholas |
| Mehretu Y4 - Tasya              | Wiley Y4 - Elvis    |
| Kahlo Y6 - Whole Class          | Riley - Adam        |
| KS1 PE - Khadija in Van Gogh Y1 |                     |

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Viktoriia	Herberts & Ellie	Mila	Joe
Alia & Rayan	Gregory & Ruth	Ozzy	Sharav

### House Points

This week in a complete turnaround, **Yellow House (Cambridge)** are in the lead with 34 points this week **Red House (Dawson)** are in second place on 33, **Blue House (Hawks)** have 30 and **Green House (Villiers)** have 25 points.



### 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:

#### On the Ball 2026: Recruiting now- Get active with sport and neurodiversity

On the Ball is a sport-based programme of fun and learning which supports families with children who may have hidden communication needs. On the Ball starts with an essential parent/carer workshop followed by applying for our family activity sessions. It is run in partnership between Brentford FC Community Sports Trust and Action-attainment CIC. On the Ball explains how children's hidden communication and sensory needs can affect them socially, educationally and into employment.

On the Ball can help with understanding:

- Strategies to build concentration
- Communication/listening difficulties - with examples of language modelling
- Supporting children's development in sport and school through parent/professional partnership
- Finding a peer group and support network for children and families

[Find out more about On the Ball here](#)

#### Family support around Neurodivergent children: Yoga

Support for Neurodivergent children aged 5+ and their families is available from parent-led Action-attainment CIC (Aa). Programmes include weekend sports, with families, online parent training and coaching. An Occupational Therapist & Yoga teacher-led programme for mothers and daughters to learn co-regulation strategies is recruiting now. Aa's mission is to boost understanding of inclusion strategies and build community through shared, fun activities. See the [Action Attainment website](#) for more information.

**Endorphins London**- run holiday clubs specifically designed for children and young people with SEND, providing inclusive, engaging, and fun activities. In partnership with Achieving for Children, they are delighted to be offering a **SEND-specific HAF provision in Kingston** (at the Kingston Academy) over the Easter holidays. The sessions are fun, engaging, and tailored to each child's individual needs.

- **Dates:** 30 & 31 March and 1 & 2 April 2026
- **Time:** 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Activities:** Sports, games, outdoor play, and inclusive, tailored support

Bookings are essential: [Book here](#). For an informal chat, please call 07595 304532



