King Athelstan Weekly Digest
Issue 24 – Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Families,

This month is Women's History Month. In assembly, we learnt about the history of gender inequality and also about stereotypes.

Today I had the pleasure of visiting our cohort attending Forest School. The group showed me around the site and introduced me to the animals. They also taught me all the health and safety rules.

You will have received a separate letter regarding about Ms Govan moving on to a new position after Easter. Mrs Bennett will be the SENCO for the summer term.

This week was British Science Week and Mr Morris, Science Lead, arranged for many amazing experiments to be carried out across the school. These involved eggs and ice cubes amongst other things! Ask your child what they learned about in science this week.

Thank you to all the families who applied for places in the Mini London Marathon. As always, the event was extremely popular and all 40 places were filled within a matter of minutes. Letters were emailed to both successful and unsuccessful applicants today. For those who were not successful this time, a waiting list has been created. If any families withdraw their place, we will contact the next family on the waiting list.

Don't forget the summer term clubs booking form opens at 10am on Sunday.

Have a good weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Nursery Applications

Applications are now **open** for our September 2026 Nursery intake. If you have, or know of, a child **turning 2 or 3 on or before 31st August 2026**, we would love to hear from you. We are also accepting applications for our **30-hour Nursery provision,** subject to availability and eligibility. For more information, please visit Nursery Admissions. Apply online via the Application Form.

O'Keeffe Class Assembly

O'Keeffe Class wowed their families, and the rest of the school, with their fabulous assembly all about the Three Little Pigs. There was some magnificent acting and singing, too.

Clubs for Summer Term

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

- Google form opens: Sunday 15th March at 10:00am
- Google form closes: Tuesday 17th March at 7:00am
- Places confirmed by: Thursday 19th March at 4:00pm
- Payment due by: Monday 23rd March at 10:00am

Eid al-Fitr

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school for Eid al-Fitr celebrations next week, you must complete this form so that we are able to authorise their absence. We understand that families will celebrate on either Thursday 19th or Friday 20th March. We are able to authorise one day of absence for Eid al-Fitr religious observance. May we wish Eid Mubarak in advance to our celebrating families!

Y6 PGL Residential Payments

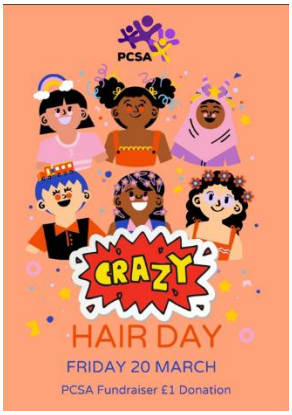
Remember that the final payment is due for the Y6 residential PGL trip by **Friday 3rd April**, during the Easter holidays. As always, please contact school on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org with any issues around payments or dates due, Thank you.

New Menu for Summer

Please see here our new menu, which will run from April until October half-term. Following on from feedback from the school community we have added a Halal meat option once a week on Tuesday. This is denoted by a (H) on the menu and is also notified in Parentpay. Halal refers to food that is prepared in accordance with Islamic dietary guidelines. In the UK, halal-certified meat must meet both food safety regulations and halal requirements. Please be reassured that all the halal meat supplied to the school will have been through a process where the animals are stunned. This fully complies with UK animal welfare standards while also meeting halal certification requirements. Our approach is intended to be inclusive of pupils' different dietary needs and respectful of faith practices, while also upholding animal welfare standards.

PCSA

Please see here three exciting events happening soon:



Tickets for the Spring Showcase can be purchased here: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/king-athelstan-primary-school-pcsa

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. This week, we have added noise-reducing headphones and reading prizes. Thank you. The link is: King Athelstan Wish List.

KOOSA Kids – Easter Holiday Club & HAF Programme

KOOSA Kids will be running a Holiday Club over the Easter holidays on site from **Monday 30th March to Friday 10th 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 7th – Friday 10th April**. Click here to book!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH 2026	
Monday 16	Y5 Greek Day – see letter sent
Monday 16	Deadline for Thinker's Project online entries via Google Classroom
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
Monday 23	Payment due for summer term clubs – go to ParentPay
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 now on sale
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
Friday 3	Final balance due for Y6 PGL trip – go to ParentPay
Monday 13	Y3 trip to the Mosque – Google form for volunteers with DBS
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 – for those with confirmed places only
Monday 27	Clubs start this week
MAY 2026	
Friday 15	Y3 Cake Sale
Wednesday 20	Dali Class Assembly 9am

Achievement Assembly

Achievement Award

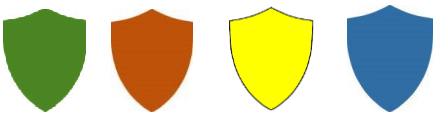
Van Gogh Y1 – George	O'Keeffe Y1 – Haider
Hockney Y2 – Lily	Matisse Y2 – Liana
Cassatt Y3 – Harrison	Da Vinci – Julia
Wiley Y4 – Teddy	Mehretu Y4 – Summer-Rose
Dali Y5 – Molly	Warhol Y5 - Nina
Kahlo Y6 – Ziyad	Riley – Rasim
KS1 PE - Kairo in Van Gogh Y1	KS2 PE – Holly-Mae in Mehretu Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Viktoriia	Herberts & Aaron	Zoe	Megan	Asia	Sophia
Dylan	Brenden & Ruth	Paula	Alannah	--	Tala

House Points

This week in another complete turnaround, Green House (Villiers) have won after coming 4th last week! They have 30 points. Yellow House (Cambridge) are in second place on 24 points, and in joint third place are Red House (Dawson) and Blue House (Hawks) with 21 points each.



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:

Easter Out in Kingston - From 28th March to 12th April, hop into Kingston for an egg-stra special Easter celebration the whole family will love!

- Join the Easter Egg Hunt and find the 8 hidden eggs around town to win some cracking prizes, including a £200 free family day out
- Meet Buddy the Easter Bunny and get FREE sweets
- Unlock egg-sclusive offers with the InKingston App, from 15% off to Kids Eat Free deals

Find out more: kingstonuponthames.info/app

Youth Opera Programmes - The Royal Ballet and Opera have opened applications for places on our FREE Youth Opera Young Voices 6-month programmes starting in September 2026. We invite applications from all enthusiastic young singers living in and around London, who will be aged 8 –11 on 1st September 2026 (currently in Years 3-5).

All applicants should be able to demonstrate:

- A passion for and commitment to singing
- An interest in drama and performing skills
- An enthusiasm for teamwork and collaboration

For more information regarding the RBO Youth Opera Programmes and how to apply, please visit the website here: RBO Youth Opera Programmes. Submit your application by midnight on Sunday 10 May. Contact youthopera@roh.org.uk in advance of the deadline with any queries.

Tiffin Girls' School – The Admissions Committee governors have published the admissions arrangements for Year 7 entry in 2027 for The Tiffin Girls' School are now available for Year 5 parents on the website here: www.tiffingirls.org/admissions.