



Dear Families,

What a fabulous end to the very short spring term. Thank you to everyone who performed in last night's Spring Showcase at the Hollyfield School. Well done to everyone who bravely auditioned as well as those who performed - we are so proud of all of you. A huge thank you to parents and carers for supporting your child preparing, to Mr Thomas as always for organising the event, Miss Marie for supporting throughout the day, and all staff in the evening, too. A final big thank you to the Hollyfield School for supporting us with this event.

Today we said a sad farewell to Miss Govan who moves on now to take up her new position as a Specialist Autism Advisory Teacher in Southwark. Miss Govan has transformed Inclusion at King Athelstan and she will be missed by us all.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th April.
Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Y5 Bikeability

Well done to the 24 children who took part in Bikeability this week. During the course, they developed a range of important skills, including bike control, confident starting and stopping, and a better understanding of the road. The programme included one day of on-site training followed by two days off-site. It was fantastic to see the progress they made throughout the week, and both the instructors and the school are extremely proud of their achievements. All participants have received certificates in recognition of their success.



Y6 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 6 travelled to Kew Gardens this week, where they experienced the Rainforest climate and environment for themselves. They took part in an immersive experience, exploring the complex rainforest habitat and variety of rainforest plants located in one of Kew's famous glasshouses. They worked scientifically as geographers by observing, taking measurements and asking questions about rainforest habitats and exploring the relationships between the rainforest plants, animals and people.



Cassatt Class Assembly

Cassatt Class impressed their families and the rest of the school in their class assembly this week, teaching everyone lots of facts and figures about Africa! They also sang three lovely songs, accompanied by excellent djembe drumming, and showcased some wonderful writing.



Reception trip to the Wetlands Centre



Reception classes had a very exciting day at the Wetlands Centre in Barnes this week. During the visit, the children got to explore different types of water creatures and their habitats and took part in a "pond safari". This trip linked to their spring term's topic, "Growing." They really enjoyed their first school trip and behaved amazingly all day long!



KS2 Spring Showcase

What a fantastic evening of singing, dancing, drama and instrumental performances at the Spring Showcase on Thursday evening. For the first time, we held this event off-site at Hollyfield School, using their sound and lighting tech as well as all our own expertise. Huge thanks to all those people who helped behind the scenes - there were a lot - and to all the amazing performers who overcame their nerves to shine. We are all so proud of you!



Mini Iron Man Challenge

All children from Reception to Year 6 are invited to take part in a Mini Iron Man challenge over the Easter break.

- Complete the challenge over the Easter break.
- Bring your ticked sheet back in the week beginning 13th April
- You can send photos to the PCSA email address: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com
- Check out the fundraising page (shown on the screen).
- Everyone who brings back their completed challenge sheet will receive a medal! 🏅



The PCSA has created a fundraising page on Givey. If you would like to make a donation, please use the link below. Children may wish to seek sponsorship from family and friends. All funds raised will support additional opportunities for pupils at the school.

<https://www.givey.com/miniironman>

Thinker's Project Exhibition



The Thinker's Project homework Exhibition was amazing this week, with so many wonderful pieces of work, from online submissions to quizzes, paintings and models. Special congratulations to Florence in Da Vinci Class for her fantastic working model of an elephant spraying water! Next term's Exhibition will be held on **Tuesday 14th July**. [Click here](#) to see the homework grids so children can start to plan their projects now!

Kahlo Class French Fashion Show



Forget Milan, Tokyo and Paris, Kahlo Class held a fashion show in their French lesson this week, describing each other's outfits in French whilst on their catwalk. Riley will hold their fashion show after Easter.



Mini London Marathon Fundraising

As you are aware, 40 King Athelstan children will be taking part in the TCS Mini London Marathon on Saturday 25th April. We have decided to use this as an opportunity to raise funds for the school. The PCSA has set up a fundraising page on Givey. If you would like to donate, please use the link below. Children who are running the mini marathon may also wish to seek sponsorship from family and friends. All funds raised will go towards providing additional opportunities for the children at school. There is absolutely no obligation to sponsor or donate. The children's enjoyment and sense of achievement remain our main priority. <https://www.givey.com/minilondonmarathon>



If your child is taking part in the Mini London Marathon, we have been advised of these timings:

The One Mile race: Wave number 36. Arrival time at the start: 14:20. Wave start time: 14:50

The 2.6K race: Wave number 15. Arrival time at the start: 10:16. Wave start time: 10:46

More information and bib numbers etc. will be issued after Easter.

Good Citizen Awards

Spring 2 2026	Name
O'Keefe	Abdihafid
Van Gogh	Rayan
Matisse	Louis
Hockney	Lily
Cassatt	Benjamin
Da Vinci	Viktor
Mehretu	Rihanna
Wiley	Tasya
Dali	Sahib
Warhol	Zoe
Kahlo	Sam
Riley	Hazel

At the end of each half-term, one child from each class is chosen to receive our Good Citizen Award. Our Good Citizens show kindness, honesty and responsibility in everything they do, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or around school. Each Good Citizen receives a badge and certificate to celebrate their positive attitude and commitment to doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. We are so proud of our latest recipients – well done to all our Good Citizens!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
Wednesday 15	Y6 Riley Class French Fashion Show
Tuesday 21	Parent/Carer Forum 2pm
Friday 24	Y2 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Saturday 25	London Mini Marathon - for those with confirmed places only
Monday 27	Clubs start this week

MAY 2026

Friday 15	Y3 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Wednesday 20	Dali Class Assembly 9am
Friday 22	Reception Cake Sale 3.10pm
Mon 25-Fri 29 May	Half-Term

JUNE 2026

Wednesday 3	International Day
Friday 5	Class Photograph Day
Wednesday 10	Y2 trip to Hampton Court - go to ParentPay
Friday 12	Y3 trip to the Science Museum - details to follow
Friday 12-Mon 15	Y6 Residential trip to PGL
Tuesday 16	Y6 Rest Day for those who attended PGL
Tuesday 16	Y3 Country Dancing Festival - details to follow
Tuesday 16	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Reviews - details to follow
Thursday 18	EYFS trip to Bocketts Farm
Thursday 18	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Reviews - details to follow
Friday 19	Y1 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Wednesday 24	Y1 Trip to Littlehampton seaside - details to follow
Friday 26	Y6 Lolly Sales 3.15pm
Saturday 27	PCSA Sumer Circus!

JULY 2026

Wednesday 1	EYFS Sports Day - MUGA at school - details to follow
Thursday 2	Y1-Y6 Sports Day - Athelstan Recreation Ground - details to follow
Thursday 2	Y6 Lolly Sale 3.15pm
Friday 3	INSET Day - children not in school
Monday 6	Last week of clubs
Wednesday 8	Y6 Production 2pm - details to follow
Thursday 9	Y6 Production 7pm - details to follow
Friday 10	Y4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm
Friday 10	Y6 lolly sales 3.15pm
Friday 10	Y6 evening event - details to follow
Tuesday 14	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Thursday 16	Y6 Leavers Tea - details to follow
Friday 17	School ends one hour earlier

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](#).





Achievement Award

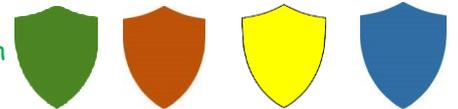
O'Keefe Y1 - Jiana	Van Gogh Y1 - Dylan
Hockney Y2 - Fatima	Matisse Y2 - Caleb
Cassatt Y3 - Harram	Da Vinci - Sophia
Wiley Y4 - Abdirahim	Mehretu Y4 - Sarah
Dali Y5 - Ayan	Warhol Y5 - Lillie
Riley - Freya & Rasim	Kahlo Y6 - Ziyad & Augustyn
KS1 PE - Amelya in O'Keefe Y1	KS2 PE - Pedro in Dali Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Viktoriia	Herberts & Avery	Jayson	Megan	Eloise	Karin
Grace	Beau & Gregory	Paula	Sharav	Erin	Grace

House Points

This week the winner is **Red House (Dawson)** on 35 points. Second is **Yellow House (Cambridge)** on 29. In joint third place are **Blue House (Hawks)** and **Green House (Villiers)** on 27 points.



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](#).

PCSA

The PCSA Easter Cake Competition had some amazing entries! The winner is Ellie, from Hockney Class for her wonderful creation! In second place is Beth from Kahlo, and third is Raya from Kusama Class. Well done to all. All 3 winners have received an Easter-themed prize for their efforts.

Summer Clubs

- Clubs start: week commencing Monday 27th April
- Clubs finish: week commencing Monday 6th July

No clubs on:

- Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday-children not in school)
- Friday 3rd July (INSET day-children not in school)
- Sports Day is Wednesday 1st July for EYFS (Nursery & Reception) and Thursday 2nd July for Y1-6. Clubs will run as normal on these days.

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!](#)

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:

SENDIASS workshops - Richmond & Kingston SENDIASS is an impartial Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) that aims to make a positive and lasting difference for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) and their parents and carers. They do this by providing timely confidential, impartial information, advice and support through our online resources, at events and workshops, via our helpline service and through individual casework. Click on these links below to see their upcoming workshops: [April workshops](#) [May workshops](#)
These sessions are free, confidential and impartial - no need to book and are for parent carers to empower themselves with knowledge to help with collaborative conversations to achieve the best outcomes possible for their child/young person.

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

