



Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good Easter break. It was good to see all the children happily greeting each other and the staff.

Well done to Year 2 Hockney Class for a fantastic class assembly on the Great Fire of London. Your singing was brilliant and you looked amazing in your costumes. We are also very proud of our Year 4 pupils who tackled lots of challenges on their Thames Young Mariners trip this week (see below).

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the Google form 'Planned House Moves' if you are planning to move. Please note, you do not need to complete the form if you do not plan to move.

If you have not yet had a chance to see it, please do take a few minutes to watch some of the Spring Showcase available on your child's Google Classroom. There are some amazing performances.

Waitrose Community Matters supports thousands of local projects across the UK. For the next three months you can vote for King Athelstan Primary School by collecting a Community Matters green token at the checkout of Waitrose in Kingston, as we are currently one of the three projects featured. The project with the most votes receives £1,500, while the second and third receive £1,000 and £500 respectively.

Please note that now Miss Govan has moved to her new position, Miss Newton and Mrs Ramkissoon are the Designated Safeguarding Leads. Mrs Ahearn also holds the required qualification and can deputise if needed.

Finally, remember to be considerate with your parking. Please pass this message to everyone who drops off or collects your child. Please do not block residents' driveways and if there is any issue, please respond politely and sensitively. Our neighbours are very supportive of our school but find it hard when they cannot leave their property due to inconsiderate school parking.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Volunteers' DBS Checks

All school volunteers, whether parents/carers or others, need to have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check to help out in school or to accompany children on trips. To apply for a DBS, complete the DBS application form [here](#). You will then receive an invite from the following email address: noreply@employmentcheck.org.uk and will need to follow the instructions relating to providing your details and identification documents. Once the check is complete, you will receive a certificate which is valid for three years. School needs to see this certificate before you can volunteer. Each DBS application costs school £20, so there is an item in ParentPay for those applying to pay/make a donation towards this where possible. Thank you.



Hockney Class Assembly



Hockney Class produced a fantastic assembly for their families and the rest of the school this week. Everyone now knows everything about the Great Fire of London in 1666. They looked amazing in their 17th century outfits, and their singing was wonderful.

Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip

Well done to the Year 4 cohort for a fantastic trip. The children had the opportunity to build their confidence, leadership, and teamwork skills throughout the day. It was a pleasure to see how much they enjoyed the experience while growing in confidence across a range of activities. They took part in raft building and woodland skills, including den building and fire lighting. Their behaviour was exemplary throughout, and they represented the school exceptionally well. Many thanks to the parents, carers, and staff whose support helped make this such a memorable experience for the children. This trip provides a valuable stepping stone towards the residential trip in Year 6. There will be lots more photos in Y4 Google Classroom for Y4 families. .



Mini Iron Man Challenge

Well done to all the children who took part in the Mini Iron Man Challenge over the Easter holiday, and a very big thank you to all the family and friends that took the time to sponsor the children. You have all managed to raise a fantastic **£1000!** The fundraising page on [Givey here](#) is still live, so you can continue to donate. All funds raised will support additional opportunities for pupils at the school. Please remember to return the children's completed forms to school and medals will follow shortly. (If you haven't already, please do send any photos you have of your children undertaking the challenges to kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com as we will create a short video to be shown in an assembly to recognise the children's achievements). Thank you.



SIMS Parent App

We would like to remind all families to review and update the information we hold for your child(ren) using the SIMS Parent App. Keeping your details accurate and up to date for school is very important. Under GDPR requirements, we must ensure that all data we hold is correct and current. Please take a few minutes to complete this process by the end of May.

What you need to do:

- Log in to the SIMS Parent App
- Review all contact and personal information
- Update any incorrect or missing details

Submit your changes

The app is a quick and secure way to check your information and ensure our records are accurate. A user guide was included in the letter sent to all earlier this week to help you get started. If you have not received your activation email from noreply@sims.co.uk, or if you need any assistance accessing the app, please contact us at admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org



Mini London Marathon Fundraising

40 King Athelstan children will be taking part in the TCS Mini London Marathon on Saturday 25th April. There is a fundraising page on [Givey here](#) if you would like to donate to support them. Those in the 2.6km race will start at 10.46 and the one mile race will start at 14.50. We wish them all well, and hope they enjoy this momentous occasion!



Planned Moves

School is now planning for the next academic year, and we kindly ask for your support in helping us understand any potential changes to pupil enrolment. If your family is likely to move house in the coming months and this may result in your child changing schools, we would be very grateful if you could let us know. This information will help us with forward planning and ensure we can best support all pupils. Please take a moment to complete the short form here (only if you are planning a move): [Planned House Moves - Academic Year Planning](#)

Garden Volunteers



Our garden volunteers have been hard at it again, creating a new path in the Wildlife Garden at the



back of the key stage 2 playground and clearing lots of weeds ready for fresh planting.

There are some lovely tulips blossoming there already, thanks to previous efforts. A huge thank you to the groups of volunteers for giving up time over a weekend to complete this work.

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keefe Y1 - Jiana

Van Gogh Y1 - Amare

Hockney Y2 - Dario

Matisse Y2 - Sharvika

Cassatt Y3 - Mubaraq

Da Vinci - Harry

Wiley Y4 - Whole Class

Mehretu Y4 - Leyah

Dali Y5 - Hatice

Warhol Y5 - Whole Class

Riley - Elliot

Kahlo Y6 - Alex

KS1 PE - Avery in Hockney Y2

KS2 PE - Souhila in Wiley Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rico	Herberts & Arjun	Elsie & Flo	Megan	Ruby	Karin
Aadarsh	Ruth	Dhanvin	Leyah	Erin	Milena

House Points

This week the winner is **Blue House (Hawks)**. **Green House (Villiers)** are in second place, and **Red House (Dawson)** and **Yellow House (Cambridge)** are in joint third place.



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](#).



DATES FOR THE DIARY

APRIL 2026

Saturday 18	PCSA Family Bingo Spring Grove 2-4pm
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 8	Y3 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Friday 15	PCSA Quiz Night 7.30pm Spring Grove
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 - go to ParentPay
Thursday 18	Choir Concert at the Rose Theatre - details to follow
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
Thursday 2	Y6 Quiz Night - details to follow
Friday 3	INSET Day - children not in school
Monday 6	Last week of clubs
Wednesday 8	Y6 Production 2pm - details to follow
Thursday 9	EYFS Beach Day - details to follow
Thursday 9	Y6 Production 7pm - details to follow
Friday 10	PCSA AGM 9am
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' Assembly & Tea - details to follow
Friday 17	School ends one hour earlier

SEPTEMBER 2026

Monday 7	First day of autumn term
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PCSA

The PCSA would like to say a big thank you to all the children who took part in the Mini Iron Man Challenge over the Easter holiday and a very big thank you to all the family and friends that took the time to sponsor the children. You have all managed to raise a fantastic **£1000!**

PCSA has signed up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Families can download the app and do their online shopping in this way to raise money for the school. There is an app that can be downloaded and it's very easy to set up. This doesn't cost anything but is all money been donated by companies when a person just does their normal shopping!



Since King Athelstan joined in February, **£250** has already been raised by just 12 people! It's really the easiest way to raise money. If anyone else would like to sign up it would be really fantastic and please do share with friends and family, too. [Sign up here](#)

PCSA has also signed up to 'Your School Lottery' which has some fantastic chances to win a weekly prize just for King Athelstan families if we sell 100 tickets a week at only £1. They also have a super prize draw every month - this month is a Nintendo Switch 2 Gaming bundle! The PCSA noticeboard by the school gate has a poster explaining it fully. www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Finally, all families should also have received a WhatsApp message with the latest dates of all events and activities coming up this term. You can contact the PCSA on kingathelstanpcsa@gamil.com

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids will be operating their May Half Term Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from 26th-29th May during the half-term holiday. The exciting, action-packed activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of exciting games, art & crafts, active challenges and the famous Go-Karts that bring their *Send in the Superheroes* theme to life. Join the team and dress up in your best Superhero costumes on Friday 29th for the Fancy Dress Parade! See flyer for more information.



Bookings are now open! <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club>

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 Nonsuch Country Show - the Country Show and the Nonsuch Festival of Dogs will be taking place at Nonsuch Park, Epsom (KT17 2DL) on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th May 2026. The event promises to be a fantastic day out for all ages, with a wide range of activities and entertainment for the whole community to enjoy. Tickets available now from www.nonsuchcountryshow.co.uk

Kingston AC & Polytechnic Harriers - is a local athletics club based at the Weir Archer Athletics & Fitness Centre (Kingsmeadow). Established in 1985, the club is home to national medallists and GB athletes, and also welcomes young athletes of all abilities. They are currently looking for new members to participate in track and field, with a particular focus on sprints and throws. To support the local community and make athletics accessible to all, they are pleased to offer the following:

- **Financial Support:** Training sessions are free for families receiving benefit-related free school meals.
- **Extended Trial:** they are offering a **one-month free trial** for any student who mentions "Kingston Schools Outreach". Following the trial, membership includes **three coached sessions** per week for £20 per month. Sessions are held at the track on Tuesdays & Thursdays (18:00 - 19:30) and Saturdays (09:30 - 11:00).



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If you have any questions, please contact us at coaching@kingstonandpoly.org and copy born@ourparks.org.uk.

Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes – young singers aged 8-11 (on 1 September 2026), living in and around London, are invited to apply to join the **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September. Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May**. Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.



- **Young Voices (Ages 8-9)**
A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding and vocal skills, with performance opportunities in showcases at the Royal Opera House.
- **Youth Opera Company (ages 9-11)**
A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.