



Dear Families,

What a lovely sunny end to the week. Good luck to everyone running the mini London Marathon tomorrow. We have 40 children participating in the 1 mile and the 2.6km races. We can't wait to see their medals next week!

We have had several new families join us over the past two weeks, both in Nursery and in other years across the school. A warm welcome to everyone. It's always good to have new members of our King Athelstan family.

Don't forget clubs start next week. Please check the diary dates carefully each week as the term ahead is really packed.

Just a reminder for all families, please wait **outside the school gates** until it is your child's turn to come in. It is getting increasingly congested at the front of the school with families coming in before their slot. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton

Headteacher

Nursery children enjoying their picnic lunch in the sunshine!



Governor Visit Day

Members of the school Governing Body came in for the day on Tuesday. They enjoyed visiting several classes to see the children and their learning, and were very impressed by a Y5 art lesson. They then ate a school lunch (and particularly liked the macaroni cheese) before speaking to staff, attending the Parent/Carer Forum and carrying out a Book Look of classes across the school. They met with Miss Lee to talk about Phonics provision and practice, and Mrs Ahearn about Assessment systems.

London Mini Marathon

Good luck to the 40 King Athelstan children, from Reception up to Y6, who are taking part in this amazing event on Saturday. The PCSA has set up a fundraising page on [Givey here](#). All funds raised will go towards providing additional opportunities for the children at school. If your child is

participating in the Marathon, please refer to the letter you received which includes a link to the event guide. This guide contains all the key information you need. You can track your child's progress on the day using the 2026 TCS Mini London Marathon App which is now live and free to download from the App Store and Google Play. It shows the full course and if you know your child's bib number, you can directly access their results. We look forward to seeing some photos and hearing all about the race!



Clubs Reminder

- Clubs start: in the week beginning 27th April
- Clubs finish: in the week beginning 6th July
- Number of weeks: 10 weeks (9 weeks for a Monday and Friday)
- Sports Day is Wednesday 1st July (EYFS) and Thursday 2nd July (Y1-Y6) - clubs will run as normal

There will be **no clubs** on:

- Monday 4th May (1 week less payment due to the bank holiday)
- Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May (1 week)
- Friday 3rd July (1 week less payment due to INSET day)

Mini Iron Man Challenge

Congratulations to the 90 children who took part in the Mini Iron Man Challenge. It has been fantastic to hear about their efforts and to see all the amazing photos shared. Over the next few weeks, we will be hosting a celebration assembly where we will share a video made from the submitted photos and award the children their well-deserved medals. So far, **£1270** has been raised! The fundraising page on [Givey here](#) is still live, so there is still time to donate. All funds raised will support additional opportunities for pupils at the school. Thank you.



SIMs Parent App Reminder

All families need 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 log in to the SIMS Parent App and review all contact and personal information, updating any incorrect or missing details. A user guide was included in the letter sent to all last 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

SIMS Parent App



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

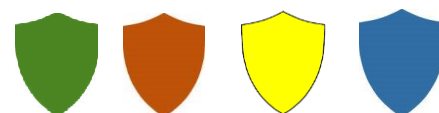
O'Keeffe Y1 - Jackson	Van Gogh Y1 - Grace
Hockney Y2 - Aaron	Matisse Y2 - Hazel
Cassatt Y3 - Sefa	Da Vinci - Viktor
Wiley Y4 - Whole Class	Mehretu Y4 - Sarah
Dali Y5 - Asia	Warhol Y5 - Ethan
Riley - Denys	Kahlo Y6 - Yaathya
KS1 PE - George in Van Gogh Y1	KS2 PE - Paula in Cassatt Y3

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Youcef	Dario & Teddy	Elsie	Megan	Harrison	Ben
Logan	Ruth	Paula	Rihanna	Nina	Azra

House Points

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



Amazon Wish List



The Wish List was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. We have recently added some ear defenders, a four-in-a-row game for Breakfast Club and some new ideas for Reading Record prizes. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. Thank you. The link is: [King Athelstan Wish List](#).



King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence

Epilepsy Action

Epilepsy Action - Mrs Ahearn's husband, Barry, has been working tirelessly to raise awareness of epilepsy and vital funds for Epilepsy Action. Following his incredible 27 half-marathon challenge last year, he was nominated for a BBC Make a Difference Award, invited to the Houses of Parliament (twice!), has been on local radio and in local newspapers and also completed an ultra-marathon. His next challenge is the London Marathon this weekend. Barry will be coming in to speak to the children about running the marathon and all his fundraising activities. [Click here to donate.](#)

Helen Maguire, a local MP, invited Barry to the Houses of Parliament (right) and also ran a 5km park run with him, along with some familiar faces!



[Click here to listen to his interview with Radio Jackie.](#)

Volunteers' DBS Checks

Just a reminder that 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 invitation from the following email address: noreply@employmentcheck.org.uk and 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.



PCSA

The Little Recyclers runs a very simple fundraising scheme for schools: families bring unwanted clothes and other items (see lists on the poster) which The Little Recyclers collect for free. They then pay the school an amount for the donations. Please bring your items to the car park on the morning of **Friday 15th May**.



Remember that the 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. 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. The PCSA noticeboard by the school gate has a poster explaining it fully. www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

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. See flyer for more information.

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



DATES FOR THE DIARY

APRIL 2026

Monday 27	Clubs start this week
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MAY 2026

Monday 4	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 7	Y1/Y2 Phonics briefing for families 3.15pm
Friday 8	Y3 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Friday 15	The Little Recyclers clothing donation - drop off in the car park by 9am
Friday 15	PCSA Quiz Night 7.30pm Spring Grove
Monday 18 May	Start of Walk to School Week
Wednesday 20	Dali Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 21	Outdoor Classroom & Eco Day - details to follow
Friday 22	Reception Cake Sale 3.10pm
Mon 25-Fri 29 May	Half-Term

JUNE 2026

Wednesday 3	International Day - details to follow
Friday 5	Class Photograph Day
Friday 5	PCSA Football World Cup Event 6-7.30pm
Wednesday 10	Y2 trip to Hampton Court - go to ParentPay
Friday 12	Y3 trip to the Science Museum - go to ParentPay
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 Summer 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 3.20-3.50pm & 5.30-6pm
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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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 Sunflower Café - This is a group run by Teddington Baptist Church to support families with children who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), with or without a diagnosis. The café runs once a month, and is open to all. Check out their website [here](http://www.sunflowercafe.org.uk).

The Sunflower Café



The Sunflower Café is a welcoming open-to-all cafe for families of children with special educational needs and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

We're parent led, funded by families who understand that how we respond to it is crucial when children, whether you think they have diagnosed or not, are in education at the Sunflower Café. The whole team is involved.

Come and join us for coffee, and catch up with other families. There are 1000+ members of our team. 17 Church Road, TW20 8EJ. There are 1000+ members of our team and you can join us for coffee and cake on the 10th of the month at 10.30am.

We're open between 10 and 10.30, on the:

24 January	25 September
28 February	27 October
21 March	21 November
20 April	20 December (or not Christmas Sunflower Café)
22 May	
20 June	
10 July	

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Kingston and Richmond Parent Carer Champions Network (PCCN) - the Network offers a variety of free, inclusive, and confidential sessions designed to support parental well-being, awareness, information sharing, and provide essential community resources. See some of what they offer here:

Together Thursdays
Kingsmyton Youth and Community Centre
Kingsmyton Park, Kingston KT2 7RW

Thursdays Term time only

A collaborative initiative bringing the communities together. Free walking activities and refreshments for parents. Community food supplies, workshops, lunch, warm welcoming environment, confidential support, professional advice and an opportunity to socialise.

Achieving for Children Parent Carer Champions Network (PCCN) Parent's Cafe
9.15am to 12pm
Contact: Sanyia, Parent Champion Network Coordinator
WhatsApp me: 07751 446348 or Email: sanyia.walker-batson@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Migrant Advocacy Service (MAS) Community Lunch Club
12.15pm to 2.30pm
Contact: Heidi KfChaw, Community Outreach Coordinator
Phone: 020 3488 0638 or Email: info@migrantadvocacy.org.uk

More information overleaf

PCCN Parents Cafe 9.15am to 12pm
Parent Carer Champions Network Cafés provide an interactive, safe, welcoming and non-judgemental one-to-one service for all parents across Kingston and Richmond.

The Together Thursdays Parents Cafe is a warm, inclusive, confidential space where Kingston parents can connect, share, experience and exchange. Start the day with a wellbeing activity, then enjoy a coffee break and light refreshments, speak with like-minded people or obtain professional advice.

- 8.15am to 10.15am **Plates class**
- 10.15am to 11.45am **Parent group coffee, cake, and a cuppa chat**

We undertake general wellbeing, self-care and other elements of parenting quality assurance and provide support and advice on benefits/employment assessments, skills development, pathways into training/employment or further study, and opportunities to volunteer and share specialist or life skills and lived experiences.

Open to all Kingston parents of children aged 0 to 18 up to 25 if a child has SEND. This is a free service for parents. The plates class, wellbeing, refreshments, advice and support sessions are confidential and non-judgemental. We are unable to accommodate children. Join us when you like to be supported to improve standards or measure your plate. Membership registration is required on your first visit only.

MAS Community Lunch Club 12.15pm to 2.30pm
The MAS Community Lunch Club is a wonderful lived experience where the community comes together to eat, drink, share worries, challenges, achievements and aspirations for the future. The focus is on health and wellbeing whether it's around food and nutrition or healthy lifestyles.

- 12.15pm to 12.45pm **Community fridge surplus food share**
- 12.45pm to 1.15pm **Workshops and expert guest talks**
- 1.15pm to 2.30pm **Delicious healthy cooked lunch for the community**

We provide a friendly inclusive space to eat healthily, socialise and learn new skills. Community fridge surplus food share provides the fresh and ambient fridge for collection to Kingston and Kingston area residents.

Workshops and expert guest talks bring you from cooking information on health and wellbeing to arts and crafts and advice on cost of living support. Trained advisors attend this session and weekly Community Lunch brings a selection of delicious home-cooked food influenced by a variety of world cuisines, followed by tea and cakes. Opportunities to volunteer and share specialist or life skills and lived experiences.

MAS Community Lunch Club is open to all of the community in Kingston Park and Kingston residents, including those with SEND. Health and safety measures in respect of all activities. Join us when you like, we need consent to verify attendance or measure your plate. Membership registration is required on your first visit only.

Together Thursdays Pilates classes

At the Parent Carer Champions Network Café

Start the day with a wellbeing activity, then enjoy a cuppa brew and light refreshments, speak with like-minded people or obtain professional advice.

Thursdays, 9.15am to 10.15am
16, 23, and 30 April, 7, 14 and 21 May
4, 11, 18 and 25 June, 2, 9, and 16 July

Kingsmyton Youth and Community Centre
Kingsmyton Park, Kingston KT2 7RW


This is a free activity for Kingston parents. Yoga mats are supplied, just bring yourself and wear comfortable clothing.

Suitable for all levels and open to all parents of children aged 0 to 18, up to age 25 if a child has SEND.

This is a parents only session.

Regrettably, we are unable to accommodate children. Registration is required on the first visit only.

For enquiries, please contact Sanyia via WhatsApp: 07751 446348 or email: sanyia.walker-batson@achievingforchildren.org.uk



Fabulous Fridays Yoga Classes

At the Parent Carer Champions Café
in New Malden, Kingston

Complimentary coffee, cake and chat social available after each class

Fridays, 9.30am to 10.30am
17 and 24 April, 1, 8, 15 and 22 May
5, 12, 19 and 26 June, 3, 10 and 17 July

The Old Malden Family Hub
Lawrence Avenue
New Malden KT2 5NB

This is a free activity for Kingston parents. Yoga mats are supplied, just bring yourself and wear comfortable clothing.

Suitable for all levels and open to all parents of children aged 0 to 18 years, up to age 25 if a child has SEND.

The yoga class and the cafe is a parents only session. Regrettably, we are unable to accommodate children. Registration is required on first visit only.

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Together we make the COMMUNITY SAFER

Keeping children safe from drugs and gangs

Interactive workshop

Monday 11 May, 11am to 12.30pm

The Powerstation Youth Centre,
121a Mortlake High Street, SW14 6SN

Click for tickets or scan the QR code



Delivered in partnership with Craving Sense in collaboration with Achieving for Children and Parent Carer Champions Network (PCCN)

Develop a skill and awareness awareness
Supercharge your skills and make a positive impact on your community. Help keep children and young people safe.

Interactive activities: Live goodie-to-badie lectures. We're all hearing, but are we listening?

Real world insights: Get street-smart knowledge that you won't find in textbooks.

Empowerment: Here's how to boost your confidence and equip you to face life's challenges head-on.

- Hear and open talk about gangs: better understanding of the reality around gangs.
- Local drug markets: understand what's happening in your neighbourhood and London when it comes to drugs.
- County lines: will break down what county lines mean.
- Spotting the signs of grooming: learn how to recognise grooming and protect yourself and your friends.
- Exploitation: learn what exploitation is and how you can fight it.
- Standing up to violence against women and girls: learn how to stand up to violence against women and girls.
- The power of words: understand why language matters and how it can shape your world.

PROTECTING YOUNG MINDS

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS ON HARMFUL ONLINE SPACES

KEY TOPICS WE'LL EXPLORE:

- Understanding harmful online influences and groups
- Warning signs a young person is engaging in harmful online activity
- Understanding parental controls
- How to hold difficult conversations
- How to access support

For more information email: help@groundswellproject.org

SCAN OR CODE OR CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW

Date: Fri 8th May
Time: 10.30AM-12.30PM
Location: Online via Google Meet



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KINGSTON AND RICHMOND PARENT CARER CHAMPIONS NETWORK

Fabulous Fridays Parent Carer Champions Network

The Old Malden Family Hub, Lawrence Avenue, New Malden KT2 5NB

A warm, inclusive space for Kingston parents to connect, relax, and recharge.

Fridays (term time only)

A space where everything is complimentary, including the welcoming smiles. Start the day with a wellbeing activity, then enjoy a cuppa with light refreshments whilst catching up with like-minded people or obtaining professional advice.

9.30am to 10.30am Yoga

10.30am to 12.30pm Parent group coffee, cake and cuppa chat
Parent Carer Champions Network (PCCN) provide an interactive, safe, welcoming and non-judgemental "come-and-join" for all parents across Kingston and Richmond.

From championing parental wellbeing and enhancement of parenting skills strategies to preventing, recognizing, and addressing housing matters, benefits assessment assessments, skills development and pathways into meaningful employment. Open to all parents of children aged 0 to 18 years, up to age 25 if a child has SEND. This is a free activity for Kingston parents.

The Yoga class, activities, refreshments, advice and chat sessions are a complimentary provision. The sessions are run as parents only to ensure a mental and confidential environment. Regrettably, we are unable to accommodate children. Membership registration is required on your first visit only.

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