



Dear Families,

What a lovely sunny end to the week!



Well done to all the children who ran the mini London Marathon last Saturday. What a fantastic event! Please see the pictures and message from Mr McLaughlin below.

Now that the good weather is hopefully here to stay, please ensure your child has a **named** sun hat/cap in school every day, and has sun cream applied at home before school. As we know, the weather is changeable so unless you feel really confident about the forecast, please continue to send light coats and sweatshirts/cardigans daily, too.

Thank you to those families who have already completed the annual parent/carer survey. Please make every effort to do this if you have not yet done so. It really helps to have all views forming part of our self-evaluation and forward planning. The Parent/Carer Survey is [here](#).

There are lots of trips coming up. Please ensure you go to ParentPay to give permission for your child to attend and also to pay any costs. It takes a long time to chase families on these things and your prompt attention is appreciated.

Please see the community message at the end of the Digest requiring your views on the SEND reforms. Your opinions will help shape what will happen in the future.

Please remember that children should not bring any toys or fidget items into school. These can be distracting during lessons and may become lost or damaged. If a child requires a specific sensory or fidget tool as part of an agreed support plan, please ensure this has been discussed with the class teacher or SENCo in advance. Children should also only have **one** keyring on their book bag. Thank you.

We have been advised of major roadworks which will cause traffic disruption around Surbiton over the next month. This will include 24-hour multi-way signals on Ewell Road, impacting traffic flow on Lamberts Road and around Hollyfield School. Please make alternative arrangements if this affects your route to school.

Don't forget it is a Bank Holiday on Monday, so we will see you all on Tuesday. Have a lovely long weekend.

**Emily Newton**  
Headteacher

### London Mini Marathon

This year marked our fourth time taking part in the TCS Mini Marathon, and once again it was a fantastic success. Congratulations to all the children who participated in this brilliant event. They completed either a one-mile run or 2.6km, and it was inspiring to see the determination and effort they showed throughout. The sunny, warm weather made it an especially enjoyable experience for everyone involved. It was also a wonderful opportunity for the children to run through the streets of London, including passing the iconic Buckingham Palace, which made the day even more memorable. We are currently



waiting to hear the total amount raised through sponsorship from TCS— please keep an eye out for an update soon. Thank you to all the families who attended and supported the children on the day, as well as those who shared photos and messages with the school earlier this

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 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	<b>Half-Term - children not in school</b>

### 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
Monday 15	<a href="#">Y5 trip to Holly Lodge Victorian School - details to follow (new entry)</a>
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 - go to ParentPay. <a href="#">Tickets on Theatre website</a>
Thursday 18	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Reviews - details to follow
Friday 19	Y1 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Monday 22	<a href="#">Y6 author visit at the Rose Theatre - details to follow (new entry)</a>
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 - in the MUGA at school - details to follow
Thursday 2	Y1-Y6 Sports Day - at Athelstan Recreation Ground - details to follow
Thursday 2	Y6 Lolly Sale 3.15pm
Thursday 2	Y6 Quiz Night - details to follow
Friday 3	<b>INSET Day - children not in school</b>
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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## Amazon Wish List



The Wish List was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. Uno playing cards and yet more glue sticks have been added this week! There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. Thank you. The link is: [King Athelstan Wish List](#).

## PCSA

PCSA has several events and schemes at the moment:

1. 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 15<sup>th</sup> May**.
2. PCSA has signed up to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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](#)
3. 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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) There is currently a grand prize for the school lottery of £1000 IKEA gift card.
4. Adults' Quiz Night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at the Spring Grove pub from 7.30pm.



Tickets for all PCSA events are available here:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/king-athelstan-primary-school-pcsa>

You can contact the PCSA on [kingathelstanpcsa@gamil.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gamil.com)

## KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids will be operating their May Half Term Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 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>



## 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:

**Have Your Say: Kingston's parent voice on SEND reforms** - Kingston Parent Carer Forum wants to hear feedback to drive their response to local implementation. Over the next 5 weeks they will be asking five questions to help break this task up into manageable 5 minute questions. [This is the link for all 5 questions](#).

They would like all families to consider their own child and share their story for each question. Everyone is welcome to Have Your Say, influence the national reforms to SEND, and turn families' views into actions in Kingston.



**Fairfield Litter Pick** - A massive thanks to the 29 litter heroes who joined the extra-special litter pick in March, with the Mayor of Kingston also coming along to help make a difference! Together they collected 6 big bags of rubbish (including 2 of recycling), and made sure the 2 large knives found in the bushes were safely handed over to the local police. The next litter pick is in Fairfield on **Saturday 9 May from 2-**



**3pm** with litter pickers to borrow, plus sweet treats for everyone who takes part. The newly formed Friends of Fairfield group will bring these litter picks into their regular activities. If you have any questions, would like to get involved, or want to stay join their mailing list, email [team@friendsoffairfield.org.uk](mailto:team@friendsoffairfield.org.uk) or come and chat with one of their committee members on 9 May. There are also a few other community events going on around the park to keep you entertained before and after the litter pick - so you can even make a day of it! 😊



**SENDIASS** - 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 online resources, at events and workshops (see right), via a helpline service and through individual casework.



**Young Scientists Event** - the Developing Minds Lab at Kingston University invites children and their families to their annual Young Scientists Event on **27th and 28th May 2026**. This free event, held at the Department of Psychology (Penrhyn Road campus), offers young people the chance to explore psychology through fun, hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and an early interest in scientific discovery. Following the fantastic response to previous years, the age range has now been expanded to include students from **age 6 to 16**. The lab is thrilled to be able to welcome even more young people to explore how the world of psychology works. Further information and booking can be found on our website: <https://www.kingston.ac.uk/about/events/young-scientists-2026>