



## King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 2 – Friday 18th September 2026



Dear Families,

This week Mrs Ahearn and I had the very challenging job of interviewing candidates for our Junior Leadership Team! It is always a very difficult decision. The children applying for key roles such as Co-Chair or Safeguarding Lead, had to present to their peers and the Senior Leadership Team. They were then shortlisted again for interview. Well done to everyone – you participated in the process brilliantly and were so supportive of your peers. We will announce the new team next week.

It was lovely to welcome Y2 back after school last Friday from their long-awaited trip to the seaside! A good time was had by all and the children were full of stories of their adventures. Thank you to those parents who came along to help.

Now we are near the end of September, please make sure your child has a school jumper or cardigan with them every day. Sometimes the temperature can change quite quickly! Please bring coats too on days that have rain forecast!

Have a lovely weekend.

**Emily Newton**  
**Headteacher**

### EYFS Open Evening

We are holding an Early Years Open Event on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, for anyone looking for a Nursery or Reception place in 2027. Book to come along at 4.30pm to see the whole provision and meet the Early Years Team. We are also running some short school tours, which last an hour:

- Wednesday 11th November at 4.00pm
- Wednesday 18th November at 4.00pm
- Wednesday 9th December at 9.15am
- Thursday 7th January at 4.00pm

If you would like to book to attend any of the above events, please do so [here](#). Please let any other families who may be interested know about these dates, too. Thank you.



### Messages from the Office

We are aware that some of the emails we send out from [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org) are currently being filtered into **junk or spam** folders. Please check these folders in your email accounts and add King Athelstan as a contact to stop this happening.

Please remember, **dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school site**. This includes when dropping off or picking up at Breakfast Club or KOOSA Kids.

Whenever you call or email school, please quote your child's name **and** their class to ensure we have the correct child. Thank you.

### Applying for a place at Secondary School

The deadline for submitting an application for a Y7 secondary school place for entry in September 2027 is **31st October 2026**. To make an application, please visit the eAdmissions website: [eAdmissions Website](#). The Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools guide is available here: [AfC website](#).

## Harvest Festival

This year we will once again be supporting our local food bank by collecting and donating items over the Harvest Festival. The children will be having a Harvest Assembly soon. There will be tables outside the school office all week from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** for you to leave any donations. See the list on the leaflet for suggestions - tinned goods, longlife foods (pasta, rice, cereal etc), sealed toiletries/cleaning products and toilet rolls are always welcome. Thank you so much.



## Support from MHST



An email was sent to all families about workshops being offered by the Mental Health Support Team.

Please fill in the [Google form](#) here to indicate which workshops might be relevant and if you would like to attend. Thank you.

## Y2 trip to Littlehampton



Year 2 had a wonderful day at Littlehampton last week on their trip which was postponed from last term for safety reasons due to the heatwave! It was lovely that the children new to Y2 also joined in. They all enjoyed paddling in the sea and eating a lolly on the beach.



## Computing & Online Safety Curriculum: Teach Computing & Project Evolve

We are thrilled to launch our brand-new computing curriculum this year using the **Teach Computing** scheme! There is already a fantastic buzz around the school, and the children have jumped straight into their digital learning with huge enthusiasm.

To bring learning to life, our pupils are working directly with a wide variety of devices—from physical Bee-Bots in the early years to iPads and laptops across Key Stages 1 and 2. Our curriculum offers a rich progression of practical skills:

- **Coding & Programming:** Students start with physical direction and simple character movement in Year 1, building all the way up to designing their own interactive quizzes in Scratch by Year 5.
- **Digital Literacy & Design:** Beyond coding, pupils are mastering fundamental life skills—from touch-typing practice to designing their very own functional web pages.

Alongside these exciting practical skills, keeping your children safe in the digital world remains our top priority. We integrate online safety directly into our regular computing lessons using the **Project Evolve** scheme.

In every unit, we hold open, age-appropriate discussions on key digital topics, including:

- Understanding our **self-image and identity** online.
- What to do and who to talk to if something online makes us feel **upset or uncomfortable**.
- How to critically check and manage the **information we see online**.

As children regularly access online resources for home learning, developing these critical thinking skills is vital both inside and outside the classroom.



To set clear, positive expectations, every class is currently establishing and signing our new **Whole Class Acceptable Use Agreement**. This shared charter helps pupils take collective responsibility for using school technology safely, respectfully, and kindly.

Supporting safe online habits is a team effort between school and home. If you are looking for practical guides, step-by-step parental control settings, or advice on managing screen time, we highly recommend these trusted UK resources:

- [Internet Matters](#): Brilliant step-by-step guides for setting up parental controls on apps, tablets, and gaming consoles.
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#): Excellent advice, guides, and conversational ideas for families navigating internet use at home.
- [Thinkuknow \(by CEOP\)](#): Age-specific guidance on keeping children safe online from the National Crime Agency.
- [NSPCC Online Safety](#): Great articles on online gaming, social media safety, and healthy screen habits.
- Thank you for your continued support as we build a confident, safe, and creative digital community!

Ms Sartor - Computing Lead



## Achievement Assembly



### Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Cassie

Van Gogh Y1 - Esli

Hockney Y2 - Susannah

Matisse Y2 - Ivy

Da Vinci Y3 - Sharvika

Cassatt Y3 - Jairish

Mehretu Y4 - Isaac

Wiley Y4 - Whole class

Dali Y5 - Imogen

Warhol Y5 - Yousif

Kahlo Y6 - Otilie

Riley Y6 - Nina

KS2 PE - Elena in Dali Class Y5

KS1 PE - Elise in Y1 and Jackson in Y2

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

| Year 1 | Year 2       | Year 3         | Year 4 | Year 5        | Year 6           |
|--------|--------------|----------------|--------|---------------|------------------|
| Ellie  | Rico & Logan | Teddy & Kieran | Alice  | Summer & Uzay | Daniel & Mustafa |

## PCSA

The PCSA (Parents, Carers, Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school fundraising for equipment and activities for the children. See the PCSA noticeboard outside school for all the dates and events.



## KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids have issued their Autumn/Winter 26-27 Holiday Club dates and themes at King Athelstan. [Bookings are open](#). The fun-packed activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of active games, art & crafts, go-karts, science, sports and challenges that bring exciting themes to life. Dracula Spectacula is our theme for October Half Term 26th-30th October, Merry & Magical for Christmas holidays 21st-23rd December and Blast Off into Space for February Half Term 15th-19th February. Prices start from just £31.50 per child (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; extended days available 8.15am-6.00pm) an 8% discount available on a full week booking) and your third sibling goes FREE! See the brochure here for more information: [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) or call our friendly customer service team on 01276 21884.



| SEPTEMBER 2026  |                                                                                          |
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| Wednesday 30    | Individual & sibling photographs                                                         |
| OCTOBER         |                                                                                          |
| Thurs 1         | Day in the Life of Reception 8.35am                                                      |
| Friday 2        | Day in the Life of Nursery 8.30am and 12.30pm                                            |
| Friday 2        | Author MG Leonard to visit Y3-6                                                          |
| Wednesday 7     | <b>Inset day</b> - children not in school. No clubs                                      |
| Thursday 8      | Hollyfield School to visit Y6 - details to follow                                        |
| Friday 9        | Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park - go to ParentPay                                            |
| Friday 9        | World Mental Health Day - children may wear a red/green/blue/yellow t-shirt with uniform |
| Tuesday 20      | Y4 Egyptian Workshop in school                                                           |
| Thursday 22     | EYFS Open Event 4.30pm - see details above                                               |
| Mon 26 - Fri 30 | Half-term                                                                                |
| NOVEMBER        |                                                                                          |
| Monday 9        | Book Looks 3.20-3.50pm                                                                   |
| Tuesday 10      | Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm - details to follow                        |
| Thursday 12     | Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm- details to follow                            |
| Friday 13       | Children in Need - wear spotty accessories                                               |
| Tuesday 17      | SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.10pm- details to follow                 |
| Wednesday 18    | Flu immunisations - details to follow                                                    |
| Thursday 19     | SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.10pm- details to follow                 |
| Monday 30       | Y5 trip to the Science Museum - details to follow                                        |
| DECEMBER        |                                                                                          |
| Tuesday 15      | Thinker's Project Exhibitions 3.20-4pm and 5-6pm                                         |
| Tuesday 15      | Y4 to see Wind in the Willows at the Rose Theatre - details to follow                    |
| Friday 18       | Christmas jumper Day. Christmas lunch & break up one hour early                          |

## Pupil News

Ellie in Cassatt Class shared a very proud moment with us and included a photo of her with her newly-earned Brownie Badge! She made her Brownie promise recently and is looking forward to working on her badges and going on some trips. Well done, Ellie!

If your child has an occasion you want to share, please let us know/send a photo to [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org)



## 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:

**Hogsmill Nature Reserve Open Day** - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 11am until 3pm. An interesting hour or two for children and adults alike to discover this lovely local reserve. There will be a beekeeping stall and an observation hive of live bees. Local honey will be for sale from the nature reserve and also from hives on the other side of Lower Marsh Lane by the Hogsmill River.



**Kingston Boys' Football Team** - see the flyer for a new opportunity for boys in Y6 to join a new football team.

**London Youth Games** - applications now open in the age group U12. Scan to QR code to find out more.



**Coombe Boys' School** - open evening on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 6-9pm. Open day tours available on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 9 and 10am.

## Safeguarding Details

Click here to find out about the school DSLs: [Designated Safeguarding Leads at King Athelstan](#)

