



Dear Families,

Huge congratulations to all in Year 6 for completing their SATs tests this week. They showed great maturity and stamina! The tests have now been picked up and collected for external marking. We hope Year 6 children and staff have a very well-earned rest over the weekend. Thank you to Y6 families who have supported them so well and got them in to school early for a special breakfast each day.

With the ever-changing weather, please make sure your child has a coat in school, even if they bring it in and put it in their locker. This week has been sunny one minute and hailing the next. We aim to go outside and get fresh air in all weathers!

Please remember that children should not be bringing in toys/fidgets/cards/squishes from home. These are distracting to the children and can get damaged or lost. Please leave them at home. School will provide a fidget for any child who needs one. In addition, please make sure your child only has ONE keyring on their book bag. Thank you. Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Punctuality

Punctuality plays a vital role in a child's success at school. While regular attendance is essential, arriving on time is just as important in helping children get the most out of their learning. The school day begins promptly, and even being just five minutes late each day can add up to over **three full days** of lost learning across the year. These missed minutes can have an impact on a child's confidence, disrupt their daily routine and make it harder for them to fully engage in lessons. Arriving on time helps children settle calmly into the day, take part in important morning activities, and feel prepared and ready to learn alongside their peers. It also supports the development of good habits that will benefit them throughout their education and beyond.



There are a number of simple ways you can support your child in arriving on time each day. Establishing a consistent morning routine, preparing school bags and uniforms the night before, and allowing plenty of time for the journey to school can all make a big difference. Encouraging your child to take responsibility for being ready on time can also help build positive habits. We understand that mornings can sometimes be challenging, and if you are experiencing any difficulties with punctuality, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to offer support and work together to find practical solutions.

As part of our ongoing efforts to support good attendance and punctuality, we will shortly be sending letters to families whose children may be regularly arriving late. This is to help ensure that every child is able to access the full school day and all learning opportunities. Thank you for your continued support.

Outdoor Eco Day

As you know, on **Thursday 21st May** we are combining Outdoor Door Classroom Day with an Eco themed day devised by our Eco Warrior team.

Classes and staff will be asked to:

- choose an Eco activity to do during the day
- wear PE uniform for the day
- take their learning outside as much as possible
- turn off lights and SMART boards indoors where possible to save electricity
- plant a class sunflower for a school competition
- complete a special Thinker's Project homework



Please can children bring in recycling materials for modelling activities, such as: cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic tubs, plastic bottles and bottle lids. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY 2026

Monday 18 May	Start of Walk to School Week
Wednesday 20	Dali Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 21	Outdoor Classroom & Eco Day
Friday 22	Reception Cake Sale 3.10pm
Mon 25-Fri 29 May	Half-Term - children not in school

JUNE 2026

Wednesday 3	International Day - see letter for details
Thursday 4	Welcome to Nursery (10.15am) and Reception (9.15am) - online meetings
Friday 5	Class Photograph Day
Friday 5	PCSA Football World Cup Event 6-7.30pm - tickets available here
Tuesday 9	EYFS Stay & Play 9.15am
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 - volunteer on ParentPay
Tuesday 16	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Reviews - details to follow
Thursday 18	EYFS trip to Bocketts Farm - go to ParentPay
Thursday 18	Y5 Workshops at The Hollyfield School
Thursday 18	Choir Concert at the Rose Theatre - go to ParentPay. Tickets on Theatre website
Thursday 18	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Reviews - details to follow
Friday 19	Y1 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Monday 22	Y6 author visit at the Rose Theatre - go to ParentPay (new event)
Wednesday 24	Y1 Trip to Littlehampton seaside - go to ParentPay
Friday 26	EYFS Stay & Play 9.15am
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	INSET Day - children not in school
Monday 6	Last week of clubs
Tuesday 7	EYFS Stay & Play 2.15pm
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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Walk to School Week



This starts next Monday and continues all week. Each class will be given a tally chart to record how the children arrived at school each day, and will record this every morning for the week. The tally will then be added up and the class who have the most children travelling by eco-friendly means (ie not by car) will win a prize. Certificates will be given for top 3 classes.

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Bella

O'Keeffe Y1 - William

Hockney Y2 - Hector

Matisse Y2 - Noah

Cassatt Y3 - Rana

Da Vinci - Julia

Wiley Y4 - Summer

Mehretu Y4 - Teddy

Dali Y5 - AJ

Warhol Y5 - Zayd

Riley - Hanin

Kahlo Y6 - Whole Class for SATs

KS1 PE - Pippa in Hockney Y2

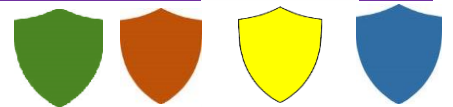
KS2 PE - Rasim in Riley Y64

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rico	Theo & Kirpa	Ayaan	Izabella	Erin	Grace
Aadarsh	Ruth, Kieran, Chrystal	Paula	Alannah	Ruby	Sophie

House Points

This week the winner in a complete turnaround, is **Blue House (Hawks)** with 39 points, having come fourth last week! In joint second place on 35 are **Red House (Dawson)**, and **Yellow House (Cambridge)**. **Green House (Villiers)** have 24 points.



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. This week, we have received a Pantosaurus book, some Uno cards and some kids' noise-reducing headphones. Thank you. The link is:

[King Athelstan Wish List](#). We also welcome any knickers/pants and school socks to hold as spares for children across the school. These are often cheaper to buy in supermarkets, so we have not added them to our Wish List!

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>



You can contact the PCSA on kingathelstanpcsa@gamil.com

PCSA has several events and schemes at the moment:



1. www.easyfundraising.org.uk Families can download the app and do their online shopping in this way to raise money for the school. [Sign up here.](#)
2. www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Weekly prizes offered for £1 ticket.
3. Football World Cup event on Friday 5th June 6-7.30pm - see poster, right
4. Summer Circus 1-4pm - Saturday 27th June

Cake/lolly Sales:

- Friday 22nd May Reception cake sale
- Friday 19th June Year 1 cake sale
- Friday 26th June lolly sale
- Thursday 2nd July lolly sale
- Friday 10th July lolly sale



Tickets for all events are available here: <https://www.ticketsource.com/king-athelstan-primary-school-pcsa>

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:

Parent Advice Health Clinic - The Your Healthcare School Health Team offer parents/carers of children attending Kingston Primary schools access to a Parent Advice Health Clinic. The clinic runs weekly during term time. Support and advice is available with bedwetting, constipation, soiling, nutrition and healthy lifestyles, behaviour, dental health, emotions and sleep. Appointments are online, by telephone or in person at the clinic in Surbiton, and might include referral to specialists, suggesting a visit to a GP, signposting to resources that can help or a more detailed assessment of the child's health needs by a school health practitioner. To book an appointment, click here: [Parent Advice Clinic Booking Form](#). Alternatively, you can contact the School Health service by email on: KU19-schoolhealth@yourhealthcare.org or on the phone: 020 8549 6323. Please include your child's full name, date of birth and school in your email. If an interpreter is required, please notify the language needed ahead of the appointment. For concerns regarding a child's language development, the children's Speech and Language Therapy advice line is available on Wednesdays 10-12 and Thursdays 2-4pm. The contact number is 020 8339 8106 and a voicemail is available for call back.



The Crisis and Resilience Fund - The Department of Work and Pensions is moving from the Household Support Fund (which ended on the 31 March 2026) to the new Crisis and Resilience Fund (launched on 1 April 2026). Please note that holiday food vouchers are no longer being issued. From May half term onwards, families must apply directly for support through the Crisis and Resilience Fund. This has been set up to support vulnerable residents and families who may be affected by some of the following criteria:

- you do not have enough money to buy food
- you cannot afford to keep your home warm, or maintain electricity, gas, or water
- your household has an urgent housing need not covered by existing schemes
- your household has a vulnerability or community care need
- you cannot afford essential items, such as food, toiletries (including sanitary products), clothing or footwear, essential household equipment (e.g. fridge, oven), repairing your boiler

If residents experience a sudden financial crisis, or need help paying for food during the school holidays, they can now apply for a crisis payment from the [Fund here](#). More information, including eligibility details, are available on the council website. As part of the application process, broader support is now available designed to help prevent future crises. If families need extra help submitting their application they can call 020 8547 5000. Any questions, please email householdsupportfund@kingston.gov.uk.