



Dear Families,

Thank you to those parents/carers who have read and signed our revised Parent/Carer Code of Conduct. Please take time to read it over the weekend if you have not yet done so. Thank you.

All next week we are marking Harvest Festival and will be collecting donations for the local Food Bank. See section below.

At the end of next week, we are also marking World Mental Health Day on Friday 9th October. We sent a separate email about this on Monday. The children can come to school wearing their usual uniform or PE uniform with a t-shirt in one of the colours of the Zones of Regulation (**Green, Blue, Red or Yellow**).

In September 2025 the Governing Body - which is responsible for overseeing the school's budget - introduced a **parent/carers voluntary contribution scheme as a result of the** significant financial challenges facing our school. We suggest an amount of **£60 per child per year**, donated via the PCSA, which is in line with the amounts requested by other local schools. Families who do feel able to give more are encouraged to do so, while smaller contributions would also be gratefully received. The school will welcome any and all contributions made and will ensure that these are spent wisely, overseen by the Governing Body, to give our children the school environment they deserve. Details of how to contribute are set out in the letter emailed to all families today. Thank you for your ongoing support.

You will see below that we have issued some dates for the whole year to help with forward planning. Don't forget that next **Wednesday 7th October is an Inset day and children are not in school**.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Author Visit

Years 3-6 had an exciting morning today meeting MG Leonard, the bestselling award-winning children's author best known for her *Beetle Boy* trilogy, *Adventures on Trains* series, and *The Twitchers* series. She talked about what inspires her when writing stories, including thinking about Norwegian footballer Erling Haaland as a Viking, and her travels in Egypt visiting the pyramids. Mr Barson believes her visit will further inspire our young writers' imaginations. We would like to thank Regency Books in Surbiton for helping to arrange the visit.



EYFS Open Evening

We are holding an Early Years Open Event on **Thursday 22nd 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.

King Athelstan Primary School
Early Years Open Event
Thursday 22nd October 2026 - 4.30pm

Come and meet our dedicated staff and look around our wonderful school. Our school is a great place for your child to learn, grow and develop in a nurturing and safe environment.

Reception places for September 2027
Experienced Early Years Teachers
Extensive Outdoor Areas
Community Driven
2 Year old spaces*
15 & 30+ hour Funded Nursery Spaces

REGISTER NOW

www.kingathelstanprimaryschool.co.uk
*subject to eligibility criteria
Come as you are leave us great

Black History Month

This week marks the beginning of Black History Month 2026. During the month, the children are encouraged to reflect on the contributions, culture and history of black communities and individuals. This year, the theme is

'Honouring our Communities'. This gives us the opportunity to look beyond our usual black heroes and focus on individuals who support and contribute to our local community and our school. A Black History Month Thinker's Project has been uploaded onto Google Classroom. The children can choose to create something about a well-known individual or group, or can choose to create work about a local black hero who they know in real life. All children who complete a project will receive a certificate and excellent work will end up on our Black History display

in the school hall. We can't wait to see what they create!

Black History Thinker's Project 2026
To celebrate Black History Month, you may want to do some extra home learning:
This year's theme is: 'Honouring Our Communities'

Half of time Choose a significant Black figure from past or present and create a poster to explain why they belong in the hall of fame.	As you that changed the world Research the contributions made by a significant Black individual and create a poster to explain why they belong in the hall of fame.	Write in their shoes Imagine the feelings that have been lived by Black individuals and groups. Complete a diary entry for a day in their life.	Art tells a story Using anything you can find, create a poster to tell the story of a Black individual or group. Use your own artwork to support the story.
If I could interview... Think about Black children from past or present. If you had the opportunity to interview them, what 3 questions would you ask?	A show that was missed Find out about a Black historical figure who was the first to achieve something. How did they change the world for others?	Follow their journey Create a timeline to display the key achievements of an important Black person from history or the present.	Front page history Find out about a Black historical person. Create the front page of a newspaper to celebrate their achievements.
A history of us Select the contributions made by the UK's Black individuals. How is the UK better because of them?	Business manager for a day If you were a partner for a Black business, what products or services would you create? How would this benefit the world?	An important asset Choose a Black figure from a time before the internet existed. If they were able to use a modern tool today, what would it be?	Close to home Research a local Black person who has made a difference in their community. Create a poster to celebrate their achievements.

Here are some websites to start your research: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/> <https://www.penguin.co.uk/discover/childrens/articles/influential-black-men-and-women-who-shaped-the-world/> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-57777777>

Allergy Aware School

Please be reminded that King Athelstan is a no-nuts and allergy aware school. We have children and staff with severe, life-threatening nut allergies. Please ensure that all snacks, packed lunches, and food brought into school contain **no nuts or nut products** (including peanut butter and chocolate hazelnut spreads/Nutella). Thank you for helping us keep all of our children safe.



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](#).

BBC Children in Need



BBC Children in Need supports charities, organisations and programmes right across the UK, all year round. It funds projects that aim to improve the lives of children and young people in every single nation and region throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Every year we support this amazing charity in school by wearing spotty accessories with our school uniform (spotty socks, spotty hairbands, a Pudsey t-shirt) in return for giving a donation to Children in Need on

ParentPay. This year, the Children in Need date is **Friday 13th November**, so get your spots ready!

Harvest Festival

This year we will once again be supporting our local food bank by collecting and donating items over the Harvest Festival. There will be tables outside the school office all week from **Monday 5th October until Friday 9th 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.



Stir School Lunches



Stir Foods took over our school lunch catering from September 2026 and the children have enjoyed the new recipes and different choices. Following feedback from families, we are working with Stir to get the correct portion sizes and will have a menu change after the half term, in line with the rest of their schools. We will continue to provide a Halal option on Thursdays as well as a meat free day. As a school, the amount of food waste has decreased by a staggering amount. Every day there is bread and a free-choice salad bar with 6 different salads which the children can revisit if they wish. They should also make adults aware if they remain hungry after their meal.

King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

Wednesday 7	Inset day - children not in school. No clubs
Thursday 8	Hollyfield School to visit Y6 - 3.20pm meeting for parents/carers
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
Friday 16	Y5/6 Cross Country Competition - invited children only
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 & make a donation on ParentPay
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 - go to ParentPay

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

JANUARY 2027

Monday 4	Inset day - children not in school.
Friday 8	First Y5 swimming lesson at The Malden Centre - details to follow

FEBRUARY

Mon 15-19	Half term
TBC	Iftar event - details to follow

MARCH

Thursday 4	World Book Day
Tuesday 9	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm - details to follow
Thursday 11	Y3 trip to Festival Hall - details nearer the time
Thursday 11	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm - details to follow
Tuesday 16	Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm - details to follow
Thursday 18	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm- details to follow
Tuesday 23	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Monday 22	Y5 Bikeability course starts
Thursday 26	Last day of spring term. School finishes one hour earlier

APRIL

26 March - 9 April	Easter holidays
Wednesday 14	Y4 Thames Young Mariners trip - details to follow

MAY

Monday 24	Y6 Bikeability course starts
Mon 31- Fri 4 June	Half-term

JUNE

Wednesday 9 June	Sports Day for EYFS
Thursday 10	Sports Day for Y1-6
Wednesday 16 June	Back up Sports Day for EYFS
Thursday 17	Back up Sports Day for Y1-6
Tuesday 22	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Review Meetings in person
Thursday 24	SEND Parent/Carer Plan Review Meetings in person

Fri 25-Mon 28	Y6 PGL Residential weekend
Tuesday 29	Rest day for Y6 on PGL
JULY	
Friday 2	Inset day - children not in school. No clubs
Friday 9	EYFS Beach Day
Wednesday 14	Y6 Production 2pm
Thursday 15	Y6 Production 7pm
Friday 16	Y4 Ukulele concert 2.30pm
Tuesday 20	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Wednesday 21	Y6 Leavers' Tea & Assembly
Friday 23	Break up one hour earlier

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. Here are some of the upcoming events - more details to follow:

Friday 9th Oct	Halloween Costume Sale
Friday 16th Oct	Quiz Night (adults only) at The Spring Grove
Friday 23rd Oct	'Halloween' Cake Sale - run by Y2
Friday 23rd Oct	Halloween Discos Y3-4 & Y5-6
Sat 28th Nov	Christmas Panto!
Friday 11th Dec	'Christmas' Cake Sale Comp - run by Y5



You can contact the PCSA on kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

The Big Future Survey

We have been asked by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, to share this message with you:

I am writing because there are now just three weeks left for pupils to take part in my national survey, The Big Future. Please could children be encouraged to complete the survey here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture/>

The survey closes in three weeks, so I would be enormously grateful if children could take part before then. Every response matters. I want to make sure that when I speak to Government about what children and young people want for their futures, I am able to represent the voices of children across the whole country - including those at your school.

Thank you for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England

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 or call our friendly customer service team on 01276 21884.



Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. The list has been updated for this academic year with lots of new items. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> . Thank you.



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:

Scouts Beaver Colony - Beavers is a club for boys and girls aged 6-8 years, and is one of the younger groups forming part of the Scout Association.



The 2nd Norbiton

Beavers currently have vacancies. See here for more information:

<https://2ndnorbiton.org.uk>

We currently have space for new Beavers to join our colony!

Meeting time: 5.30-6.30pm on Tuesdays during termtime

Where: Archway/ St Peter's Parish Rooms, Washington Rd / Daffodil Walk, Kingston upon Thames KT1 3JL

Register interest in joining:
<https://2ndnorbiton.org.uk/join-scouts/enquiry> or email me at stfreedman@btinternet.com

Please share with friends, family and schools.

Many thanks for your support,

Trudi Freedman
Beaver Team Leader

Come and join in the fun at the 2nd Norbiton Beaver Colony!!

Beavers offers children aged 6 to 8 an action-packed introduction to the outdoors, new friends, and character-building skills.

Through games, badge work, and sleepovers, Beavers learn independence and start their scouting pathway.

JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY LONDON
OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025 CAMPS COOMBE WOOD GOLF CLUB

CAMP 1: Beginner to Intermediate (Level 1)
AGES 11 - 12 (10-11 & 12-12)

CAMP 2: Intermediate to Advanced (Level 2)
AGES 13 - 14 (12-13 & 13-14)

CAMP 3: Advanced to Elite (Level 3)
AGES 15 - 16 (14-15 & 15-16)

11TH ANNUAL WELLBEING GOLF & PARTY NIGHT
Bring a few clubs along to the party golf balls or hit the flashing flags on the specially lit course?
 (Phosphorescent) 18-hole Black & White 18-hole - 18-hole
 Golf followed by a Wellbeing party dinner and special celebrations!
 6-16 Years Golf - 18-hole - 18-hole
 Brass Band, Samba Band, Wellbeing Brass with suitable footwear

Bookings & Information: Drina.Jones@PGAProfessional.com
 Coombe Wood Golf Club George Road, Kingston KT1 3NS Email: coombe@juniorgolflondon.co.uk Tel: 0203 558988

Junior Golf Academy - see the flyer here for golf sessions available over the half term holiday.

Shine Bright - is a community endeavour which supports Mental Health & Wellbeing in Kingston upon Thames. Shine Bright UK would like to invite the staff, students, and families of school to attend their upcoming annual event on Saturday 10th October at Kingston Academy. The Shine Bright team would love for the school community to join in. Event details are:

- Date: Saturday 10th October 2026
- Time: 12pm to 3.30pm
- Location: Kingston Academy, Richmond Road, Kingston
- Cost: £6 adults, £3 children (free if support needed)

TO MARK WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2026

SHINE BRIGHT
All Support Mental Health & Wellbeing in Kingston upon Thames

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT
SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026

LET'S BREAK THE STIGMA AND SHINE BRIGHT TOGETHER
SHOWCASE OF COMMUNITY TEAM AND ACTIVITIES

10 OCTOBER 2026
12.00 PM TO 3.30 PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & TO BOOK TICKETS
info@shinebright.org.uk
www.shinebright.org.uk
www.shinebright.org.uk

Adults £6 (Book included)
 Child £3 (Book included)

Special THANK YOU TO ALL to our supporters, leaders, donors, volunteers & sponsors
 to help us make this event a success
 and to make a difference to the lives of our community

NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED, CASUAL CLOTHING, FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS

FRIDAYS 5.30 - 7.00PM
STARTING 2ND OCTOBER

TOLWORTH LEISURE CENTRE, KT6 7LO

AJHUGHES@SURREYCRICKET.COM TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

SURREYCRICKETFUNDATION.ORG

Surrey Cricket - Surrey Cricket are offering free cricket sessions for children. Contact AJHughes@surreycricket.com for more information.

FREE INDOOR CRICKET FOR KIDS AGED 5-12 YEARS OLD

NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED, CASUAL CLOTHING, FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS

FRIDAYS 5.30 - 7.00PM
STARTING 2ND OCTOBER

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SURREYCRICKETFUNDATION.ORG



The Dance Shack - is a local dance school which is hosting a dance course for children 6-16 years over October half term in Surbiton. They hold regular classes throughout the area in term time as well. Check out the website here for more information and to book: <https://www.danceshack.co.uk/course-dates>

New Girls' Football sessions - Kingston Town FC are launching a new girls' section, and they are looking for founding players. Training is 9.45am on Saturday mornings at the YMCA Hawker Centre. See here for all the information: <https://www.kingstontownfc.com/news/-girls-football-is-coming-to-kingston-town-fc-2995960.html>"



Safeguarding Details

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

King Athelstan Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mr Newton
Headteacher

Ms Rasklussen
Social Emotional Mental Health
(SEMH)/
Nurture Lead

Mrs Ahearn
Deputy Head
Deputy DSL