King Athelstan Weekly Digest
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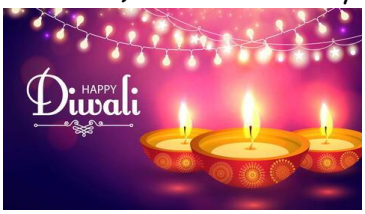
Dear Families,



Huge congratulations to Jade Gulliford, Nelson class teacher, and Jack Morris, Kahlo Class teacher, on the birth of their daughter Edie Mei, born last week. It's very exciting to have a tiny, new member of our King Athelstan family. We can't wait to meet her!

It's now getting very chilly so please make sure you send your children in with school sweatshirts/cardigans and coats every day – they go outside to play in all weathers and it can be sunny one minute and raining the next!

In assembly this week, we talked about the origins of Halloween (31st October) as well as All Saints Day (1st November) and All Souls Day (2nd November). It's quite a week of festivals and events as it was Bonfire Night yesterday and Diwali this weekend, too.



Diwali (also known as Deepavali) is the annual festival of lights celebrated by over a billion people globally across Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism. The festival symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. Happy Diwali to all those celebrating!

Don't forget next week is our parent/carer evening for children who do not have SEND. There are appointments left, so please book online (see below). Stir Food, our caterers, will be providing some food sampling, too.

Have a lovely weekend. Have fun and stay safe if you are going to a firework display.

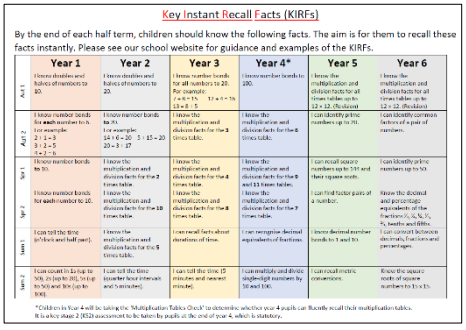


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Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Just a reminder that these meetings take place next week. Kahlo Class meetings have been moved to Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th November. SEND meetings are 20 minutes long and are **all in person**. They will take place on Tuesday 17th November and Thursday 19th November from 3.30-5.30pm. Meeting bookings are made here: https://kingathelstan.schoolcloud.co.uk/ On **Monday 9th November** families with online meetings can come in to the Book Look to see their child's work before the meetings on Thursday.

Maths KIRFs



Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

By the end of each half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly. Please see our school website for guidance and examples of the KIRFs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4*	Year 5	Year 6
Aut 1	I know doubles and halves of numbers to 20.	I know doubles and halves of numbers to 20.	I know number bonds for all numbers to 20. For example: 7 + 6 = 13 13 − 7 = 6	I know number bonds to 200.	I know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12 × 12. (By choice)	I know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12 × 12. (By choice)
Aut 2	I know number bonds for each number to 5. For example: 2 + 3 = 5 3 + 2 = 5 5 − 2 = 3 5 − 3 = 2	I know number bonds to 20. For example: 14 + 6 = 20 5 + 15 = 20 20 − 3 = 17	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.	I can identify prime numbers up to 20.	I can identify common factors of a pair of numbers.
Spr 1	I know number bonds to 10. I know number bonds for each number to 10.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 2 times table. I know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 4 times table. I know the multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 6 and 12 times tables. I know the multiplication and division facts for the 7 times table.	I can recall square numbers up to 100 and their square roots. I can find factor pairs of a number.	I can identify prime numbers up to 50. Know the decimal and percentage equivalents of the fractions ½, ¼, ¾, ⅕, ⅖, tenths and fifths.
Spr 2	I can tell the time (o'clock and half past).	I know the multiplication and division facts for the 5 times table.	I can recall facts about durations of time.	I can recognise decimal equivalents of fractions.	I know decimal number bonds to 1 and 10.	I can convert between decimals, fractions and percentages.
Sum 1	I can count in 2s (up to 50), 5s (up to 200), 10s (up to 500 and 100s (up to 1000).	I can tell the time (quarter hour intervals and 5 minutes).	I can tell the time (5 minutes and nearest minute).	I can multiply and divide single-digit numbers by 10 and 100.	I can recall metric conversions.	Know the square roots of square numbers to 15 x 15.
Sum 2						

*Children in Year 4 will be taking the 'Multiplication Tables Check' to determine whether year 4 pupils can fluently recall their multiplication tables. It is also stage 2 (KS2) assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4, which is statutory.

KIRF (Key Instant Recall of Facts) have been designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work in schools. Every half term, each year group will have a focus and by the end of each half term, children should know those facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly. It is expected that the children will learn and practise these in school AND at home. See the school website here for more information about the maths curriculum, as well as your child's year group KIRFs.

Remembrance Day



Our Junior Leadership Team members have been selling poppies in the playground after school on behalf of the Royal British Legion (thank you Pedro, Ari and Sahib) in aid of Remembrance Day on **11th November**. We will be marking this at 11am on Wednesday by watching the BBC coverage in school. The red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. All donations will be forwarded to the Royal British Legion, whose charity supports serving and ex-serving men and women, and their families. Thank you.

Children in Need

Children in Need is back and we will once again be supporting this wonderful charity. On **Friday 13th November**, children may wear **spotty accessories with their usual school uniform** in return for a donation on ParentPay – we will send the link next week.. Thank you.

Parent/Carer Forum

Our next Parent/Carer Forum will take place on **Friday 27th November at 9am**. The purpose of the Forum is to share information about whole school issues and hear about any that parents/carers want to raise. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be in attendance to discuss your views and answer your questions. Let us know of anything you would like to be on the agenda. Issues must relate to the whole school or Key Stage and not be particular to a class or individual. The most popular items will be chosen for discussion. You may suggest items even if you are not able to attend the Forum. Please complete the Google form here: https://forms.gle/Hn433WCG1qyPkuSp9

Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List, which we started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz .

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 – Raya	Van Gogh Y1 – Ellie
Hockney Y2 – Alia	Matisse Y2 – Joseph
Da Vinci Y3 – Adeline	Cassatt Y3 – Dario
Mehretu Y4 – Zoe	Wiley Y4 – Emma
Dali Y5 – Rachel	Warhol Y5 – Rihannah
Kahlo Y6 – Eden	Riley Y6 – Roxani
KS2 PE – Toby in Kahlo Class Y6	KS1 PE – Ida in Van Gogh Class Y1

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rubecca Ralph	Summer D, Grace Amelya, Advik	Ruth Teddy	Elif Nadia	Emma Rihannah	Pedro Rosa

House Points

This week the winners are Yellow (Cambridge) with a huge tally of 33 points! Blue (Hawks) are in second place with 28 points, with Green (Villiers) and Red (Dawson) close behind on 27 and 26 points.



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY	
NOVEMBER	
Monday 9	Book Looks 3.20-3.50pm - for families with online meetings to see children's books
Tuesday 10	Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm – book now
Thursday 12	Deadline for Christmas Card/items orders

Thursday 12	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm- book now
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- book now
Wednesday 18	Flu immunisations – apply by 13th November
Thursday 19	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.10pm- book now
Friday 20	MHST coffee morning for families – "Managing my child's 'unexpected' behaviour" 9am
Tuesday 24	Kahlo Class Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm
Thursday 26	Kahlo Class Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm
Friday 27	Parent/Carer Forum with Governors 9am
Monday 30	Y5 trip to the Science Museum – go to ParentPay
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 2	Cassatt & Da Vinci joint Assembly – Y3 families invited
Friday 4	Parent/Carer IT Workshop 9am
Wednesday 9	Y5 Y6 Ice Skating – details to follow
Thursday 10	Wiley Class trip to synagogue
Friday 11	Kusama Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday 11	Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 14	Matisse Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 14	O'Keeffe Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
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
Wednesday 16	Van Gogh Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 16	Hockney Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 17	Mehretu Wiley Class trip to synagogue
Thursday 17	Nursery Christmas Singing & Crafts Klee AM 11-11.30am Klee PM 12.30-1pm
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	
Monday 1	Eggs/chicks arrive in Reception
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
Friday 19	Reception trip to the Wetlands Centre – details to folloe
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	
Friday 21	Outdoor Learning Day
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 – go to ParentPay
Tuesday 29	Rest day for Y6 on PGL
JULY	
Friday 2	Inset day - children not in school. No clubs
Wednesday 7	International Day
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:



- Thurs 12 – deadline for Christmas card/items orders
- Fri 13th Nov- donate bottles and toys
- Fri 20th Nov – donate Christmas jumpers and gifts
- Fri 20th Nov – deadline for Lego keyring orders
- Sat 28th Nov - Christmas Panto – see flyer to book!
- Fri 11th Dec - 'Christmas' Cake Sale Competition (Y5)

Christmas Pantomime - Our annual Christmas Fair is fast approaching on **Saturday 28th November** from 12-4pm, and this year we will be putting on a Christmas Panto for everyone to enjoy!!! Tickets are now available using this link or the QR code on the flyer here.



Miniature Winter Wonderland competition - Along with all the exciting games and stalls we have at the Fair this year we are adding a miniature for children to take part in! They can make a little miniature Winter Wonderland out of anything - Lego, cardboard, clay, whatever they want. All the 'worlds' will be on view throughout the Fair and one winner will be picked to win an exciting prize before the end of the day.



Lego brick keyrings: why not buy a personalised Lego brick keyring for the Lego fan in time for Christmas? See the poster on the right here, and order by **20th November**. You can contact the PCSA on kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are now taking bookings for their Merry & Magical 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). See here for more information.



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 Champions Network (PCCN) - Delivered by Achieving for Children through Parent Champions Network (PCCN) and Family Hubs, "Becoming Mum, Becoming Me" is a professional, five-week group coaching programme designed specifically for new mothers navigating the profound transition of becoming a mum. It provides a structured, confidential, and psychologically safe environment designed to help women reconnect with their personal identity, rebuild confidence, and foster emotional wellbeing alongside peers at a similar stage of life. The course is a closed, five-week cohort combining reflective coaching, guided exercises, and facilitated discussion. It will take place on Wednesdays – 11, 18, 25 November and 2, 9 December from 1-2pm at Kingston Town Children's Centre, Villiers Road. The course is fully funded (free of charge to participants), and strictly limited to eight (8) participants to maintain group intimacy and depth of dialogue. Places on this pilot programme are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Any parent registering after the first eight will be placed on a waiting list and given priority for any future opportunities. Babies are warmly welcomed. The programme is ideally suited for 'babes in arms' infants under six months, though it is open to mothers with babies up to twelve months old. Participants are asked to commit to all five consecutive sessions. Families may apply by completing the short online form here or by scanning the QR code featured on the poster.



Regency Bookshop – are hosting their annual discount day on **Saturday 7th November**, offering 25% OFF ALL BOOKS* bought in-store or ordered on the day. *Not in conjunction with any other offer.



Home-Start Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow - Your time could change a child's life – Volunteer with Home-Start! Could you spare just two hours a week to support a local family? Home-Start Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow is looking for volunteers to support families with children under five who may be experiencing challenging times, including post-natal depression, bereavement, disability or isolation. Our volunteers offer friendship, encouragement and practical support, helping parents build confidence and giving children the best possible start in life. No professional experience is needed- just parenting experience, a listening ear and a willingness to help others. We provide a free six-week training course, alongside ongoing support from our experienced team.

Spring 2027 Volunteer Training Course

- **Duration:** Six weeks
- **Dates:** Wednesdays: 3rd, 10th and 24th February; 3rd, 10th and 17th March
- **Time:** 9:45am-2:30pm
- **Location:** Whitton Park Sports Association Clubhouse, 190 Wills Crescent, Whitton, TW3 2JD

Whether you are looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community, meet new people or use your parenting experience to help others, volunteering with Home-Start is a rewarding opportunity to make a lasting difference. Interested in finding out more? Email volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk or call 07884 536161. Your time could change a child's life.

Safeguarding Details

Click here to find out about the school DSLS: Designated Safeguarding Leads at King Athelstan

