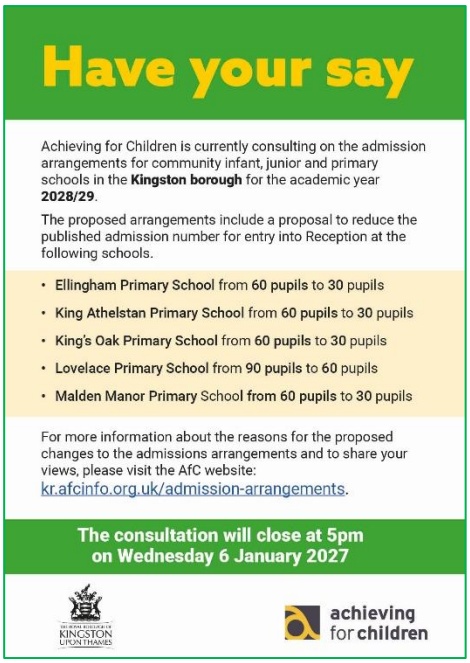
King Athelstan Weekly Digest
Issue 9 – Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Families,

Please take the time to read the important letter sent on Thursday about the AfC consultation for our school to reduce to 1 form of entry from **2028-2029**. It is important that your views are heard. Please speak to school leaders if you have any questions.



On Wednesday, Years 1-6 joined together for a special assembly to mark Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day. We talked about the reason we mark this important day every year. We observed the 2 minutes silence at 11am, standing together as a school family, watching the BBC coverage, to reflect on the service and sacrifices the Armed Forces make on our behalf. The children all behaved in a very respectful way.

On Monday's assembly, we talked about the history behind bonfire night. Ask your children about the story of Guy Fawkes and see what they remember.

It was lovely to see children arriving today with dotty accessories for Children in Need. We had some amazingly creative spots! You can donate directly to Children in Need via the ParentPay link: https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=22330

Please ensure your children have a warm coat with them **every day** from now on.

Please also remember to wait outside the school gates until it is your turn to drop off or pick up – please let anyone else who does the school run for you know this, too. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Thank you to all those who attended their Parent/Carer meetings this week. It is really important that all parent/carers book and attend, as the meeting is to discuss your child's progress in school and we want to work together to support your child in the best way possible. Next week on Tuesday and Thursday are the meetings for children with SEND, which are all in-person. Contact the school office to make an appointment if you have not already booked.

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, as well as a representative from Stir Foods, 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. You may suggest items even if you are not able to attend the Forum. Please complete the Google form here: https://forms.gle/cqsXHjoNjw76iAn17

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 .

Digital Leaders

Well done to our Digital Leaders who have gone through the selection process and been appointed for this academic year. The Digital Leaders help the Computing Lead, Miss Sarton, to set up and troubleshoot devices. They ensure the school ipads and laptops are plugged in correctly and charging, ready for use across the school the following day. They are also a point of contact for their classmates with any queries or questions about logging in and using the approved applications. Well done, all.

Amelya – Matisse Y2	Advik - Hockney Y2
Hazel - Da Vinci Y3	Toby – Cassatt Y3
Afsa – Wiley Y4	Flo – Mehretu Y4
Joe – Dali Y5	Uzay – Warhol Y5
Max – Riley Y6	Hatice – Kahlo Y6

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 – Adnan	Van Gogh Y1 – Karam
Hockney Y2 – Leo	Matisse Y2 – Aadarsh
Da Vinci Y3 – Ebrahim	Cassatt Y3 – Pippa
Mehretu Y4 – Kayden	Wiley Y4 – Louis
Dali Y5 – Harley	Warhol Y5 – Teddy
Kahlo Y6 – Pedro	Riley Y6 – Jayan
KS2 PE – Lily in Cassatt Class Y3	KS1 PE – Mohammed in Matisse Class Y2

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phoebe Ida, Rayyan	Summer D, Dylan Vasyl, Amelya	Teddy Louis	Yanice Flo	Imogen Sharav	Dunia Alfie

House Points

This week the winners are Yellow (Cambridge) once again with 31 points! Red (Dawson) are in second place with 28 points. Blue (Hawks) are third with 22 points and with Green (Villiers) have 20.



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY	
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 17	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.10pm– book now
Wednesday 18	Flu immunisations
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
Wednesday 25	Riley Class Assembly 9am – families invited
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 at 9am or 2.20pm
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

Pupil News



Pedro in Kahlo Class, Year 6, took part in the London Youth Games cross country race last Saturday, representing Kingston! Pedro's parents had submitted his details to run for Kingston in the London Mini Marathon, but he ran for King Athelstan instead. The Youth Games took place in Parliament Hill. It was a great event and Pedro and his family all enjoyed the experience very much. They said the children were just astonishing, how fast they are, the way they run, absolutely brilliant! Pedro ran a very good time: 1.4km in 7m 03s, and finished in 156th place (out of 261 U12 boys). Well done, Pedro!

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:

- 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:



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:



Free Coding Club - CoderDojo KU is a volunteer-led free coding club for children and young people of 7-17 years of age. They provide opportunities to learn how to code, develop websites, apps and games; or program robots and other electronic devices. The sessions are held one Saturday afternoon monthly during school term at the STEM outreach facilities at Kingston University for around 100 children each month. Volunteer mentors include software engineers from the local community, together with the Kingston University computer science staff and student volunteers. Check the schedule at https://www.coderdojoku.org/ and contact them with any questions.

Easyfundraising – don't forget you can raise money for the school whilst doing your personal shopping! Please scan the QR code to sign up and select King Athelstan. Thank you.



Safeguarding Details

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

