



## King Athelstan Weekly Digest

### Issue 14 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Families,

Our school focus this week was on **Self-regulation (Zones of Regulation)**. During our last week of term, the spotlight will be on **good manners**, with an extra emphasis on gratitude - perfect for the festive season.

The Festive Fair last Saturday was a spectacular event, despite the challenges of Storm Darragh! Santa visited and met many children in his grotto. There were so many wonderful stalls, and plenty to see and do, as well as eat and drink! A huge thank you to the PCSA and all the helpers behind the scenes who make such an important event so special for our children and the community.



This week has been incredibly busy with Christmas performances. It has been lovely seeing the children speak confidently in front of an audience and sing so beautifully. We know some children find these events really tricky and it was great to see individuals taking steps forwards by participating or perhaps saying a line for the first time. For other children, this is an area where they truly shine and you can see them enjoying every minute. Well done everyone - we are proud of you all.

Thank you for returning your club request forms for January promptly. Free Pupil Premium places will be notified to you by email, and all other places will appear in ParentPay accounts today. Please ensure you pay for the clubs offered by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, as your child's club place is only confirmed once you have made the full payment. Any unpaid spaces will be offered to the next child on the waiting list. Clubs will start in the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Please check the diary dates carefully for next week and the first couple of weeks back in January and look out for a separate letter about car parking.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Emily Newton, Headteacher**

### Christmas Assemblies

Reception, Y1 and Y2 classes have been busy this week performing their Christmas assemblies for their families. There were re-tellings of How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Night Before Christmas, and the Nativity. All assemblies are uploaded onto Google Classroom so that siblings and other friends and family can also enjoy them. Nursery classes sang some lovely Christmas songs for their families, and also took part in some mini Christmas crafts with them. Everyone wore their Christmas clothing and it was very festive.

Kusama Class



Nelson Class



Van Gogh Class



Matisse Class



Hockney Class



Nursery classes Christmas crafts

## Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating

On Wednesday, the whole of Y5 and Y6 went on our annual ice-skating trip in the lovely surroundings of Hampton Court. It is something that the children all really look forward to and have talked about for some time. Well done to all of the children for their excellent efforts, we were so proud of them. A special mention to those who fell over and kept getting up and trying to improve their skills. What great resilience and



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perseverance!  
Thank you to all of the staff and adult helpers who attended; it really helped make the day run smoothly.



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## Thinker's Project Reminder

The Thinker's Project Exhibition is next **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** in the Hall, from 3.20pm to 3.50pm, and again from 5.30pm until 6pm so as many families as possible can visit and see the work the children have produced this term. Children should bring anything for the exhibition into school for their teachers to see.

## Christmas Lunch Reminder



Christmas Lunch will be served on the last day of term  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Book on ParentPay as usual  
See your emails for details

Christmas lunch will be on the last day of term, **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Please see the menu, left. There will be no jacket potatoes on this day, and the usual Friday fish choice will be available on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December instead. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and/or Christmas accessories on this day if they wish, with the rest of their school uniform. Please remember, school will finish one hour earlier than usual, and there will be no KOOSA Kids on this day.

## Achievement Assembly



## Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Alfred

O'Keeffe Y1 - Alexandra

Hockney Y2 - George

Matisse Y2 - Whole Class

Cassatt Y3 - Sirine

Da Vinci Y3 - Abdirahin

Mehretu Y4 - Jayan

Wiley Y4 - Asia

Dali Y5 -

Warhol Y5 - Milena

Riley Y6 - Karlis

Kahlo Y6 - Eabha

KS2 PE Rowen in Dali Class Y5

KS1 PE Mila in Van Gogh Class Y1

Poppie-Rose in Warhol Class won a Diversity and Equality certificate.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kieran	Yousra	Noor	Peter	Ben	Max
Fatima & Aicha	Nadia	Shiloh	Daniel		

### House Points

This week in first place is **Green (Villiers)** with 32 points. Yellow (Cambridge) are in second place on 27. Blue (Hawks) are third on 25, and Red (Dawson) have 21.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### DECEMBER 2024

Tuesday 17	Y1 O'Keeffe Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 17	Y4 trip to the Rose Theatre - pick up at the Rose Theatre at 4.15pm
Friday 20	Christmas lunch. Wear a Christmas jumper to school
Friday 20	Break up for Christmas one hour early - No KOOSA Kids on this day

#### JANUARY 2025

Monday 6	<b>Inset Day - children not in school</b>
Friday 10	Y5 first swimming lesson
Wednesday 15	Deadline for applications for Reception places in September 2025
Wednesday 15	Y5 to Royal Institute Science event at Kingston Grammar School
Wednesday 29	Y2 Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Friday 31	Cake Sale Y4 3.15pm
Friday 31	PCSA Gig Night at the Fighting Cocks

#### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5	Y3 Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 6	EYFS Museum in school
Thursday 6	Author visit for Y3-6
Wednesday 12	Y6 Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Book Looks for parent/carers
Mon 17-Fri 21	Half-Term
Tuesday 25	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 27	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-6.30pm online

#### MARCH

Tuesday 4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Wednesday 5	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 5	Y4 Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 6	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 6	World Book Day
Wednesday 12	Y3 Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13	Spring Showcase
Wednesday 19	Y5 Dali Class Assembly 9am
Friday 21	Comic Relief
Monday 24	Clubs end this week
Wednesday 26	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 28	PCSA Easter Cake Sale

## Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but any purchases are very much appreciated. Have a look at the link here: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> . Thank you.



## Christmas Foodbank Vouchers

If you feel that you maybe in need over the Christmas holidays and would like to apply for a food bank voucher, please complete this [Google form](#) by 12pm on **TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER**. Thank you.



## Community Messages

In this section of the Digest we include information received from other agencies. This week we have listed some useful numbers and links for anyone who may need help over the Christmas period:

**Samaritans** - The Samaritans are there, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope, who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure. Samaritans is not only for the moment of crisis, they're taking action to prevent the crisis. They give people ways to cope and the skills to be there for others. And they encourage, promote and celebrate those moments of connection between people that can save lives. They offer listening and support to people and communities in times of need. You can call for free, from any phone, at any time on **116 123** <https://www.samaritans.org/>



**Mental Health Crisis Line** - This helpline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on **0800 028 8000**. The Mental Health Crisis Line offers emotional support and advice to people who are affected by urgent mental health issues, at any time of the day or night. It is open to everyone: both children and adults of all ages, and to people who have not previously accessed mental health services. More information about the mental health crisis line and other crisis services can be found can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/>



**Single Point of Access (SPA)** - The Single Point of Access is a multi-agency team, managed by Achieving for Children, who work closely with a wide range of teams and partner agencies and facilitates different levels of support depending on the needs of the child, young person and their family. Contact the Single Point of Access on 020 8547 5008 (8am to 5.15pm, Monday to Thursday, and 8am to 5pm on Friday. Out of hours, phone 020 8770 5000.) Or use the [Single Point of Access online referral form](#) (form hosted on the Richmond Council website for both boroughs).



**Kingston One Stop Shop** - a multi-agency drop-in service which has helped more than a thousand Kingston residents with domestic violence in the last five years. Opening times: every Monday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Venue: Kingsgate Church, Clarence Street, Kingston. No appointment necessary. If you need support outside of the hours of the One Stop Shop and [VAWG and DV Hub](#), call the Freephone 24-Hour [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) on 0808 2000 247. If you are in immediate danger, call 999.

**The NSPCC** offers support and tips to help you keep children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

