



Dear Families,

Eid Mubarak to all families celebrating Eid Al-Adha today!

The day started earlier than usual at King Athelstan as a team of staff arrived before 7am to get ready for the journey to PGL Liddington. Our excited Y6 pupils arrived from 7.15am to check in their luggage, pocket money and day bags ready to leave at 8am. Thanks to all parents and carers for arriving promptly and following the procedures to ensure the coach left on time. The team of 54 students and 6 staff arrived at the Cotswold Wildlife Park at 10am and have spent the day there enjoying the park. At the time of writing they had just arrived at the PGL site where they will spend 3 days challenging themselves with archery, climbing, zip wires, canoeing, abseiling and the infamous giant swing! They are due back on Monday evening.



If you haven't got your tickets yet for the performance of 'On the Origins of King Athelstan School' on Thursday 19th June at All Saints Church in Kingston, please book them over the weekend before we release further tickets for those who would like more than 2 (see the section below). We have confirmation that the Mayor of Kingston will be attending, as well as the Director of Education Services in Kingston and the school's Improvement Partner. This morning, Y5 went to the church for a workshop in the performance space - they were amazing! **BOOK NOW** to avoid disappointment!

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher



International Day

What a fantastic International Day we had on Wednesday! Luckily, the rain stayed away from our International Food Market which had a range of delicious foods from around the world. Thank you so much to all the families who made and donated food for the market - it was a great way to celebrate the cultures within our diverse King Athelstan family. The total amount raised was a fantastic £451.93.

In school, there were several initiatives running. The main one was our version of Eurovision, World Edition, where each class chose to learn a song in another language and then record their performance. All the children watched all the songs and gave their scores, and the top three songs were then invited to sing in a live final at the whole school assembly. Mrs Ahearn and Mrs Paris were given the honour of judging the winner, which was Dali Class with their amazing rendition of 'Dragostea Din Tea' from Romania. The other two finalists were Riley Class with '99 Luftballons' from Germany, and Warhol Class with 'Bella Ciao' from Italy.

There were many wonderful 'Windows to a World' and Kirpa from O'Keeffe Class won this with her lovely window from India (right). Well done also to these children for amazing 'Windows to a World': William in Kusama, Logan in Nelson, Brenden in O'Keeffe, Avery in Van Gogh, Haadiya in Hockney, Jack in Cassatt, Rachel, Emma and Stephen in Da Vinci, Lorelei in Mehretu, Ari in Wiley, Kayla in Kahlo and Max in Riley. All the windows will be on display in the Thinker's Project Exhibition on 15th July.





Another event was stories read in another language. Children across the school enjoyed watching these recordings and decoding the language. The winning storyteller was Kayla from Kahlo Class for reading the story 'Macaquinho' in Portuguese. All our winners: Dali Class, Kayla and Kirpa, along with a friend each, have been invited to an International Breakfast after registration next Wednesday to celebrate their achievements.

Huge thanks to Madame Bailey, our French Teacher, for all her work to make International Day such an amazing experience and celebration for the children, and to the PCSA and everyone who assisted in any way.

Here are some of the wonderful International Day outfits:



On the Origin of King Athelstan School

As you know, we are hosting an exciting event at All Saints Church, Kingston, to mark the 1100th anniversary of the coronation of King Athelstan. Children in Y3-Y6 will re-enact many of the incidents from around the year 925 and what happened during King Athelstan's reign. The event runs from 1pm on Thursday 19th June and tickets are £5 each. Two tickets are available per family, so please order [here](#) and the cost will be added to your ParentPay account. **From next week, we will offer additional tickets, so please make requests on the link above** and it will be added to your ParentPay account as well. Children across the school have helped put



together the show and younger children will walk to the Church to see the final rehearsal on the morning of 19th June. Thank you to all who have a DBS and have volunteered to walk with classes to the church - we are finalising the plans and will get back to you soon. In school, children are practising songs and their lines for the show, as well as making props and scenery - Year 2 were painting their shields today...



Maths KIRFs

Please see the school website [here](#) for the KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) for your child. Every half term, each year group has 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. Well done to Year 4 who completed their online Multiplication Tables Checks (MTCs) this week.

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Yorkshire Building Society Workshops



On Thursday, Year 1 and 2 participated in a money workshop run by Yorkshire Building Society. This is part of their engaging financial education programme 'Money Minds'. The session will introduce the children to the concept of money and teaches them how to keep their money safe. In July, Key Stage 2 will have their session, where they will embark on a virtual vacation adventure, learning about saving for a dream vacation and making informed financial decisions along the way.



SIMs App for Parents/Carers

A reminder about setting up your account in the SIMs Parent App, and thank you to all those who have already done so. The Sims Parent App is a secure and convenient way for you to regularly check your child's details held by school, and update where necessary, so that school always has the correct information. This information includes home address, parent/carers telephone numbers and email addresses and also the correct details of any other emergency contacts. Along with the original email, we sent a user guide which outlines how to get started with the app and what steps to take. We need **every family** to do this. Please contact the school office with any problems.



KS2 Snacks at Breaktime



Please remember that children should only be bringing fruit and/or vegetables for their snack at breaktime: an apple, banana, carrot, or a small pot of grapes, strawberries etc. Fruit flavoured rollups or winders are not healthy snack as, although they may contain pure fruit sugars, they also have artificial additives and preservatives and lack fibre and so are no substitute for real fruit and vegetables.



Amazon Wish List

We are always grateful for any items purchased from our ongoing Amazon Wish List, which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. The list is updated regularly with various things to enhance school life. Thank you so much to the kind parent who bought us a weighted sloth this week! The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. Thank you.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Olivia

O'Keeffe Y1 - Emma

Hockney Y2 - Sarah

Matisse Y2 - Dhanvin

Cassatt Y3 - Alice

Da Vinci Y3 - Summer

Mehretu - Meryem

Wiley - Jessica

Y5 were out at All Saints Church and Y6 are away at PGL

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Brenden	Alice	Elena	Rowan
Ellie & Teddy	Loni	Alice	Ruby

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE	
Friday 6-Mon 9	Y6 PGL Trip
Tuesday 10	Rest day for Y6 children and staff who were at PGL
Tuesday 10	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 12	Class Photographs
Thursday 12	SEND Parent/Carer Support Plan Review Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Friday 13	PCSA - Please donate toys and games for the Summer Fair
Tuesday 17	Nursery Trips to the Library
Wednesday 18	Y1 Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 18	'Welcome to Reception' meeting for families 4pm
Thursday 19	On the Origin of King Athelstan School Event- All Saints Church 1pm
Friday 20	PCSA - Please donate chocolate and sweets (NO NUTS) for the Summer Fair
Saturday 21	Summer Fair 12-4pm
Wednesday 25	Y1 trip to Littlehampton - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 25	Sports Day EYFS (Nursery & Reception) - see letter for details
Thursday 26	Sports Day Y1-6 - see letter for details
JULY	
Tuesday 1	Backup EYFS Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Wednesday 2	Y1 O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 3	Backup Y1-6 Sports Day (in case of cancellation)
Thursday 3	Y6 Lolly Sale
Friday 4	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 8	Y3 Lifting Young Voices Concert #2 - details to follow
Wednesday 9	Y3 Country Dancing - details to follow
Wednesday 9	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm and 5.30-6pm
Thursday 10	Reception trip to the Wetlands Centre - go to ParentPay
Friday 11	PCSA Uniform sale - King Athelstan Centre from 8.40-9am
Friday 11	Y6 Lolly Sale
Friday 11	PCSA Y6 Leavers Event
Monday 14	EYFS Beach Day
Tuesday 15	Thinker's Project Exhibitions 3.30-4pm and 5.30-6pm
Wednesday 16	Y2 trip to Hampton Court - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 16	Y6 Production 2pm - details to follow
Thursday 17	Y6 Production 7pm - details to follow
Friday 18	Y4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm
Friday 18	Y6 Lolly Sale
Tuesday 22	Break up for summer one hour earlier
Tuesday 22	PCSA Picnic in the Park for all
SEPTEMBER 2025	
Monday 1	INSET day - children not in school
Tuesday 2	First day of autumn term

The Uniform Shop stock list is available [HERE](#). There will be a 'Bring and Buy' day for uniform on the first Friday of each month. The 'shop' is located in the King Athelstan Centre at the top of the car park, between 08:40 and 09:00am and you can come and buy or donate items during this time. We still encourage you to check the stock list in advance to be sure we have what you need. You are also able to request items between the sale days as usual.



- **Friday 13th June** - donate toys and games in good, working condition for a toy tombola
- **Friday 20th June** - donate chocolate /sweets (**no nuts**) and bottles for a tombola
- **Saturday 21st June** - Summer Fair, Medieval Theme, 12-4pm.
- **Friday 11th July** - uniform sale, King Athelstan Centre 8.40-9am

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:

Mill Street Sale - Don't miss the Mill Street Sale which has been moved from Saturday 7th June to **Sunday 8th June** from 10am - 1pm. Community event with neighbours selling all sorts of curious bargains, crafts, plants, cakes and more! A great way to spend a Saturday morning with the local community.



London School of Economics Festival - the LSE Festival is an annual series of social science lectures, exhibitions, workshops and performances, all free and open to the public, offered both in person and online. More information about the LSE Festival can be found here: lse.ac.uk/festival. This year the theme is "Visions for the Future", and we



will explore the people and communities, innovative technologies, challenges of today, and lessons from the past that are shaping the world to come. All events are free, and designed to be engaging, educational and thought-provoking. **Family Day** is from 10am-1pm on Saturday 21 June, where children aged 4 upwards are invited to visit the LSE campus in Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE, for a morning of face painting, inspirational storytelling, biscuit decorating, print poster making, and a fun-filled, hands-on AI adventure!

Free Athletics Taster Sessions - Please see the flyer here offering a free athletics taster session for Y3-6 at the Weir Archer Stadium in Kingston this Saturday.



Kingston Open Studios Art Trail - see poster and QR code for details

