



Dear Families,

Thank you for sending your children in so well-equipped in the heat this week! It was great to end the week with a PCSA lolly sale! In assembly we have spoken in more detail about our lockdown procedure, and EYFS children have now had their age-appropriate training. Next week classes will practise in their own classrooms so that they are familiar with the drill which, in future, we will rehearse like the fire drill. Please see the letter we sent on 8th July (also on the website [here](#)) for more information.

Every day this week has been packed. We've had: a trip to the Wetlands Centre for Reception, the Y3 Country Dancing Festival, a singing concert at All Saints Church, a Y2 science workshop and a trip to the Hogsmill Community Garden. Next week will be busy with Y2 journeying to Hampton Court by boat, and our productions of 'Ye Ha!' for Y6 families.



In assembly next week we will be looking at safety over the summer, including reminding the children about stranger danger during their holidays.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Kingston 2025 Events

After our wonderful event at All Saints Church on 19th June, children can get even more Anglo-Saxon ready ahead of the [Athel's Town: Saxon Encampment and Reenactment](#) with one of the Saxon Shield Drumming workshops taking place across the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames this July.



It begins with a drumming tutorial, where they will practice a coordinated drumming rhythm on their shield with the guidance of our experts from Kingston Community Drumming. They will then have the chance to decorate and personalise their shield for the remainder of the workshop with the materials provided. Children are then invited to join as part of the drumming contingent in the *Athel's Town* parade on **Saturday 26 July** where they can show off their drumming skills and personalised shield! Suitable for all abilities over the age of seven, this is the perfect chance to be involved in the Anglo-Saxon parade taking place over Kingston Bridge on the first day of the *Athel's Town* weekend in Canbury Gardens. The parade follows an accessible route (0.6 miles) from the Hampton Wick side of Kingston bridge to Canbury

Gardens via the bridge and along the riverside. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult during the workshop and parade. Secure your child's place on [Eventbrite](#) for **£5.00 per person**. Cost includes a shield, a wooden sword to beat your shield and a place in the *Athel's Town* parade over Kingston Bridge on Saturday 26 July. Workshops are taking place at the Hook Centre (10:30-12:00) and Tolworth Library (12:00-14:30) on Saturday 12 July and at Old Malden Library (10:30-12:00) and Kingston Market House (12:00-13:30) on Saturday 19 July.



Y2 Science Workshop



Y2 were fully engrossed in science today when scientist Dr Manodoro, a parent of a Y2 child, came into school to run a workshop. She wore her lab coat and brought some real equipment from her science lab. She explained about DNA and showed them how to extract DNA from strawberries using household items!



Hogsmill Community Garden Trip



A small group of children in Y1 had a lovely time at the Hogsmill Community Garden this week. They learnt all about how linen is made from the flax plant and even got to try a bit of weaving! (see photo, right) The children harvested some flax seeds which we will plant at school. The Hogsmill Garden is open to all families and is run by local volunteers - find their opening hours on the



Hogsmill Community Garden Facebook page.

Y3 Country Dancing

Y3 attended the Country Dancing Festival at Kingsmeadow on Wednesday. They looked amazing in their Athelstan purple accessories! They had practised hard before the event and all enjoyed it. Their teachers said they danced



really well. 21 children had also taken part in a singing concert at All Saints Church the evening before, where they were commended for their wonderful singing. Well done Y3!



Reception Trip to the Wetland Centre

Reception classes had an amazing day out at the beautiful Wetland Centre nature reserve in Barnes. They tried pond-dipping, saw frogs, fish and bugs as well as lots of birds. They learned a lot about different creatures and their habitats. They were very intrepid, crossing the walkway over some wetland before relaxing in the lovely outdoor play area. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who accompanied them.



Thinker's Project Exhibition

Don't forget that this term's Thinker's Project Exhibition takes place on **Tuesday 15th July** from 3.30pm-4pm, and again from 5.30pm-6pm. Children should bring in any work they want to be included in the exhibition on Monday. Please come and take a look at your child's work and all the wonderful work across the school!

Gardening Volunteer Needed

A huge thank you to Caitlin, current Y6 parent, for all she has done working with the school setting up the after-school Gardening Club and driving the regeneration of the wildlife areas. Unfortunately, this is her last year at the school and so a new volunteer is needed to step in and take over.

"Do you enjoy being outdoors? Are you a keen gardener? Do you like working with children?"

Then this role is for you! We are looking for a volunteer to lead the management of our flourishing allotment and wildlife garden. You would work with the Outdoor Learning Lead and an established team of parent volunteers. There are several other volunteers who are continuing and are able to help (to whom we also offer our thanks) but they need someone to manage the volunteers and gardening programme. More details [HERE](#).

King Athelstan Primary School
School Wildlife Garden and Allotment Gardener
Volunteer Opportunity - Starting September 2025

Do you enjoy being outdoors? Are you a keen gardener? Do you like working with children?

Then this role is for you! We are looking for a volunteer to lead the management of our flourishing allotment and wildlife garden.

You would work with the Outdoor Learning Lead and an established team of parent volunteers.

We are in our second year of looking after the school allotment and wildlife garden and are seeking a volunteer to continue to develop these spaces and support the children to use them. The role would require a half-day commitment during term time and would suit someone who has a reasonable knowledge of gardening, planning and coordination skills.

Currently gardening sessions run on Mondays from 5pm to 6pm (the timetable could be re-arranged to suit the right person).

This is a creative role that involves brainstorming activities, managing the budget, coordinating parent volunteers and liaising with the school. Then, most importantly, supporting groups of children to take part in gardening activities such as weeding, planting, seedling, harvesting and selling. A full job description is available on request.

You will need to show you are willing to commit to a weekly role, school and level 1 safeguarding training (online), provide a reference and safety safeguarding DBS checks.

Please contact us by the 21/07/25 on: admin@kingathelstan.kk.sch.uk

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. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. Thank you.



SIMs Parent App

Thank you to all the families who have already registered and updated their details on the **SIMS Parent App**. For those who have not yet logged in and confirmed their child(ren)'s information, please be aware that this task is now **overdue**. The deadline was the **end of May**, and it's important that we receive accurate and up-to-date information for all students as soon as possible. You will have received an email from noreply@sims.co.uk with an activation link (please check your junk/spam folders if you haven't seen it). This was sent to the main parental email address we have on file.

To complete your registration:

- Click the link in the activation email to set up your account.
- Download the SIMS Parent app from the App Store or Google Play, or log in at www.sims-parent.co.uk.
- Open the app, review your child(ren)'s details, and make any necessary updates.

If you did not receive the activation email, please contact us at admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org with your name, your child's name, and your current email address. Thank you for helping us maintain accurate records.

KOOSA Kids



Bookings are now open for KOOSA Kids' Summer Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from Wednesday 23rd July to Wednesday 27th August. Prices start from just £30.00 per child, per session (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; longer days available) and your third child goes FREE (siblings only)! Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

| JULY | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 14 | EYFS Beach Day - email sent to EYFS families |
| Tuesday 15 | Y5 & Y6 Workshops with Yorkshire Building Society |
| 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 - entry by ticket only |
| Thursday 17 | Y6 Production 7pm - entry by ticket only |
| Friday 18 | Y4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm - email sent to Y4 families |
| Friday 18 | Y6 Lolly Sale |
| Monday 21 | Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Tea - email sent to Y6 |
| Tuesday 22 | Break up for summer one hour earlier |
| Tuesday 22 | PCSA Picnic in the Park for all after school |
| SEPTEMBER 2025 | |
| Monday 1 | INSET day - children not in school |
| Tuesday 2 | First day of autumn term |
| OCTOBER 2025 | |
| Wednesday 1 | INSET day - children not in school |
| Mon 27-Fri 31 | Half-Term |



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Fin and Jolene O'Keeffe Y1 - Louis

Hockney Y2 - Elsie Matisse Y2 - Clorinda

Cassatt Y3 - Stanley

Whole of Y3 for fabulous Country Dancing

Mehretu Y4 - Atu Wiley Y4 - Erin

Dali Y5 - Summi Warhol Y5 - Kaylie

Kahlo Y6 - Lacey

Whole of Y6 for working hard on 'Ye Ha!'

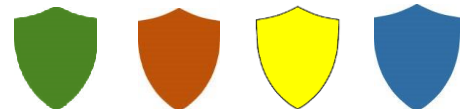
KS1 PE Lily in Van Gogh Class Y1 KS2 PE - Ryan in Riley Class Y6

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------|--------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| Dario | Nadia | Stephen | Jeremiah | Beth | Mox |
| Kieran | Ronnie | Frankie | | Rowen | |

House Points

This week in first place are **Green (Villiers)** with 30 points. In a very close second are **Red (Dawson)** on 29, with **Blue (Hawks)** on 26 and **Yellow (Cambridge)** are on 25 points.



Pupil News

Olivia, a student in Y3, who has featured previously as a champion Irish dancer, has been at it again! She has now won a medal for her jig and a trophy for her Irish reel. Well done, Olivia, and keep it up.



PCSA News

Here are the last few events before the end of term:

- **Friday 18th July** - Lolly sale
- **Sunday 20th July** - King Athelstan Dragon Boat team race at Canbury Gardens!
- **Tuesday 22nd July** - School's Out Picnic



To contact the PCSA: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com or see <https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk> 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:

Kingston Music Service - KMS runs several bands and ensembles which may interest pianists- not only to play piano but to try other percussion.

For piano/keyboard:

Jazz Band - (Grades 2-5) Thursdays - Tolworth centre 1805

For auxiliary percussion in existing ensembles:

Wind Band - (Grades 2-5) Thursdays - Tolworth centre 1710

Jazz Band - (Grades 2-5) Thursdays - Tolworth centre 1805

Big Band - (Grade 5+) Thursdays - Tolworth centre - 1805

For pure percussion:

Percussion Jam - Year R - 2 - Wednesdays - Tolworth centre - 1615

UpBeat Percussion Ensemble - Year 4+ - Wednesdays Tolworth centre - 1645

Mallet Motion (tuned percussion) - Year 4+ Wednesday Tolworth - 1740 **This is a brand new ensemble! Pianists will be at an advantage!**

If your child plays the piano and you would like a FREE trial in September please email the KMS support hub: musicservice@kingston.gov.uk to request a place.

Rose Theatre - Youth Theatre Summer Schools are back for 2025! Booking is now open for the 'Create in Three Days' course, running between 6th August - 15th August 2025. The course is full of fun drama-based activities, crafts, exercises, and skills. Small groups will work with a Rose Youth Theatre director and assistant for the duration of the course and create a short piece of theatre to be shared with families on the final day. Please visit our website to see a full list of course options. Click here to find out more and book your place: [Summer Schools 2025](#).

