



Dear Families,

When we finally arrive at the last day of the school year, it seems to feel like the longest year and as if it's gone in a flash all at the same time!

Thank you for all your support – we literally could not do our jobs without the partnership with parents and carers. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the kind words we have received either by email or in cards or face to face as the year comes to a close. Thank you, too, for the many kind and thoughtful gifts that the team have received. These are in no way expected but very much appreciated.

Last week Y6 performed their production of 'Ye Ha!' for their families. It was an amazing show, with excellent singing, acting and comedy moments (especially the horse!). Y6 families only can order the digital download of the show here: [King Athelstan's Primary School - Ye-Ha! \(Yr 6 Pre-order\)](#). We are grateful to Kingston Grammar School for loaning us radio mics to enhance not only the sound quality but also the performance experience for the children. A group of students from Surbiton High School also came in and helped make and paint some scenery, and Kingston College loaned us some of the set, too. Thank you to the whole Y6 team for their hard work making this such an amazing, unforgettable event for the children.



We had a special visitor last week when Miss Meggitt, Kahlo Class teacher, came in with her new baby Eliza, who was born at the end of June. Eliza really enjoyed her visit! This term we say goodbye to several members of staff who are moving on to new challenges: class teachers Miss Smee (Y2), Miss Versey (Y4) and Becks Parker (Nursery), as well as Mrs Fretwell, Miss Sewell, Miss Chase and Mr Williamson who are all teaching assistants. We welcome to the King Athelstan family Mrs Alice Alexander in Klee Class, Miss Smythe in Wiley Class, Mr Gardner in Dali Class, Mrs Campbell in Van Gogh Class. Mrs Siddiqui, Mrs Davies and Mr Trabelsi will be joining our support staff team.

Thank you to those families who have completed the annual Parent/Carer Survey so far. We would be really grateful if more of you could do this. The link is here: <https://forms.gle/hU1Ec51hacS3qsMr5>

A few reminders for the new school year in September:

- Our new footwear policy starts officially. We have sent out lots of information about this: only plain black footwear at all times. Children may wear plain black trainers (including soles) every day as well as on PE days. Children may continue to wear plain black school shoes on non-PE days if they wish. **No coloured trainers or other footwear are permitted.**
- Only sweatshirts/cardigans with the school logo may be worn. No other non-logo sweatshirts or cardigans are allowed. Second-hand uniform is available from the PCSA [HERE](#).
- Children must not bring backpacks or rucksacks to school as we do not have room to store them.
- Children do not need to bring their own pencil cases – they will be asked to take these home.
- Please take time to read the letter around likely changes in our mobile phone policy which was sent separately.

We hope you have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing those returning in September. If you are moving on from our school community then we wish you the very best of luck – remember, as we say to the children, you are still part of the King Athelstan family. Please keep in touch and let us know how things are going.

Emily Newton

Headteacher

## Y1 Design Technology

Y1 had a fantastic DT session where they made fruit kebabs and fruit smoothies which they then enjoyed tasting in class and outside! I'm sure they would be happy to share their recipes with anyone who asks...



## EYFS Beach Day

Children in Nursery and Reception classes had a wonderful time last week when they celebrated Beach Day. This took place in the EYFS playground, and there were paddling pools, water bombs (!), sandpit, and many beach games. Families were invited to come along to join in the fun and probably get wet, too. It was a hot day, so everyone dried off quickly. Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a special day!



## Y4 Ukulele Concert



Year 4 gave an amazing ukulele concert to their families, showcasing their fantastic music prowess. They played The Beatles' "Octopus's Garden", George Ezra's "Shotgun" and finished with an incredible version of Green Day's "Time of Your Life". It was really hot in the hall, but they were very professional and Mr Thomas, as well as all the parents and carers were very proud.

## The Great Fire of King Athelstan

Year 2 finally managed to host the Great Fire of King Athelstan on Friday (after previously postponing due to windy weather!),



burning the wonderful Tudor houses they had made in art with Mrs Barr. The fire took hold at one end of the row of houses, just like it did in Pudding Lane in 1666, and burned the whole lot down. Y2 enjoyed watching it, and gave a rousing rendition of their song "September 1666":

'I wish it was raining and pouring on poor old London Town'.



## Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Tea

On Monday we held the annual Y6 Leavers' Assembly, which is accompanied by afternoon tea for their families. The Y6 children spoke about their memories of school and their friends, and their hopes for the future. They sang songs and showcased what wonderful young people they have become as they move on to secondary school and new challenges. Thank you so much to the PCSA for helping to set up and serve tea. A special thank you to Mrs Olgun for kindly providing the amazing cakes! Thank you also to the Kingston Rotary Club, who provided a leaving gift for each Y6 child (pictured) - this year a geometry set that they will need for Y7, as well as a purple pin badge to remind them of King Athelstan.





## Prizegiving 2025

This year's prize winners were surprised, as usual, when they were unexpectedly called to the office to be met by Miss Newton, with an award and certificate, standing with members of their family! Each one deserved their prize - a hardback non-fiction book, and many photos were taken.



Award	Year	Winner
Achievement in FS	R	Abdihafid
Achievement in KS1	Y2	Jamie
Reading in KS1	Y2	Mila
Building Learning Power	Y4	Katarina
Academic Progress Nursery/KS1 to Y6	Y6	Ryan
Accelerated Progress through the year	Y6	Julie
Achievement in KS2	Y6	Max
Sport	Y6	Martha
Drama & Creative Arts	Y6	Tilly-Rae
Music	Y6	James
Art	Y6	Melika
Outstanding Contribution to School Community	Y6	Eabha

## SIMs Parent App

There are still some families who haven't yet registered and updated their details on the **SIMS Parent App**. It is 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information or call 01276 21884.

## Pupil News

Nykollas in Y5 brought in to school the numerous medals he has won for Taekwondo and Capoeira in Brazil. He has so many they were clanking! Well done Nykollas!





## Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1- Rayan

O'Keeffe Y1 - Jannah

Hockney Y2 - Viktor

Matisse Y2 - Giulia

Cassatt Y3 - Rihannah

Da Vinci - Souhila

Mehretu Y4 - Eloise

Wiley Y4 - Molly

Dali Y5 - Ryan

Warhol Y5 - Alessandro

Kahlo Y6 - Oscar & Electra

Riley - Nicholas

KS1 PE Viktor in Hockney Class Y2

KS2 PE - Bentley in Kahlo Class Y6

This year's **Eco Warriors** all received a well-deserved certificate for their work this year, litter-picking and conducting surveys and 'green' projects around school.

**Good Citizen** certificates were awarded to: Kieran and Pippa in Y1, Yousra and Elsie in Y2, Jack and Annie in Y3, Hatice and Jeremiah in Y4, Augustyn and Hanin in Y5, and Sofia and Harry in Y6. Well done to all.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dario	Flo	Stephen	Ruby & Pedro	Grace	Leo
Ruth	Giulia	Joshua	Ben W		Dorothy

### House Points

This week in first place are **Green (Villiers)** with 23 points. In a very close second are **Yellow (Cambridge)** on 22. **Blue (Hawks)** have 21 and **Red (Dawson)** are on 20 points.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

## PCSA News

The PCSA is asking for help in the following areas next academic year:



- **Uniform** - someone to 'open the shop' the first Friday of every month, take in new stock and keep sheet updated. This would be 30mins of your time once a month, with occasionally an additional hour to update stock.
- **Cake Sale Manager** - someone to remind year groups it is their turn, send the class group message and email the school to remind them to put out tables
- **One-off Event manager** - if we can split the events to be managed by a few people so it is not all managed by one person
- **Graphic Designer** - someone to make all the posters for the events and update the PCSA board
- **Festive/Summer Fair Committee** - a couple of people to just work on these events, helping source stall holders etc. This would mean they can keep on going

If you think you could take on or assist with any of the above, please email [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com) or see <https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk> for more information. Thank you.

## 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:

**Cricket Camp** - We are running a **FREE** summer holiday camp at Alexandra Park Recreation Ground and are delighted to offer places for the programme. Please see below link for our All-Stars and Dynamos cricket summer holiday camp we are running at Alexandra Recreation Ground, Alexandra Dr, Surbiton KT5 9BQ. The All-Stars Cricket Camp (**open to 5-8-year-olds**) will run from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10am-11am each day.

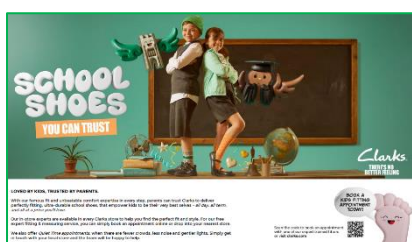
The Dynamos Cricket Camp (**open to 8-11-year-olds**) will run from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 11:15- 12:15 each day. To register click one of the links below and use the **DISCOUNT PROMO CODE** when booking your place.

All Stars Cricket Camp signing up link- <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/71638f14-b435-417c-b057-766b368b2a7b?venue=SurreyCricketBoardCCB> - All Stars

Voucher Code- **XM6QR**

Dynamos Cricket Camp signing up link- <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/8f8f4cdb-9d60-45dd-b99e-3c3539e52c47?venue=SurreyCricketBoardCCB> - Dynamos

Voucher Code- **636EQ**



**Clarks Shoes** - Theo, the Store Manager of the Clarks Kingston store, wants to let you know about their Quiet Time appointments, to help those who may find shopping at busier times overwhelming. This is the link to book appointments online: <https://www.clarks.com/en-gb/measureandfit-in-store> . Clarks are also extending opening hours throughout August and the first week of September.