



Dear Families,

We've had another great week at school! Despite the very rainy weather, the children have been busy learning, playing, and making the most of each day.



Over the Christmas break our school hall was re-painted and we've all been admiring its smart new look! Thank you to the PCSA for funding this project.

Inclusion assemblies have returned this term. Last week, we marked World Braille Day by telling the story of how Louis Braille developed his system for reading without seeing. This week marked World Religion Day, focussing on the similarities between the main world religions. There was a common thread of kindness and treating others how you would like to be treated. We linked this to our school rule 'we are kind' and talked about having the right to experience kindness and the responsibility to be kind.



With all the coats, jumpers, and spare clothes in use at the moment, please remember to clearly label **all items** with your child's name. This really helps us return belongings quickly and avoids items being lost.

Please remember, we encourage children from Y3-Y6 to bring a piece of fruit for morning break - a banana or apple are ideal.

Thank you for your continued support — we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Alice Govan

Assistant Headteacher



Villiers Road Roadworks

As most of you will have seen, there are currently roadworks with temporary traffic lights on Villiers Road near the Co-Op. These roadworks will gradually be moving down to Hawks Road, right in front of the school, and are planned to take place until April 2026. We are waiting to hear about any temporary crossings near the school, and will keep you informed. There will inevitably be congestion causing delay - please factor this in to your drop offs and pick ups and try not to drive, if possible. Thank you.

Kingston Music Service

Kingston Music Service (KMS) offers a range of music activities in school and at four music centres across the borough. KMS is a Local Authority service and provides individual instrumental and vocal tuition in primary and secondary schools across the borough. Provision varies according to arrangements with each school so [see our music lessons in schools page](#) to find out what's on offer. There are music centres in Coombe, Kingston, Tolworth and Hook. These operate after school and on Saturday mornings, with some adult tuition available. These venues offer a wide range of activities including individual and small group [lessons](#); theory and [ensemble](#) activities including bands and orchestras. At King Athelstan, we currently have children from Y3-Y6 taking piano and guitar lessons in school with KMS tutors. See [the website](#) for more information, how to book and prices.



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Supermarket Food Vouchers

Supermarket vouchers will be emailed out as usual to families of children entitled to free school meals (not the universal free school meals funded by the Mayor of London) for February half-term. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please go to the [website here](#) for more information and to apply.



Nursery Cooking!



The children in Little Klee AM (Nursery) were busy this week. They made jam sandwiches, practising their fine motor skills and instruction following. They concentrated really hard, and looked great as well!



Amazon Wish List

The Wish List is back! This was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. The list has recently been updated with lots of new items. Thank you to those families who have already purchased some of the new items! There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: [King Athelstan Wish List](#). Thank you.



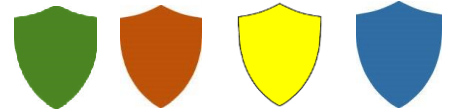
KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating a February Half Term Holiday Club at King Athelstan from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February. The exciting, action-packed activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of exciting games, art & crafts, science and active challenges that bring our Under the Sea theme to life with a Fancy Dress Parade on Friday 20th! Bookings are now open: <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club> or call 01276 21884 for more information or to book.



House Points

This week, **Green House (Villiers)** won with 37 points. **Yellow (Cambridge)** are second with 34, **Blue (Hawks)** are third with 33 points. **Red (Dawson)** have 25.



Term Dates for 2026-2027

There will be two INSET days at the start of the 2026-27 academic year, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September, and so children will return to school on **Monday 7th September 2026**. Other INSET Days in the next academic year will be: Wednesday 7th October 2026, Monday 4th January 2027 and Friday 2nd July 2027.

2026-27 Term	Date from	Date to
Autumn Term 1 2026	Monday 7 th September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Half-Term	Monday 26th October 2026	Friday 30th October 2026
Autumn Term 2 2026	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December 2026	Friday 1st January 2027
Spring Term 1 2027	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Half-Term	Monday 15th February 2027	Friday 19th February 2027
Spring Term 2 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Easter Holidays	Friday 26th March 2027	Friday 9th April 2027
Summer Term 1 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Half-Term	Monday 26th May 2027	Friday 29th May 2027
Summer Term 2 2027	Monday 7 th June 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY 2026	
Friday 30	Y5 Cake Sale 3.15pm
FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 4	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 11	Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 12	Y6 Junior Citizen - details to follow
Friday 13	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop - go to ParentPay
Mon 16-Fri 20	Half term - children not in school
Tuesday 24	Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-6pm - details to follow
Thursday 26	Parent/Carer Consultations online 4-6.30pm - details to follow
Friday 27	Y4 Cake Sale 3.15pm
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday 4	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 5	World Book Day - details to follow
Tuesday 10	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm- details to follow
Wednesday 11	O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 12	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations in person 3.30-5.30pm- details to follow
Monday 16	Clubs end this week
Tuesday 17	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum - details to follow
Wednesday 18	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 19	Y5 visit to St John's Church - details to follow
Friday 20	Crazy Hair Day - PCSA Fundraiser £1 donation
Tuesday 24	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Wednesday 25	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 26	Reception trip to the Wetlands - details to follow
Thursday 26	KS2 Spring Showcase - details to follow
Friday 27	Y3 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Friday 27	Break up for Easter one hour earlier
APRIL 2026	
30 March - 10 April	Easter Holidays
Wednesday 15	Y4 Thames Young Mariners Trip - go to ParentPay
Wednesday 15	Hockney Class Assembly 9am
Friday 24	Y2 Cake Sale 3.15pm

Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Ari

O'Keeffe Y1 - Dominic & Youcef

Hockney Y2 - Olivia

Matisse Y2 - Cece

Cassatt Y3 - Louis

Da Vinci - Harry & Jamie

Mehretu Y4 - Aya

Wiley Y4 - Oscar

Dali Y5 - Ari & Amelie

Warhol Y5 - Alex

Kahlo Y6 - Ben

Riley - Max P

KS1 PE Adam in Matisse Class Y2

KS2 PE Ali in Mehretu Class Y4

Alex in Kahlo Y6 played the piano for KS2 assembly

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelya & Dominic	Teddy & Aicha	Zoe	Su	Leyah	Kaysha
Logan	Ruth	Paula	Alice	Sahib	Milena

PCSA



The Parent, Carer, School Association (PCSA) can be contacted on: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com. Check out the PCSA noticeboard at the front of the school - it has a list of all the upcoming events as well as fundraising ideas.

On **Saturday 7th February** there is a fundraising **Gig Night** (adults only) at the Fighting Cocks venue in Kingston from 7.30pm, where our very own music teacher, Mr Thomas, will be performing, alongside other bands. Tickets are £8 in advance - click on the QR code here to buy.



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:

Fairfield Litter Pick - Saturday 17th January 2-3pm. Please do join in this weekend



if you can, and be sure to keep Saturday 7 March in your diary for the next event too. As ever, there will be some litter pickers to borrow, plus sweet treats for litter heroes, but if you have your own pick, hoop or gloves, please do bring them along. Thank you.



Surbiton Hockey Club - Surbiton Hockey Club is offering **FREE** after-school hockey sessions for local school children in Years 3-6. Please see the flyer with details of the free sessions, which start on 15th January and run every Thursday from 3:30-4:30pm at Surbiton Hockey Club, Sugden Road.

Free Classes for Parent/Carers - Physical well-being is a precursor to good mental health, resilience and wellbeing. Yoga exercise and mindfulness, as well as Pilates exercise provide a beneficial release from stress enabling you to manage better with resilience, calm and ease. See the posters here for more details.

