



Dear Families,

It has been an incredibly busy week with lots of trips and additional activities: our Year 6 children arrived home on Monday afternoon after an exciting long weekend at PGL; our Y3 children were amazing in their dances at the Kingston Country Dancing Festival at Kingsmeadow; the whole of KS2 had some lessons in other languages led by students of Kingston Grammar School - there was German, Portuguese, Italian, Spanish and Dutch; the whole of EYFS went to Bocketts Farm; Y5 attended science workshops at Hollyfield School, and the Choir sang beautifully at the Kingston schools' Music Festival! A huge thank you to all the staff who organised trips and wrote complex risk assessments for every event, and to all the parents/carers who joined trips to make sure we had plenty of helpers! It's brilliant that the children are able to participate in so many additional opportunities to enrich the curriculum.

We have once again been concerned about driving/parking outside the school and in surrounding roads in recent days. We were also contacted by Olly Wehring, Councillor for Norbiton, who said that he passed the school at drop-off and witnessed some very worrying parking and reversing onto a junction that was incredibly dangerous. All parents/carers have a responsibility to drive and park safely on the roads around the school, as well as with consideration for local residents. The safety of all children is our main concern, so please make sure you drive and park responsibly.

This week we announced the exciting news that Jade Gulliford, Nelson class teacher, is expecting her first baby with husband Jack Morris (Kahlo class teacher) in November. I know you will all join me in congratulating them on this special announcement. We love adding to the King Athelstan family!

Now that the hot weather is here, please apply sun screen to your children in the morning at home. We have erected gazebos in both playgrounds to provide extra shade. All children should bring a sun hat and a refillable water bottle every day to school (not bottles with a spray). Thank you. Warhol Class took their learning outside this afternoon to work in the shade (right).



Don't forget next Saturday is the PCSA Summer Circus!

Have a lovely weekend,

Emily Newton, Headteacher

Healthy Schools London Silver Award

This week, we are pleased to celebrate another significant achievement for our school - we were awarded the Healthy Schools London Silver Award. This prestigious accreditation, awarded through the Mayor of London's Healthy Schools London programme, recognises our continued commitment to promoting the health and wellbeing of all pupils across our school community. One of the key areas highlighted in our Silver Award submission was our successful work to increase participation in extra-curricular clubs and activities. By encouraging more children to take part in a wide range of clubs, we are helping pupils to develop healthy lifestyles, build confidence, strengthen friendships, and enjoy the many benefits of being active and engaged beyond the classroom. Achieving the Silver Award reflects the dedication of our staff, pupils, families and external providers in supporting health and wellbeing initiatives throughout the school. We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment and would like to thank our whole school community for helping us reach this important milestone. We look forward to continuing our journey and building on this success in the future. Thank you to Mr McLaughlin for his work to achieve this recognition.



Year 3 Country Dancing

On Tuesday, Year 3 took part in the Kingston Primary Schools' Country Dance Festival which happens annually at Kingsmeadow with other local schools. They had learnt all the dances really well and enjoyed showing their skills to their families and spectators. They also looked great in their country dancing costumes! Thank you to the parents who helped to set up and take down the gazebos, too.



Y6 Residential Trip

Congratulations to the 44 children from Year 6 who attended this year's School Residential. The trip began with a fantastic visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, followed by PGL.

Throughout their trip, the children embraced a wide range of outdoor activities, including zip wire, climbing, archery, canoeing and trapeze. Along the way, they developed valuable life skills such as problem-solving, communication, leadership and teamwork. They embraced new experiences with courage and positivity, worked collaboratively with their peers, and showed great determination when faced with challenges, always striving to do their best. A residential trip of this scale would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of our staff. Thank you to Darren McLaughlin, Barbara Favretti, Charlotte Flood, Louisa McDonald and Jack Morris for giving up their time to support the children throughout the weekend. Their care, encouragement, energy and unwavering support helped to create a safe, enjoyable and memorable experience for all involved. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work and dedication, and we know that the memories made on this trip will stay with the children for many years to come. Here are some pictures from the weekend:



Choir at the Rose Theatre

The KS2 Choir were invited to take part in the Kingston Primary Singing Festival concert on Thursday, with the theme 'Day and Night'. They looked so smart in the new King Athelstan Choir purple t-shirts for the first time, and sang 'Mr Blue Sky' and 'Mysterious Moon' beautifully. Mrs Ahearn attended the concert and was full of praise. They made Mr Thomas and the school very proud.



International Day News

Mrs Bailey hosted an 'International Breakfast' in the Wildlife Garden this week for the International Song Contest class winners, Riley, Da Vinci and Hockney. Also invited were the children who entered fabulous Window to My



World creations. Well done to Rachel, Izabella and Emma in Wiley class, Peter in Dali class, Kirpa, Dario and Ellie in Hockney class, and Phoebe in Nelson class who all brought a friend to the breakfast as well!



Nursery & Reception Farm Trip

On Thursday, the whole of EYFS (75 Nursery and Reception children) had a hugely exciting trip to Bocketts Farm in Leatherhead, Surrey. During their visit, the children took part in a range of fun farm activities including animal encounters, a tractor ride, a tour of the farm and the famous pig racing as well as having time to play in the playground. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see farm animals up close and learn more about life on a working farm. Trips like this are incredibly valuable as they bring learning to life. There were lots of tired children (and adults) on the coach back. Thank you so much to the 21 parents and carers who sorted out DBS certificates and volunteered to accompany the trip - we couldn't carry out these memorable experiences without you.

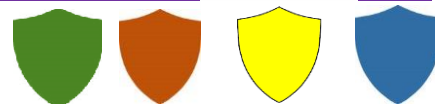


Secondary School Open Days

Please find information below about secondary school open day/evening dates aimed at parents of current Year 5 children who will be applying for a Year 7 place in September 2027. We encourage families to check the website regularly, as schools may amend dates: [Click here for Secondary School Open Days for 2027 Entry](#)

House Points

This week the winner is **Blue House (Hawks)** with a whopping 34 points. **Yellow House (Cambridge)** and **Green House (Villiers)** are in joint second place with 33, and **Red House (Dawson)** are just behind with 32 points.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

O'Keeffe Y1 - Amelya

Van Gogh Y1 - Ari

Hockney Y2 - Penelope

Matisse Y2 - Adam

Cassatt Y3 - Louis

Da Vinci Y3 - Jayson

Wiley Y4 - Whole Class

Mehretu Y4 - Sirine

Warhol Y5 - Whole Class

Dali Y5 - Whole Class

Riley Y6 - Alessandro

The Whole of Y6 for their residential trip

KS1 PE Vasyi in O'Keeffe Class Y1

KS2 PE - Florence in Da Vinci Class Y3

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Aadarsh	Arjun and Dario	Ayaan	Tasya	Roxani
Logan	Ruth	TY	Alannah	Ruby

Amazon Wish List



The Wish List was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but all purchases are very much appreciated. The link is: [King Athelstan Wish List](#). Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE 2026	
Monday 22	Y6 author visit at the Rose Theatre
Wednesday 24	Y1 Trip to Littlehampton seaside
Friday 26	EYFS Stay & Play 9.15am
Friday 26	Y6 Lolly Sales 3.15pm
Friday 26	PCSA Uniform Sale from 3pm
Saturday 27	PCSA Summer Circus! 1-4pm
JULY 2026	
Wednesday 1	EYFS Sports Day - in the MUGA at school
Thursday 2	Y1-Y6 Sports Day - at Athelstan Recreation Ground
Thursday 2	Y6 Lolly Sale 3.15pm
Thursday 2	Y6 Quiz Night 7pm - tickets available here
Friday 3	INSET Day - children not in school
Monday 6	Last week of clubs
Tuesday 7	EYFS Stay & Play 2.15pm
Wednesday 8	Y6 Production 'Grossbusters' 2pm - details to follow
Thursday 9	EYFS Beach Day - details to follow
Thursday 9	Y6 Production 'Grossbusters' 7pm - details to follow
Friday 10	PCSA AGM 9am
Friday 10	Y4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm
Friday 10	Y6 Lolly sales 3.15pm
Friday 10	Y6 Leavers' Disco 6-7.30pm - tickets available here (free)
Tuesday 14	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.20-3.50pm & 5.30-6pm
Thursday 16	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Tea - details to follow
Friday 17	School ends one hour earlier
SEPTEMBER 2026	
Monday 7	First day of autumn term

Walk to School Week

A big well done to everyone who took part in our Walk to School Week challenge!

The top three classes were...

1st Warhol; 2nd Nelson; 3rd Dali

Thank you to the Eco Warriors for running the tally in classes, Miss Marie for collecting the scores and Johnny for his art work on the new Walk to School Week certificates!



KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are excited to be operating their Summer Holiday Club at King Athelstan from Monday 20th July to Wednesday 26th August. Bookings are now open. Prices start from just £31.50 per child (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; longer days available) with an 8% discount on a full week booking) and your third child goes FREE (siblings only)! See the flyer [here](#) or call 01276 21884.



PCSA

You can contact the PCSA on kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com

The PCSA invites you to their Summer Circus on **Saturday 27th June** - the highlight event of the year! In addition to fun and games, the Circus show, presented by a team of professional performers, is guaranteed to entertain the whole family. Congratulations to Molly from Y5 Dali class for her fantastic winning design which you will see on the boards and posters for the Summer Circus. Thank you to everyone who submitted their designs - they will **all** be displayed at the Summer Circus on Saturday 27th June!

<https://www.ticketsource.com/king-athelstan-primary-school-pcsa/summer-circus/e-glqbok>



Fair time: 1pm - 4pm

Circus shows at: 1pm, 2pm and 3pm (your tickets will give you access for a specific slot)

Please do come before your allocated Circus show time or stay after to enjoy lots of fun activities, food and drink!

PCSA also has several other events and schemes at the moment:

1. www.easyfundraising.org.uk Families can download the app and do their online shopping in this way to raise money for the school. [Sign up here.](#)
2. www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Weekly prizes offered for £1 ticket.
3. Summer Circus 1-4pm - Saturday 27th June - see below
4. Y6 Quiz Night - tickets now available
5. Y6 Leavers' Disco - free, but tickets must be booked



Cake/ice lolly Sales:

- Friday 26th June ice lolly sale & uniform sale
- Thursday 2nd July ice lolly sale
- Friday 10th July ice lolly sale



The PCSA sells pre-loved school uniform. The next sale is on Friday 26th June after school. If you require uniform at any other time please email the PCSA [here](#) and we can leave it with the office if we have it in stock. Alternatively, [click here](#) to check what we currently have in stock, and email us with what you would like. We would appreciate a donation on Givey (<https://www.givey.com/uniform>) of any amount you can afford. Thank you.

Year 6 Leavers' Events - tickets for these and all events are available [here](#).



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:

Independent Business Day - Kingston First is celebrating with a two-week campaign showcasing more than 200 independent businesses across Kingston town centre. Running from **27 June-12 July**, 'There's a Place in Kingston' will feature exclusive offers, events, giveaways, free community experiences - accessible via the [InKingston app](#) - and inspiring stories from the local entrepreneurs helping to shape Kingston's unique character.



Sports Summer Camps - see flyers

Mental Health Support Team - If you are a parent with a child living or going to school in Kingston or Richmond, please give your views by filling out this short questionnaire by clicking on the QR code on the poster here: