



The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change	
Year 3 - Miss Dymond and Miss Finn	Monday and Wednesday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day
Year 4 - Mrs Thomson and Miss Winzar	Monday and Thursday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day.
Year 5 - Miss Daly and Miss Harding	Monday (swimming) and Wednesday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day
Year 6 - Miss Pollit and Mrs Walton	Tuesday and Thursday Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day
Key dates for May	
Wednesday 1st May	We officially join KGA and become King's Academy Rowner.
Thursday 2nd May	The Drey is being used as Polling Station (please see below)
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY - School shut
Wednesday 8th May	Year 3 and Year 4 Parent/Child Times table Meeting: 3.15-3.45pm - <i>see below for more information</i>
Monday 13th May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NO Y5 SWIMMING due to SATS 2. Y6 SATS - English, grammar, punctuation and spelling 3. Walk to School Week begins
Tuesday 14th May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y6 SATS - English reading 2. Nick Cross (KGA CEO) on school site
Wednesday 15th May	Y6 SATS - Maths paper 1 arithmetic and maths paper reasoning
Thursday 16th May	Y6 SATS - Maths paper 3: reasoning
Monday 20th May	Y5 swimming
Thursday 23rd May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Second full LGB meeting 2. Y3 Sleepover
Friday 24th May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y3 Parent Event (starts at 13.45) 2. End of term
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Half term

Upcoming June and July dates <i>(Please note these dates might change. We will update any changes on future changes)</i>	
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
Thursday 6th June	D-Day 80 event (more information to follow)
Monday 10th June	Y6 swimming
Monday 17th June	Y6 swimming
Tuesday 18th June	Lego League to visit Legoland
Monday 24th June	Y6 swimming
Tuesday 25th June	Y5 Spinnaker Tower
Monday 1st July	Y6 swimming
Monday 1st - 4th July	Fareham Academy Transition days (1st - 4th July)
Wednesday 3rd July	Autism Hampshire meeting 13.30 - 14.45
Friday 5th July	Year 6 Hunger Games day
Monday 8th - 12th July	Bridgemaury Transition week
Monday 8th - 9th July	Crofton transition days
Monday 8th July	Year 6 swimming
Tuesday 9th July	1. Book Fair 2. Primary Lego League - Gosport STEM centre
Thursday 11th July - Friday 12th July	Bay house and Brune Park transition days
Thursday 12th July	RJS Transition Day including Y2
Monday 15th July	1. Sports Morning 2. Y6 swimming
Tuesday 16th July	Y6 Fort Purbrook
Wednesday 17th July	1. Fort Brockhurst singing performance 2. Year 6 Camp out
Friday 19th July	1. Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (13.15) 2. Last Day of term

Calendar / INSET days for Academic Year 2024-25		
Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Start: Monday 2 September Finish: Friday 20 December Half term: 28 October – 01 November	Start: Monday 6 January Finish: Friday 4 April Half term: 17 – 21 February	Start: Tuesday 22 April Finish: Tuesday 22 July Half term: 26 – 30 May

Nb Y3 and Y7 learners will return to school Tuesday 3 September as part of their transition. The remainder of the school will return on Wednesday 4 September.

KGA Rowner INSET dates, for the academic year 2024/2025:

- Monday 2nd September
- Friday 6th December
- February - Gosport Common Closure - likely to be 14th February
- Monday 21st July
- Tuesday 22nd July

King's Group Academy - KGA

THE GFM will be merging with the King's Group Academy (KGA) on Wednesday 1 May 2024 when we will be known as King's Academy Rowner (or KGA Rowner). You will have already seen branding changing around the school and changes to the uniform from September, these were shared with you in March. The KGA CEO, Mr Nick Cross, will be leading an assembly on Thursday 2 May to introduce himself to the whole school - some of whom have already met him. He will be visiting our school half termly, and he looks forward to meeting more of you on his visits.

Personal items

A reminder that personal items such as teddies, pencil cases - personal stationery etc should not be brought into school. By keeping them at home, they stay safe and children can look forward to playing with and using them when home.

Polling Day - SCHOOL IS OPEN

A reminder that voting will be taking place on the KGA Rowner site, in The Drey, on Thursday 2 May 2024. We have hosted voting in previous years and this does not affect the day-to-day running of our schools. Therefore, we are delighted to inform you that both Rowner Infant School and King's Academy Rowner will remain open on Thursday 2 May.

The polling station will be in The Drey (a contained building on the KGA Rowner site) and fencing will be erected to prevent voters from accessing the school building. Therefore, on the day, you will need to enter and exit the school site via Tichborne Way gate next to The Hive / Forest School. We will NOT be operating the one-way system on this day and appreciate your co-operation in working together to avoid congestion. There will be staff members available to help direct you. If you are arriving at school during the school day, buzz the intercom to let us know you are here and a member of staff will come to you.

SATs for Year 6

SATs have been scheduled for Year 6 by the government this year commencing the week beginning 13th May.

The school is committed to ensuring pupils make progress throughout their learning journey at Rowner and can account for this accordingly. We will share attainment information with Y6 parents/carers in our annual reports (July) and liaise closely with secondary schools to inform them about Year 6 respectively.

Year 6 children are invited to arrive at school each day from 8.10am for a SATs breakfast. Children are to arrive at their classroom where they will be provided with some breakfast options e.g. pain-au-chocolat, fruit, croissants, crumpets etc. If your child does not want to have breakfast with us, they are still able to join us at this time.

Date	Test
Monday 13th May 2024	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Tuesday 14th May 2024	English Reading
Wednesday 15th May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16th May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Year 3 and Year 4 Times Table Meeting

On **Wednesday 8 May** Ms Sewell and Mrs Thompson are leading a times tables session for parents and children in Year 3 & 4 to attend. This session will cover:

- How you can support your child learn their tables
- Fun practical ideas to use at home
- A chance to explore the online learning Apps and platforms available through school and free online
- How your child is tested by the government in the Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Test

Because times tables underpin many key areas of maths and are a key life skill, it would be great to see as many people there as possible to aid their understanding of how best to support their child make progress in this area. The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks (MTCs) will be taking place **Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June**. The children have been preparing this all year and are very excited to show off their multiplication knowledge.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club has been running at a loss for the whole year - something we can not sustain with our current low numbers and finances. We are very keen to maintain the club as a service for our working families. To address some of the finances we will need to increase our prices and apologise for the impact this may have on families. **From June, a Breakfast session will rise to £5.50**. This is still competitive in comparison to other providers but we recognise this has an implication for our families.

Staffing

It is with the greatest pleasure that we can announce that Miss Dymond is pregnant, with her baby due in September. We know that you will all join us in wishing her and her partner all the very best of luck on this exciting parenting journey.

As we draw towards the end of the academic year, we can see staff members move onto pastures new. At the end of this academic year, Miss Pollitt will be leaving our school and will begin a new teaching position in Vietnam. We know you will join us in wishing her all the very best of luck in her new exciting endeavours.

Online learning platforms and games

All children have access to Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed, which support children learn and practise skills they need to improve in maths and writing. Years 5 and 6 also have access to Bedrock, an online learning platform designed to support vocabulary acquisition and reading.

These come at great expense to the school, but are proven to have positive impacts on children's progress if used regularly. It is an expectation as part of their home learning that they spend time on these each week, so please encourage your child to work on these.

If you are unsure of your child's login details, please contact reception or their class teacher.

Swimming - Year 6

Our swimming programme begins after the May Half term for our year 6 pupils. This forms part of the PE curriculum for the summer term and will take place at King's Academy Brune Park. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and therefore **all children are expected to take part**.

Children need to have the appropriate swimwear, **not beachwear**.

- boy's trunks should be above the knee in length and girls must wear a one piece swimming costume.
- Goggles are permitted if your child would prefer to wear them.
- Long hair needs to be tied back and we encourage jewellery to be left at home – no earrings please on the days when they are swimming.
- We encourage children to wear swimming caps.
- Children will also need to bring a towel and waterproof bag to bring their kit into school.
- If children wear their swimming costumes to school if it is a morning session, please ensure they have underwear to change into.
- All swimming kits and school uniforms need to be named.
- Children need to wear their school uniform on the swimming day.

If your child is taking part in swimming then they will only have one other PE session that week. As year 6 will be swimming, then their second PE session will be on a Thursday.

Sun Safety



We are looking forward to the sun shining and children thoroughly enjoying being outside. To help keep them safe in the sun, please remember sun safety messages: 'slip, slop, slap'. Sun safety experts recommend:

- **Slip** on sun protective, pale clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
- **Slop** on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, at least 20 minutes before sun exposure.
- **Slap** on a sun hat that shades your face, neck and ears. We do not mind what colour this is.

We have been made aware that some Nivea sun creams now contain almond oil and we do have some pupils in school with nut allergies - please bear this in mind when applying sunscreen for school - thank you.

Transition Matters

Transition is a major event not only for a young person but also for the family members that support their child. It is therefore our aim to ensure that the transition journey is reassuring, informative and exciting. A move to a new school is a significant time for any family. For some, transition will be an exciting time. For others, this will be a time of nervousness.

Our Year 2s will receive a warm welcome and opportunities to learn more about us, our approach and have opportunities to preview KS2 learning during the Summer Term.

Our Year 6 will also be supported by us here at Rowner and their new schools after the May half term through a variety of activities. Please see above for the transition dates for some of the secondary schools. Your child's new school will be in contact with more details of these.

Transition days at Rowner are planned for all year groups on **Thursday 11th July**; more details will follow nearer the time. Parents/carers of children in year 2 or 6 who require additional transition support, will be contacted individually.

Uniform

A reminder that children should be wearing sensible black shoes (**no trainers** unless all black and shoe like) or sensible/supportive black or white sandals and trainers for PE days. There has been an increase in children who are wearing trainers/converse on days that are not their PE days and/or shoes that do not meet the school expectations.

We understand that as we near the end of the academic year footwear might begin to be too small and other footwear needs to be worn. In this instance, please email your child's class teacher to make them aware. We would request that these are as plain as possible and are as close to the school policy as possible.

In the warmer weather, can we also ensure that sports shorts (that are worn on PE days only) are an appropriate length (mid-thigh length or longer). Tailored shorts and skirts can be worn on non-PE days and should also be an appropriate length.

You said / we did....How can I help my child in the build up and during SATS?

Some of our Y6 parents have been asking us for ways in which they can support this child during the upcoming SATs.

How you can help your child with the build-up to and during SATs week:

- Plan a relaxing weekend before the SATS;
- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep during SATs week;
- Talk to your child about how they are feeling;
- Find small things that can help your child relax during the week;
- Make sure they are in school with plenty of time - rushing can add to feeling unsettled;
- Remind them that they are awesome and SATs are only a snapshot of who they are.