



King's Academy  
Rowner

## Newsletter 8 - May 2025

YEAR GROUP TEACHING STAFF	YEAR GROUP PE DAYS
<b>Year 3</b> - Miss Faulds (Poplar) and Miss Finn (Chestnut) <i>Mrs Freeland provides additional teaching support through a three-way split in the morning</i>	Thursday and Wednesday
<b>Year 4</b> - Mrs Thomson (Rowan) and Miss Brind (Willow)	Wednesday and Monday
<b>Year 5</b> - Miss Daly (Hazel) and Miss Winzar (Maple)	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Year 6</b> - Miss Harding (Sycamore) and Mrs Walton (Redwood) <i>Mrs Lovisetto provides additional teaching support through a three way split in the morning</i>	Monday and Friday
<b>Key dates for January</b> The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change	
<b>Thursday 1st May</b>	Y3 Teacher- Parent meetings.
<b>Friday 2nd May</b>	Y4 swimming - CANCELLED
<b>Monday 5th May</b>	Bank holiday Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>Tuesday 6th May</b>	Children to return to school
<b>Wednesday 7th May</b>	Y3/4 MTC Parent event (see below)
<b>Friday 9 May</b>	VE Day Celebrations in the afternoon (see below)
<b>Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May</b>	Y6 SATS (please see below for more information)
<b>Friday 16th May</b>	1. Y6 swimming 2. Groundforce and Outdoor Learning Day (change of date, see below)

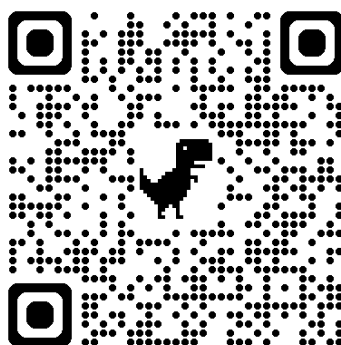
<b>Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May</b>	Walk to school week.
<b>Friday 23rd May</b>	1. Sports Morning - whole school 2. Y6 swimming 3. Last day of term (half term)

**Upcoming dates for June *(Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)***

<b>Monday 2nd June</b>	Back to school
<b>Monday 2nd June - Friday 13th June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check assessment.
<b>Wednesday 4th June</b>	Y5 Spinnaker Tower Trip
<b>Thursday 19th June</b>	Lego League Club to visit Legoland.

**AI Generated Podcast**

Once again, we have used AI to generate an audio version of this newsletter, making it a fun and bite-sized way to stay up to date with what's happening in May. The podcast is designed to complement the written newsletter (not replace it), offering an alternative way to access key information. Please click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



**Calendar Dates for academic year 2025-26**

<b>Autumn Term 2025</b>	<b>Spring Term 2026</b>	<b>Summer Term 2026</b>
<b>Start:</b> Tuesday 2 September 2025 (INSET day) <i>First day for children: Thursday 4th September.</i> <b>Finish:</b> Friday 19 December 2025 <b>Half term:</b> 27 October – 31 October 2025	<b>Start:</b> Monday 5 January 2026 <b>Finish:</b> Friday 27 March 2026 <b>Half term:</b> 16 – 20 February 2026	<b>Start:</b> Monday 13 April 2026 <b>Finish:</b> Tuesday 21 July 2026 <i>Last day for children: Friday 17 July 2026</i> <b>Half term:</b> 25 – 29 May 2026
<b>INSET DAYS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 02 September 2025</li> <li>Wednesday 03 September 2025</li> </ul>	<b>INSET DAYS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 05 December 2025</li> <li>Friday 13th February 2026 – KGA Professional Da</li> </ul>	<b>INSET DAYS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 20 July 2026</li> <li>Tuesday 21 July 2026</li> </ul>

### **Bicycle and Scooter Locks**

Bicycles and scooters are encouraged and very much welcomed in school. We have noticed that lots of the bicycles and scooters are not locked. The bicycle and scooter racks are enabled to take locks. Any such item is left at the owner's risk hence us requesting you send your child to school with a lock. D Locks are recommended.

### **Celebrating Holly's Remarkable Commitment and Challenge**

At our school, we are incredibly proud of the many wonderful things our children do beyond the classroom. Usually, we do not share individual fundraising efforts to ensure fairness and balance. However, we would like to make a special exception to celebrate the kindness, commitment and determination shown by one of our pupils.

Holly was recently offered a place on a very special trip to Lourdes in the south of France with the charity HCPT. This was a wonderful opportunity to take part in a meaningful experience supporting others. However, when her Dance Live team reached the finals, Holly made the decision to forfeit her place on the trip to remain committed to her team and allow another child to attend in her place.

Although this decision was not an easy one, Holly has chosen to stay connected with the HCPT experience in her own inspiring way. She has created a personal fundraising challenge to walk the equivalent distance from HCPT's HQ in Birmingham to their base in Lourdes – and back again – a staggering total of 1,418 miles. Even more impressively, Holly aims to complete this in just three months!

We are immensely proud of her, and we wish her every success with her challenge. If you would like to support Holly in her efforts, you can visit her fundraising page here: [Holly's JustGiving Page](#)

Well done, Holly – we are all cheering you on!

### **Dance Live Finals**

On Thursday 25th April, our fabulous Dance Live Team took part in the Final at Portsmouth Guildhall. The children were all absolutely fantastic and their performance was outstanding. Whilst they did not place on this occasion, we are exceedingly proud of each and everyone of them.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful Big team Rowner that enabled the children to take part in such a wonderful event.

### **Friends of Rowner fundraiser**

Before Easter, we held our Annual Chocolate Raffle. A massive thank you from Friends of Rowner as we raised an 'eggcellent' £521.96.

### **Governor Vacancy**

We are currently seeking enthusiastic and committed co-opted governors **and** a parent governor to join our friendly governing body here at King's Academy Rowner. Governors play a vital role in supporting the strategic leadership of the school, ensuring we continue to provide the very best education and opportunities for our children. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in your local community, develop new skills, and be part of a team dedicated to the success and well-being of our school. We welcome individuals from all backgrounds who can bring fresh perspectives, skills, and enthusiasm to the role. If you know someone who would be interested, please:

- Visit our school website for more information about the role and how governors support our school.
- Speak to the school office if you have any questions or need further details.

- Contact our Chair of Governors, Sue McAdam, directly to express interest or learn more about how you can get involved, [smcadam@governor.kgahampshire.uk](mailto:smcadam@governor.kgahampshire.uk)

Please help us spread the word! If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a governor, we'd be delighted if you could encourage them to get in touch. Thank you for supporting us as we look to strengthen and grow our governing body.

### Groundforce and Outdoor Learning Day

We have our Groundforce Day on **Friday 16th May**. Can you help us between 08.45-12 midday? Children across the school will be participating in a range of gardening, landscaping and outdoor learning opportunities, at different times, at some point of the day. Adult support with helping with the grounds, independently or alongside your child in the morning will be very much appreciated. Adults will be working outside and can work with other adults or their child. Please bring some tools with you to help - secateurs, rakes, spades etc would be really useful as we have a limited supply (make sure they are named). Donations of good-quality plants would be very much appreciated. Please complete this [Google Form](#) to commit to helping on the day. Children are to come to school in clothes you do not mind getting grubby or paint on and should bring their wellies or suitable outdoor shoes. Please ensure children whose PE day it is have their trainers so PE can still be an option without the need for changing.

### Job Vacancy

We are actively recruiting a **Clerk** for our Local Governing Body. As the essential link between our school and governing body, you'll play a key role in ensuring that our governance runs smoothly, effectively, and in line with statutory requirements. Might you be interested or know someone who is?

**Hours:** 42 hours per year / 39 weeks per year – to cover attendance at 6 Governor Meetings (7 hrs per meeting for prep, attending meeting and post-meeting write-up). Please note, King's Academy Gomer and King's Academy Lord Wilson have a vacancy too so if successful at interview, you could Clerk for one, two or three schools - dependent on how many hours you would like to work.

**Salary:** KGA Band 6, Point 12 FTE £29,605 (will be prorated)

To find out more and/or apply please visit our Vacancies Page on our website [here](#).

### National Thank a Teacher of Support Staff Member Day

National Thank a Teacher or Support Staff member Day is **Thursday 19 June**. Team Rowner are grateful for each other, their KGA colleagues and for colleagues who teach and support their own children in and around Gosport. The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. The campaign exists to celebrate the professionalism, passion and commitment of schools all around the country. So, if you would like to send a **free** card (anonymously or signed) to any member of staff working in any educational establishment you can do so by visiting [here](#). And messages received are valued by the recipient very much.

## SATs for Year 6

**SATs** have been scheduled for the **week beginning 12th May**.

The children have worked exceptionally hard and deserve to do well. Their commitment to learning, resilience, and positive attitude have shone through, and we are incredibly proud of them. As SATs approach, we are keen to ensure they maintain these positive mindsets so they can approach the assessments with confidence, do their absolute best, and take pride in all they have achieved.

These assessments not only help us measure progress but also prepare pupils for the expectations and routines of secondary school. The skills and knowledge they have developed—along with their growing independence—will support a strong and successful start to Year 7. We are here to support every child and family throughout this period. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like further guidance in the weeks ahead.

The timetable for the week is below.

Date	Test
Monday 12th May 2025	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Tuesday 13th May 2025	English Reading
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 15th May 2025	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

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

- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep
- Talk to your child about how they are feeling
- Make sure they are organised and ready for school each day - rushing can add to feeling unsettled
- Remind them that they are awesome and SATs are only a snapshot of who they are

## 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. 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 **Tuesday 8th 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.

## VE DAY 80th Anniversary Celebrations

This year marks **80 years since VE Day (Victory in Europe Day)**, which commemorates the end of the Second World War in Europe on **8th May 1945**. It is a time to remember the courage, sacrifice and resilience of those who lived through the war, and to celebrate peace. VE Day will be marked across the country on **Thursday 8th May**, and we will be learning about this important event in school on the day itself.

We will then be using the afternoon of **Friday 9th May** to celebrate the 80th anniversary with Rowner Infant School and our community. As part of our celebrations, **children are invited to wear red, white and blue** to school on **Friday 9th May**. Parents are invited to attend the site **from 12.30** for a shared picnic with our wider community. A separate letter will be shared with you regarding the VE Day 80 Anniversary celebrations.

## Year 3 and 4 Times Table Meeting

On **Wednesday 7th 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 2nd June - Friday 13th June**. The children have been preparing for this all year and are very excited to show off their multiplication knowledge.