



King's Academy
Rowner

Newsletter 1 - September 2025

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change

| YEAR GROUP TEACHING STAFF | YEAR GROUP PE DAYS |
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| Year 3 - Miss Dymond and Mrs Lovisetto (Poplar) and Mrs Thomson (Chestnut) | Monday and Wednesday |
| Year 4 - Miss Daly (Rowan) and Mrs Freeland (Willow) | Tuesday and Thursday |
| Year 5 - Miss Brind (Hazel) and Miss Winzar (Maple) | Tuesday and Thursday |
| Year 6 - Mrs Revis (Sycamore) and Mrs Walton (Redwood) | Monday and Friday |
| Key dates for September | |
| Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September | INSET days - school not open |
| Thursday 4th September | All children return to school |
| Monday 15th September | First Dance Live rehearsal |
| Tuesday 16th September | Y3 / 4 / 5 Meet the teacher 15.10 -16.00 |
| Wednesday 17th September | Year 6 Meet the teacher/SATS information meeting 15.10 -16.00 |
| Tuesday 30th September | Y3 - St Mary's Church visit |
| Upcoming dates for October <i>(Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)</i> | |
| Wednesday 1st October | Autism Hampshire Parent Meeting - 13.15 - 14.45 in The Drey |
| Friday 17th October | International Day |
| Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October | Half term |
| Monday 3rd November | All children return to school |

A WARM WELCOME FROM YOUR HEADS: Mrs Mulhall (Executive Head - works between KA Rowner and KA Gomer) & Mrs Sharpe (Associate Head - at Rowner full-time)

Welcome Back King's Academy Rowner and welcome to a brand-new school year! We are so excited to have you back and welcome new families to our community. We can not wait for all the learning ahead. There is so much to look forward to this term, from exciting new lessons to enjoyable activities that will help us all grow together. As always, we are here to support you every step of the way. We are keen to work together as a school community, and we know that when we all work as a team—children, teachers, and parents/carers—amazing things happen! Remember, our door is always open. If you ever have any questions, or worries, or just want to chat, we are here to listen and help. We are typically on the playground every day and if we are not Ms Sewell or Miss Tuckley will be. Let's make the academic year 2025-26 superb.

A FEW IMPORTANT 'BACK TO SCHOOL' REMINDERS

Thursday 4th September: The main pedestrian gate (via Tichborne Way) will be opened at **08.40** and children are able to arrive from this time. Members of Team Rowner will meet and greet the children and be available to parents/carers to answer any questions you may have. This will be swift so that children can start their Rowner learning journey promptly. Gates will close at **08.50 and children are expected to be in school by this time.** Our playground is not staffed before 08.40 and **there should not be any member of our school community** on the site before this time. We are aware that the infant school opens their gates prior to this, however this does not mean that our site is open before 08.40. **The end of school is at 3.05pm.** Children are to be collected from the main playground.

ANNUAL ACADEMY IMPROVEMENT

Annual Academy Improvement supports our continuous pursuit of excellence for our children, staff, and community. Our Academy Improvement Plan is a vital tool that helps us achieve this goal. You can find the headlines on our website. It provides a clear roadmap for enhancing educational standards, fostering a positive and inclusive school environment, and ensuring every child receives the support they need to thrive. By setting specific objectives and regularly reviewing our progress, we are committed to creating a dynamic learning atmosphere where every child can succeed and develop their full potential. Together, with the support of our dedicated staff, engaged parents, and enthusiastic students, we are building a brighter future.

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE: YEAR 7 PLACES

If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2026. You can name up to three schools on your application. Applications for schools open on Monday 8 September. The deadline for applications is Friday 31 October. To apply for a secondary school place, you must apply through the Hampshire County Council website. We will be sending an additional letter explaining the process to you. To apply, visit here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess>

ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. It is important that both school and home work together on this. Our Attendance Strategy, in line with Government guidance, includes (but is not limited to) following up any absences (text messages, phone calls, home visits), attendance plans for any absences that frequently fall below 90%, referrals to the Legal Intervention Team and Children's Services (if applicable), never authorising requests for term absences unless due to exceptional circumstances and issuing fixed penalty notices for poor attendance and/or holidays taken in term time. Parents have an important part to play in their child's regular attendance and we appreciate your support with this.

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| 100% | 0 days off school |
| 97% | 5 days off across the school year |
| 95% | 10 days off across the school year |
| 90% | 20 days off across the school year |
| 85% | 30 days off across the school year |

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

These will be starting w/b 22nd September. We will be sending out communication about the clubs on offer w/b 15th September. We are grateful to staff who volunteer their time for these clubs.

Please note: if your child is taking part in Dance Live, this will begin on Monday 15th September.

BICYCLE SHELTER

The shelter is for whole school use. Children are reminded to cycle to school with a helmet and use a D lock to secure their bicycle, through the wheel onto the bicycle rack and keep the key in a safe space in their school bag. Children are also welcome to come to school on their scooters. Children are also reminded to lock these to the scooter rack.

COMMUNICATION

If you wish to make contact with a member of the school team, please email enquiries@kgarowner.uk and they will then pass your email on to the appropriate teacher. Alternatively, teachers are on the playground at the end of the day. If a more formal meeting is required, then please email the enquiries email address above to organise this. Please note, teachers and support staff are really busy during the school day. They will only be able to reply to e-mails on the working day and depending on their schedule, you might have to wait 5 days for a reply.

From this academic year, staff members will be using Arbor to communicate with parents, rather than via their personal work emails.

As previously communicated (September 2023), the school will no longer be sending text messages to parents/carers except in exceptional circumstances. In order to ensure that you receive our messages the **ARBOR APP** will now be required. This is due to our need to find cost efficiencies. If you have yet to download it, please refer to the attachment sent with this newsletter for instructions. Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to ensure the smooth running of our communications.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are absolutely delighted to share with our community that Miss Daly is pregnant and is expecting the arrival of her baby in January. We will be advertising in the coming weeks for a teacher to teach Rowan class whilst she is on maternity leave and will be updating you all shortly on this matter. You can have confidence that there will be a smooth hand-over.

COURTEOUS & KIND DIALOGUE

At King's Academy Rowner, we pride ourselves on maintaining a warm and respectful environment for everyone. Our staff are committed to speaking to parents politely, calmly, and courteously, and we hope for the same in return. Working together, we can ensure open and honest communication in a kind and considerate manner. Let's all be mindful of how we speak to one another, remembering that our shared goal is to support and nurture our children's education. Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

INHALERS and EPIPENS

A reminder please to check your child's inhaler and Epipen, if they have one, to ensure they are in date. We are aware that some use by dates will have expired over the summer holidays.

LEARNING - your child needs you!

Learning is at the centre of all we do. Our children are immersed in reading, writing and mathematics which is woven into a broad curriculum. Keen to know more about exactly what your child will be learning this term? Please visit our curriculum page [here](#). On this page you can see the overview for the whole school and visit your child's year group for more focussed information regarding term-by-term learning. Your support with your child's school-based learning is invaluable. Quick ways to support your child make progress include hearing them read everyday or you reading to them, multiplication recall and visiting key spellings.

You will have an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, visit their class and see some of their learning on the 16th September (Y3, 4 & 5) and 17th September (Y6).

OTHER KEY INFORMATION

Our **ONE WAY SYSTEM** will remain in place in the coming academic year. As the entrance onto Tichborne Way is so narrow, the one way system ensures that we allow everyone to exit the school site safely. A reminder that **bicycles and scooters should not be ridden on the school site**. This includes the infant playground and the path between the two schools. If you are collecting your child, they should be supervised on both the infant and the junior site. Children are not to use any of the infant areas and are only able to use the gym on the school site if they are supervised by their parent/s. School is open from 08.40. There **should not** be anyone on school site before that as the playgrounds are not supervised.

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

TUCASI (SCOPAY) is used for all payments e.g. visits and school meals. If you have yet to receive a link code this will be sent to you soon - please check your emails, including junk/spam.

SCHOOL CATERING

The cost of a school meal is £3.00 per meal. Please see the menu details [here](#). **IMPORTANT – Ending Y2 and starting Y3** your child will have been automatically able to have free school meals up to now as part of the universal scheme. However, this ends when they leave infant school. If you meet the criteria and have not applied for FSM, your child will not receive them from Y3 onwards and meal costs will apply. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals you can apply via the Hampshire website <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

SNACKS FOR BREAK TIME

HEALTHY SNACKS are encouraged at morning break. These need to be separate from lunch boxes. Please ensure snacks are **nut free and of a healthy/low fat nature** e.g. cereal bars, rice cakes, rice crackers, cheese box, vegetable sticks and fruit. Crisps and chocolate biscuits should be reserved for lunchtime. We operate a **NO NUT** policy as we do have children in each year group that are allergic to nuts, so please do not send children into school with any food containing nuts (including nutella and certain cereal bars).

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We look forward to welcoming our pupils in their smart uniforms at the start of term. The vast majority of the community adheres to our uniform policy - thank you. To ensure you have the correct uniform please do check the [website information](#). If children are not wearing the correct uniform we will be reminding you and may ask you to come to school with the correct uniform for your child. Children need to have their hair tied back on PE days. If this is forgotten this will need to be sorted in school. Please ensure all uniforms are clearly named. Children should not wear any jewellery (with the exception of watches) apart from a single or pair of **stud earrings** in pierced ears. The school cannot accept any responsibility or liability for mislaid personal jewellery. To help keep your child safe, earrings need to be removed for PE lessons. We suggest they are not worn at all on PE days.

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles are encouraged in class. Please name bottles clearly and have them washed daily. Even in hot weather children were not being sent to school with bottles - we do not have a supply of these so please organise these from home. Ideally, children should be drinking water. They **should not** be drinking Prime or other energy fizzy drinks.

FRIENDS OF ROWNER - WE NEED YOU!

Friends of Rowner is our Parent Teacher Association. Over the years, the group has worked tirelessly to help raise funds for the school through our school including discos, Christmas Shop and our raffles. We have been without a committee for two years. **Friends of Rowner** look forward to welcoming YOU! As staff members and parents have moved on, we find ourselves needing your help. When your child joins the school, you automatically become a member of our Parent Teacher Association. Staff members have kindly continued the work of **Friends of Rowner**. However, if we are to continue providing events, we need more parents to support us. If you are interested, please complete the attached Google Form, or speak to Mr Connor or Mrs Connor.

[Google Form for 'Friends of Rowner'](#)

If you have previously put your name forward for either of these, please feel free to do so again for this academic year. If we do not have the support of parents, then we will be unable to run Friends of Rowner and associated activities - we are really keen to avoid this.