



King's Academy
Rowner

Newsletter 2 - October 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
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 October	
Friday 3rd October	School photos
Thursday 16th October	Open Day for prospective Y2 parents: 09.00-09.45 and 14.15 - 15.00
Friday 17th October	Show Racism the Red Card (see below for more information)
Thursday 23rd October	Spooky Disco (see below for more information) PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS DAY
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October	Half term (normal school finish time)
Monday 3rd November	All children return to school
Upcoming dates for November (<i>Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter</i>)	
Monday 3rd November	All children return to school
Tuesday 4th November - Thursday 7th November	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 7th November	Y4 Fishbourne Roman Palace
Wednesday 12th November	Flu vaccination use this link to register: Flu Vaccination School Code: SH146244
Friday 14th November	International Day

AWESOME START TO THE YEAR

Wow! We can't believe that a whole month has passed since our last newsletter was sent out. What an amazing start to the new academic year we have had. It has been so pleasing to see everyone settle so well into the Autumn Term. September can be a challenging month to adapt to after the summer holiday so we are pleased that the children are fully involved in school life. Lots has happened including:



- We have had a super uptake of our after-school clubs, which are now underway.
- Rigour in our learning - we have loved going into lessons, looking in books and speaking to the children about their learning.
- Working collaboratively with our feeder schools to ensure a smooth transition for our Year 3 children, as well as those who have moved onto secondary school.
- Meet the Teacher events across all year groups.
- New uniform - it has been very pleasing to see all of the children coming back to school looking so smart. Thank you so much for ensuring that your child has the correct uniform. The new logo looks striking!

Have a question about something related to school? Please chat to teachers or SLT at the start or end of the day, visit our website or come to the Reception.

ATTENDANCE

In the coming months, there will be more seasonal illnesses around. Sometimes it is hard to know what to do, so the following information might prove helpful when judging if your child is well enough to attend school:

Coughs and colds: It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Nb If your child does have a cold, they may benefit from some Calpol or equivalent at the start of the day. Please also send them to school with a packet of tissues to help with their runny noses or sneezes.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Vomiting and diarrhoea: Children who have been sick should stay off school until they have not been sick for at least 24 hours. If they have had diarrhoea or sickness and diarrhoea, then they should not return to school until at least 48 hours after the last bowel movement.

In the coming weeks all parents will be receiving letters regarding their child's attendance. We will communicate with you if your child's attendance is 96% and above, 95-90% or below 90%. If your child's attendance is below 90% they are considered a persistent absentee.

Want to find out more? Read our [attendance policy](#) to find out more about the approach King's Academy Rowner takes in improving attendance.

Bikes and Scooters

We love the fact that our young people enjoy riding or scootering to school. We wanted to take this opportunity to share some key reminders around this:

- No bikes or scooters should be ridden on the school site (this includes adults). This is to ensure the safety of everyone on both the junior and school site.
- All bikes and scooters **should be locked up** whilst on school site.

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.

HALLOWEEN DISCO (Friends of Rowner - FOR)



On **Thursday 23rd October**, we will be hosting a whole-school Halloween Disco starting at 5pm and finishing at 6.00pm, £1.00 entry.

Children are welcome to wear their disco clothes or a Halloween costume. We do, however, ask that **no clown costumes or face masks are worn and that all costumes are age-appropriate** (e.g. no references to characters from films which are higher than a PG rating). This is to avoid any children feeling uncomfortable or scared due to our youngest attendees being only 7 years old.

During the evening, children will be able to purchase certain food items and drinks. We would recommend your child bringing no more than £2.50 to spend. **Further information will be sent nearer the time.**

There will also be a quieter/calm room which will contain a selection of 'spooky' crafts and activities they can enjoy.

Please note, there will be no after school clubs this day.

In order for this event to be successful we do need adults to supervise the children to ensure they have a safe and happy time. If you feel you might be able to offer some time to help at either of these events, please contact Miss Sewell via the school office before the event.

OPEN DAYS / AFTERNOONS

We are aware that choosing the right school for your child is an important one. We encourage parents/carers to view our school prior to applying for a place for your child.

Key dates for applying for a Year 3 place for 2026:

- Thursday 16th October: open morning (9am) and open afternoon (2.20pm) in the school hall
- Saturday 1 November 2025: application process for Year 3 junior school places opens
- Thursday 16 January 2026: Applications are due
- Thursday 16 April 2026: Parents/carers will be notified of school place

Know someone not at Rowner Infant who needs a school place in a super school? Please tell them about coming to see your child's fabulous school. Click [here](#) to visit the HCC site where you can apply for your September 2026 school place.

If your child is in Y6, please note that the deadline date for Y7 applications is Friday 31st October.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Friday 3rd October school photos will be taking place. To accommodate this, PE lessons have been adapted so that your child can come into school in their school uniform. Purchase of the photos is totally optional.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD!

On Friday 17 October 2025, our school will once again unite in support of Show Racism the Red Card by adding red to our uniform. The more red, the better! This initiative feels more important than ever. Around the world and here in the UK, recent headlines have reminded us that racism and discrimination have not gone away. From online abuse in sport to debates about migration and identity, it is clear that young people need safe spaces to learn, talk, and act with courage. That is why we are standing together. By accessorising our uniforms with red, we are sending a visible message that racism has no place in our school, our community, or our society. The children are invited to:

- Wear red accessories (ribbons, socks, badges, scarves) alongside their school uniform
- Join conversations in class about equality, respect, and justice
- Spread the message beyond the school gates. Racism must always be challenged

This is not about fundraising so no donations are required. It is about raising awareness and standing up for what is right. Every change in heart and mind has the power to ripple outward, shaping the society we all share. Thank you for helping us to stand strong for equality and against racism.

UNIFORM

Uniform remains a priority and we are so pleased that the vast majority of children are wearing the correct uniform every day. We are still reminding some children to keep branded clothing at home and have a plentiful supply of pre-loved items for anyone who requires them. **Winter Uniform** is required from after half-term so please pack away the summer dresses and shorts. [Print and Sew](#) (Stoke Road, Gosport) are our stockist for items with the school logo and are all set up to help you - local supermarkets have lots of stock too making uniform affordable. To ensure you have the correct uniform please do check the information on the [website](#). Please ensure all uniforms are clearly named. For health and safety reasons long hair needs to be tied back for PE. Children will be reminded if they have forgotten their school uniform. 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.