



King's Academy
Rowner

Newsletter 3 - November 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 November	
Monday 3rd November	All children return to school
Monday 3rd November	New lunch menu
Tuesday 4th November - Thursday 6th November	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 7th November	Y4 Fishbourne Roman Palace
Monday 10th November - Friday 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week (more information below)
Monday 10th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11th November	Rowner Remembers Service (more information below)
Wednesday 12th November	Flu vaccination use this link to register: Flu Vaccination School Code: SH146244
Friday 14th November	International Day
Friday 21st November	Y3 Stone Age Day
Upcoming dates for December (Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)	
Friday 5th December	INSET day - school closed
Tuesday 9th December	School nurse in school (Y6) Y4 Christingle Event at St Mary's Church (PM)

Friday 12th December	Y5 Portsmouth Dockyard trip
Friday 19th December	Last day of term. School finishes at 14.00
Monday 5th January 2026	RETURN TO SCHOOL

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-bullying week is w/b 10 November. This year's theme for anti-bullying week is 'Power for Good'. At our school, we are committed to fostering an environment where every child feels safe, valued, and respected. We do not condone any form of bullying, and we believe that we all have the power to be kind and share the good, and that by doing this we can create a positive and supportive community for all. Throughout the week, our children will engage in thoughtful activities, discussions, and lessons, centred around the impacts of bullying and the importance of choosing to use their power for good. They will explore different forms of bullying and how their words and actions affect others, as well as discussing who they can talk to about concerns around bullying and other support available. On **Monday, 10 November**, children are welcome to wear odd socks to serve as a positive reminder that we are all different and should be proud of our uniqueness. We encourage parents and carers to continue these important conversations at home, reinforcing the message that every child has the right to feel safe and respected, both in school and beyond. Together, we can stand united against bullying by consistently choosing respect in our words and actions.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for every child's learning, progress, and well-being. The Department for Education (DfE) continues to emphasise that attending school every day possible gives children the best chance to succeed and to build positive lifelong habits. At our school, we are proud of the high levels of attendance we maintain and thank families for working with us to make this possible. Nationally, the DfE expects schools to promote good attendance and to act early where concerns arise. Our aim is for every child to achieve at least **95% attendance**, which aligns with national expectations. We are pleased to share that our attendance this half-term has been **in line with the national average**.

As part of our attendance procedures, we also track daily and weekly attendance figures across the school to look for emerging trends. Below are our weekly attendance figures across the half term. Whilst our overall figures are currently in line with the national average, we value your support in ensuring that attendance across the term is consistently above 95%.

1st-5th Sep	8th - 12th Sep	15th - 19th Sep	22nd - 26th Sep	29th Sep - 3rd Oct	6th - 10th Oct	13th - 17th Oct	20th - 24th Oct
98%	98%	94%	93%	95%	95%	94%	93%

You will receive regular updates about your child's attendance so that we can work together to spot any patterns or barriers early. We completely understand that children may need to stay home when they are genuinely unwell, and we appreciate families making responsible decisions about this. There may also be rare, exceptional circumstances when absence is unavoidable, and we are always happy to offer advice and support. However, when attendance drops below **95%**, we are required to contact parents or carers to discuss how we can help improve this. Attendance below **90%** is considered *persistent absence* by the DfE and requires further follow-up to ensure children do not fall behind in their learning.

Good attendance really does make a difference — helping children to learn more, build confidence, and feel part of our school community.

CHRISTMAS

Whilst we still have a month or so to go, Christmas preparations are well under way at King's Academy Rowner for the Festive season. We will be sending out a letter shortly with more of an overview of the events, but please see a summary of the festivities below:

Thursday 4th December Children are invited to wear non-school uniform in exchange for a donation towards our **Children's Raffle**

Thursday 11th December Christmas Book Flood Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper on this day in return for a contribution for the book flood. More information to follow in the December newsletter.

Monday 8th - Thursday 18th December: Christmas Post Box on playground

Monday 15th December - Friday 19th December: Christmas Week

During this week, your child will be able to take part in the following activities:

Class Movie

Year group Party

Opportunity to purchase gifts at our Christmas shop (maximum £5)

Christmas raffle

Christmas lunch

Thursday 18th December Christmas Lunch: Forms to book this will be shared with you shortly.

Friday 19th December Christmas Sing-a-long Parents are invited to join our school community for a Festive sing-a-long on the last day of term. This will be from 13.30. **School finishes at 2pm on this day.**

COLD AND WET WEATHER

The current weather sees children needing a coat. Please ensure that you send your child to school wearing their coat. Even on rainy days, we still like children to have some time outside and without a coat this is problematic. Wellies are very much welcomed in school if they are clearly named/identifiable. When the field is not too saturated in the wetter and wintry months, children with wellies will be able to play on the field.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that the school has up-to-date contact telephone numbers and addresses, in case of any emergencies. Please contact the school office, ideally via email, if you need to update us. Thank you.

COUGHS and COLDS

A further reminder. In the coming months, there may be further seasonal illnesses. Please note school Calpol is for school-based incidents. Should your child need Calpol for pain relief, please ensure you have it given to them before the start of school and have sent it in with them (named and with related consent given to the office) in the event they require it to be readministered during the school day. Schools do not have the resources to provide Calpol for known illnesses. Please also send your child to school with a **packet of tissues** to help with their runny noses or sneezes. 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. For further information and guidance on common childhood illnesses please click [here](#) to access the NHS website.

KEY DATES FOR PARENTS (UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS IN KS2)

Children in **Year 6 and Year 4** will be completing their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) w/b 11th May. As the children approach the important milestone of their Year 6 SATs, we understand that parents/carers want to give them the best possible support.

What: Key Stage 2 SATS

Who: Year 6

When: Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May 2025

What: Multiplication Tables Check.

Who: Year 4:

When: Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June 2025

Please note, 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. Whilst it might seem some time off, we wanted to share key dates with parents for Year 4 and 6 parents. We strongly advise against any absences in the build up and during these periods of time.

REMEMBRANCE AT KING'S ACADEMY ROWNER

We are pleased to be supporting the Royal British Legion again this year. The Armed Forces conduct their role with courage and humility and often play down the sacrifice and bravery required to serve. The Royal British Legion is here to help members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families. They support serving and ex-serving personnel all year round, every day of the week. If children would like to purchase a poppy or poppy merchandise, please do send them to school with money. The suggested donation list will be emailed home and we'll make the merchandise available to the children after half term. All proceeds will support the Royal British Legion.

We hope that children across the school will wear a poppy and in particular on Tuesday 11th November for our whole school 'Rowner Remembers Service'. Children are welcome to wear the uniform of any military cadets, brownies, scouts etc that day.

SCHOOL SITE

Kings' Academy Rowner school site does not open until 08.40am. Reminders are regularly communicated with parents regarding this, unfortunately, we still find ourselves in the position where children/adults are on school site before this time. Whilst we are aware that gates etc are opened slightly earlier than this, it does not mean that our site is open.

Outside areas are not supervised before this time and are the responsibility of the parent, NOT the school; before 08.40am. This means that if there are any friendship and/or medical issues, these are unable to be addressed by the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform should now be of the winter variety until the Summer Term 2026 - so please pack away the summer dresses and shorts. Thank you for your support with this - and for investing in the new logo too. With the darker days ahead of us, we also encourage children to have an item of 'reflective glow' attached to their bag or coat if not already attached, to ensure they are visible when walking to school and home again. Additionally, bicycle lights should be considered for all children.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Secondary School applications close on **Friday 31 October**. You can apply [here](#). If an application is not made you will be classified as 'late' and might then not get your first choice.

SMOKING & VAPING

We would like to kindly remind all parents, carers, and visitors that **smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on our school site**. This includes outdoor areas such as the car park and playground. As a junior school, we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our children, staff, and visitors. Smoking and vaping on school grounds is not only against our school policy, but it is also **against the law**. We ask for your full cooperation in respecting this rule, ensuring that our school remains a smoke-free and vape-free zone at all times. Together, we can set a positive example for our children and contribute to a healthy, clean environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.

STAFF MATTER

It is with both happiness and sadness that we announce a staff change taking place at the end of this term. At the end of term, **Ms Sewell** will be leaving us. Ms Sewell joined us in September 2022 as an Assistant Headteacher working across both KA Gomer and KA Rowner. In that time, she has made a significant impact as our Raising Standards Leader, supporting two Ofsted inspections, leading numerous PTA events, teaching across the school, and sharing her passion for mathematics. We are delighted that she has secured a well-deserved promotion as Deputy Headteacher in a school much closer to home.