



<b>DATES FOR April:</b> The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally, they are subject to change	
<b>YEAR GROUP TEACHING STAFF</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP PE DAYS</b>
<b>Year 3</b> - Miss Dymond and Mrs Dadd (Poplar)	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b> Mrs Thomson (Chestnut)	Monday and Thursday
<b>Year 4</b> - Mrs Freeland (Willow)	Wednesday and Thursday
<b>Year 5</b> - Miss Brind (Hazel) and Miss Winzar (Maple)	Tuesday and Friday
<b>Year 6</b> - Mrs Revis (Sycamore) and Mrs Walton (Redwood)	Wednesday and Friday (swimming - please see more information below)
<b>Key dates for April</b>	
<b>Monday 13th April</b>	1. Return to school 2. Dance Live Rehearsals
<b>Wednesday 15th April</b>	Y4 MTC Parent event
<b>Thursday 16th April</b>	<b>Y6 Event:</b> Recognition for Diligence and Determination (they will like it...)
<b>Thursday 16th April</b>	Football match: KARo v St Mary's
<b>Monday 20th April</b>	Dance Live rehearsals
<b>Thursday 23rd April</b>	Dance Live Finals @ Portsmouth Guildhall
<b>Tuesday 28th April</b>	Sir Roger Fry to visit KARo
<b>Thursday 30th April</b>	Football match: KARo v KAGomer
<b>Upcoming dates for May (Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)</b>	
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	May Bank Holiday - school closed
<b>Friday 8th May</b>	Y5/6 Material World STEM Roadshow
<b>Monday 11th May</b>	Y6 SATS: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
<b>Tuesday 12th May</b>	Y6 SATS: Reading
<b>Wednesday 13th May</b>	Y6 SATS: Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic and Maths Paper 2: Reasoning
<b>Thursday 14th May</b>	Y6 SATS: Maths Paper 3: Reasoning

<b>Friday 15th May</b>	Y6 Summer Fair event
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	Y6 swimming Last day of term
<b>Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May</b>	Half term

### ADMISSIONS

Admissions will announce our Y3 2026 cohort on Thursday 16th April. We look forward to welcoming our new pupils. If you know any Y2 parents who may be talking about admissions to King's Academy Rowner, please direct them to HCC admissions or KGA Hampshire admissions if they have any inquiries ahead of hearing directly from the school. We aim to make personal contact with our families in early May. We do have some information available on our website. Please see [here](#) (please note that this will be updated in the coming weeks and currently shows last year's information). To contact the KGA Hampshire Admissions Team please email [admissions@kgahampshire.uk](mailto:admissions@kgahampshire.uk)

### ADULT SUPERVISION

Both Rowner Infant School and King's Academy Rowner regularly send messages regarding parental supervision on both our sites. We are grateful that the vast majority of families follow these expectations, helping us to keep everyone safe and happy. However, in recent weeks, both schools have received concerns from parents and staff about incidents taking place during drop-off and pick-up times. These have included:

- Children being left unsupervised, resulting in physical and verbal altercations;
- Children using equipment or areas (gym, the field, infant equipment, climbing trees) that they should not be on at these times;
- Children using scooters and bikes inappropriately;

Despite repeated reminders, these guidelines are continuing to be ignored, which is creating unnecessary tension and safety concerns.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in affirming these rules. Such disregard is not acceptable and undermines the community spirit we are all working to foster across both schools. We really appreciate your support in upholding these rules. Working together, we can ensure that the school grounds remain a calm, welcoming, and safe space for all our children and families.

### DANCE LIVE FINALS

After months of rehearsals and preparation, our Dance Live Team participated in their heat event at Portsmouth Guildhall on Friday 6th February. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and the judges were in awe of their performance, so much so that we came **second place in** our heat and will be performing in this year's final on **Thursday 23rd April**.

We could not be more proud of the children and wish them all the very best.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

We would like to let families know about an update to Free School Meals (FSM) from the Department for Education. Since 2018, children who became eligible for Free School Meals were able to keep them even if their family circumstances later changed. The government has now confirmed that this protection will end at the end of the 2025/26 school year.

This means that from September 2026, families will need to meet the eligibility rules at that time in order to continue receiving Free School Meals. Because of this, some families whose children currently receive FSM may need to reapply to confirm their eligibility.

During the summer term, we will work with families to make sure that anyone who may be eligible is supported to apply and continue receiving this support.

### MTC

Year 4 will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June 2026. This is a national test that all children in Year 4 must take. The results are published data, which means they go on your child's official record. Because of this, we want to make sure every child has the best possible chance of doing well.

### **How does the test work?**

The test is taken on a computer or tablet and the children will then be shown 25 multiplication questions, one at a time. They will have 6 seconds to answer each question. The questions cover times tables from 2 to 12. The highest score that can be achieved is 25 out of 25, and that is exactly what we are aiming for.

### **What are we doing at school?**

We are practising times tables every day in school. The children in Year 4 are already working hard, and we are very proud of the effort they are putting in. However, we know that a little extra support at home can make a big difference. Even five to ten minutes of times table practice each day will help your child feel confident and ready on the day of the test.

### **How can you help at home?**

You do not need to be a maths expert to help! Here are some simple ideas:

- Ask your child to test you on their times tables.
- Use free apps such as Times Table Rockstars or Hit the Button (which can be accessed through the Google Classroom).
- Say times tables together on the way to school or in the car.
- Make it fun - turn it into a game or a challenge.

### **IMPORTANT: Parent Workshop - Please attend**

To give you even more information and ideas to help your child, we will be holding a Y4 parent workshop led by **Mrs Thomson**.

**Date: Wednesday 15th April 2026**

**Time: Please arrive at school by 2:35pm for a 2:40pm start**

**Venue:** The School Hall

This is an important event and we strongly encourage all parents and carers to come. Mrs Thomson will walk you through the test, share top tips for home practice, and answer any questions you may have.

## **SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU**

New menus start from w/c 13th April (Week 1), these will be emailed to our families and can also be found on our website [Spring/Summer Menus 2026](#)

## **Swimming**

During the summer term, our swimming programme will take place for year 6.

This will form part of the PE curriculum for the summer term and will take place at Brune Park school. 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. All swimming kit and school uniform need to be named.

For your information, swimming for Year 6 will take place on the following days:

**Year 6:** Friday 22nd May, Friday, 5th June, Friday 12th June, Friday 19th June, Friday 26th June and Friday 3rd July.