



DATES FOR May: 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 Dadd (Poplar)	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3 & 4 Mrs Thomson (Chestnut)	Monday and Thursday
Year 4 - Mrs Freeland (Willow)	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5 - Miss Brind (Hazel) and Miss Winzar (Maple)	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6 - Mrs Revis (Sycamore) and Mrs Walton (Redwood)	Wednesday and Friday (swimming - please see more information below)
Upcoming dates for May (Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)	
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday - school shut
Thursday 7th May	School being used as a polling station - all children in school
Friday 8th May	Y5/6 Material World STEM Roadshow
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATS: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Tuesday 12th May	Y6 SATS: Reading
Wednesday 13th May	Y6 SATS: Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic and Maths Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 14th May	Y6 SATS: Maths Paper 3: Reasoning
Friday 15th May	1. Non-uniform in exchange for a tombola prize (see below) 2. FoR Summer Fayre event (see below)
Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd MAY	Walk to School Week
Friday 22nd May	Y6 swimming Last day of term
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	Half term
Upcoming dates for June (Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)	
Monday 1st June	Return to school
Monday 1st June - Friday 5th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Friday 5th June	Y6 swimming

Friday 12th June	1. KARo Sports Morning (more information to follow) 2. Y6 swimming
Tuesday 16th June	Baycroft Transition
Thursday 18th June	Y6 Navy STEM morning
Friday 19th June	1. Friends of Rowner (FoR) Special man's shop (AM) 2. Y6 swimming
Tuesday 23rd June	Y5/6 Virtual Road Safety Workshop
Wednesday 24th June	FoR Summer disco
Thursday 25th June	Baycroft Transition
Friday 26th June	Y6 swimming
Tuesday 30th June	Y2 Welcome and Information sharing for Y2 parents

Available School Places – Please Can You Help Spread the Word?

Like many schools locally and nationally, we are currently below our published admission number of 240 pupils, and have been for some time. Most of our children join us from the infant school, which is also not currently full. This reflects the wider national picture, as birth rates have fallen in recent years. If you know of any families who may be looking for a school place for September we would be delighted to hear from them. Please do encourage them to contact the school office, where we will be very happy to talk them through the process and arrange a visit.

FoR Summer Fayre

Friends of Rowner, our PTA are holding a summer fayre for children and parents on Friday 15th May. This is a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together to raise funds for the school. The stalls are largely run by the children themselves, facilitated by FoR. However, we would appreciate support from extra adult volunteers if you are able. If you think you can help, please pop into the school office or send an email to enquiries@kgarowner.uk to let us know!

On the day of the fayre, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a tombola prize. Suitable items include biscuits, sweets, or chocolate. From 14:15, children will have the opportunity to visit the stalls. To make the most of this, they are encouraged to bring a small amount of change (coins only, not notes). Please send this in a named envelope or purse for safekeeping. Children will then return to their classrooms and be dismissed as usual at 15:05. From 15:10, parents are warmly invited to visit the stalls and enjoy the food and drinks on offer. The raffle will be drawn in the hall at 15:40, marking the end of the fayre.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase after school on the playground during the week of the fayre (Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May), as well as on the day itself. There will be a cash top prize, along with a range of vouchers and items kindly donated by local businesses. More information will be shared on our Facebook page.

POLLING STATION

On Thursday 7th May, the KA Rowner site will be used as a polling station. We have hosted voting in previous years and this does not affect the day-to-day running of our school. Therefore, both Rowner Infant School and King's Academy Rowner will remain open on this day. The polling station will be in The Drey (our contained building on the KA Rowner site next to the car park) and fencing will be erected to prevent voters from accessing the school building. Therefore, on the day, you will need to enter and exit the school site via Tichborne Way gate next to The Hive / Forest School. We will NOT be operating the one-way system on this day and appreciate your co-operation in working together to avoid congestion. There will be staff members available to help direct you. If you are arriving at school during the school day, buzz the intercom to let us know you are here and a member of staff will come to you.

SATS for Year 6

SATs have been scheduled for Year 6 by the government this year, commencing the **week beginning 11th May**. The school is committed to ensuring pupils make progress throughout their learning journey at Rowner and can account for this accordingly. We will share attainment information with Y6 parents/carers in our annual reports (July) and liaise closely with secondary schools to inform them about Year 6. 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 11th May 2025	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Tuesday 12th May 2025	English Reading
Wednesday 13th May 2025	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 14th 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

Staff Matter

It is with the greatest pleasure that we announce the following two pieces of news: Mrs Revis and her husband are expecting their first child at the end of September and Mr Hill and his wife are expecting their second child. We are sure you will all join us in extending our congratulations to both Mrs Revis and Mr Hill. We are delighted to have recently appointed a teacher to cover Mrs Revis' maternity leave.

With a mix of sadness and excitement, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Thomson and Miss Dymond at the end of this academic year. Mrs Thomson has been a valued member of our school community, and while we will miss her greatly, the Police Force will be gaining a fantastic new colleague. Miss Dymond has been with us since she first trained as a teacher nearly ten years ago. During that time, she has shown unwavering commitment and passion, making a lasting impact on our school. She will now be moving on to pursue a different career path that better suits her young family. Both colleagues will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. We are currently advertising for their roles. We have now recruited a new Assistant Headteacher, Mr Hill (!), who joins us in September from a large junior school. He will be making visits to the school after half-term. And, like Miss Tuckley, he will work at KA Gomer too.

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.

Thank you

Thank you so much for your generosity in our Easter raffle. We raised an amazing £525.20. Friends of Rowner have more exciting events coming up this term to raise valuable funds for our school.

Uniform Expectation: Nail Varnish

We would like to remind all parents and carers that painted nails, including regular varnish, gel, and acrylic nails, are not permitted in school. Recently, we have seen an increase in this, and children were reminded of our expectations during assembly this week. Our Uniform Policy is in place to ensure consistency, fairness, and a clear sense of belonging for all pupils. By choosing our school, families agree to follow these expectations, and we ask for your support in upholding them. If your child would like to wear coloured nail varnish, this should be saved for weekends and school holidays. Arriving at school with painted nails undermines the importance of our shared standards. Please avoid breaching the uniform rules, as doing so does not support children in developing respect for school expectations and routines.