



GO GOMER! Well done to our Netball players who took part in their first match. They played very well, showing great teamwork and spirit.

We love to hear about your children's success outside school too. Please inform us so that we can record them here.

We will continue to celebrate individual successes in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

DATES FOR MAY: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change		
Ongoing	<i>Arrival to the playground from 8:40 am</i>	
	<i>Start of school day: 8.50 am</i>	<i>End of school day: 3:10 pm</i>
Mondays	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Tuesdays	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Service Club (all year groups): 12.00-12.50 ● Tennis Club (all year groups): 3.10-4.15 	
Wednesdays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Football Club (Y5/Y6): 3.15-4.15 ● Netball Club (Y5/Y6): 3.15-4.15 	
Thursdays	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choir practice (all year groups): 8.15-8.45 ● Multi-skills Club (Y3/Y4): 3.15-4.15 ● Girl's Football Club (Y5/Y6): 3.15-4.15 ● Citizenship Club (Y3/Y4): 3.30-4.30 - This Club involves parental support to take and collect their child from different venues. Events emailed to participants separately 	
Fridays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Thursday 02 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Polling Station in The Globe - School is open as normal ● CANCELLED FROGJS Movie Night: 3.15-4.45 - Rescheduled to Thursday 09 May 	
Friday 03 May	Class 4IA - Visit to Red Spider - PE kit to be worn	
Monday 06	Early May Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 07 May	Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (4 of 6): pm	
Thursday 09 May	FROGJS Movie Night: 3.15-4.45	
Mon 13 → Thurs 16	SATs Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Y6 SATs 'snack' Breakfast in The Globe: 8.20-8.40am Mon - Thurs 	

Tuesday 14 May	Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (5 of 6): pm
Wednesday 15 May	Class 5SB - Visit to Red Spider - PE kit to be worn
Friday 17 May	Y6 Pre-Bikeability Skills Session (for those who signed up) - Bike & helmet required
Mon 20 → Wed 22	Y6 Bikeability
Mon 20 → Fri 24	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 21 May	Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (6 of 6): pm
Mon 27 → Fri 31	Half Term
Friday 31 May	Deadline for ordering the Special Man Lunch - see info below
Upcoming dates for June	
Monday 03 June	Class Photos
Tuesday 04 June	Class 4IA - Swimming Lessons (1 of 6): pm
Wednesday 05 June	Sports Day: 1.10-3.10pm - all children to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No after school football club today ● No after school netball club today
Monday 10 June	Outdoor Learning/Ground Force Morning 3 - Please click here to confirm you are able to help
Mon 10 → Fri 14 June	Y6 Activity Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6LF Water Sports Day - pupils to be collected from Alverstoke Creek at 3.30pm ● 6RI Beach Morning: 9.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday 11 June	Class 4IA - Swimming Lessons (2 of 6): pm

ARBOR APP Is being used for text messages. If we can not contact you by phone with urgent messages e.g. 'your child has bumped their head' you will only be able to receive texts from us via the App. Due to needing to find cost efficiencies we have had to reduce texts. We first wrote to you, this academic year, about the Arbor App in September. If you have yet to download it please refer to the attached leaflet for instructions.

BICYCLES are encouraged and very much welcomed in school. We have noticed that lots of the bicycles and scooters are not locked. The bicycle shelter and scooter racks are enabled to take locks. Any such item is left at the owner's risk hence us requesting you send your child to school with a lock. D Locks are recommended.

BOOK DONATIONS we are putting together a mobile book trolley, to go outside during the children's lunch break. We would appreciate any donations of unwanted or outgrown books please. If you have anything suitable, please hand it in at reception. It would also be great to receive a few clean picnic blankets and cushions as well, if you have anything spare.

CALENDAR/INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
Start: Monday 2 September Finish: Friday 20 December Half term: 28 October – 01 November	Start: Monday 6 January Finish: Friday 4 April Half term: 17 – 21 February	Start: Tuesday 22 April Finish: Tuesday 22 July Half term: 26 – 30 May

Nb: Y3 and Y7 learners will return to school **Tuesday 3 September** as part of their transition. The remainder of the school will return on **Wednesday 4 September**.

KGA Gomer INSET dates, for the academic year 2024/2025:

- Monday 2 September 2024
- Friday 6 December 2024
- February - Gosport Common Closure - likely to be 14 February
- Monday 21 July 2025
- Tuesday 22 July 2025

GClub pricing will see a small increase of 50p to some of the sessions from September 2024. This is to account for increasing costs to the school. In comparison to other 'wrap-around' providers the pricing structure still represents good value for money.

Time	£ per session
7.15am – 8.45am (with or without breakfast)	£6.00
7.45am – 8.45am (with or without breakfast)	£4.50
Please note: breakfast is served no later than 8.15am	

Time	£ per session
Mon-Thurs: 3.10pm – 5.45pm	£9.00
Mon-Thurs: 3.10pm – 4.30pm	£6.00
Mon-Thurs: 4.15pm – 5.45pm	£6.00
Friday Only: 3.10pm – 4.30pm in The Globe	£6.00

GOMER INFANT SCHOOL apparatus is for Gomer Infant children during the school day only. We regularly remind children not to play on it. Please reinforce this when you are on-site at drop-off and collection time.

NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER or SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER is Wednesday 19 June. Team Gomer are grateful for each other, their Hampshire KGA colleagues and for colleagues who teach and support their own children in and around Gosport. The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. The campaign exists to celebrate the professionalism, passion and commitment of schools all around the country. So, if you would like to send a free card (anonymously or signed) to any member of staff working in any educational establishment you can do so by visiting [here](#). And messages received are valued by the recipient very much.

OUTDOOR LEARNING/GROUND FORCE MORNING - PART 3 has been scheduled for the morning of **Monday 10 June**. Summer planting in preparation for the judging of Gosport in Bloom. Please [click here](#) to confirm you are able to help with your child. A very big thank you to all those families who helped with our first Ground Force Morning and for all the donated plants etc. Your help really does make a difference! We look forward to seeing as many families again soon for Part 3.

POLITE REMINDER Water bottles should be of the plastic variety and contain water rather than squash. Squash-type drinks are welcomed in packed lunches only.

REPORTING ABSENCE Thank you to parents/carers who continue to use our website system to log their child's absence. A polite reminder to those who may be new to reporting absence or lateness, to do so via our [website form](#). This system allows messages to be accessed and forwarded to members of staff immediately. If you need to request a planned absence please ask the office for a form in order that this can be processed accordingly or find it on our Attendance Matters [website page](#).

SATs have been scheduled for Year 6 by the government this year commencing the week beginning 13th May. The school is committed to ensuring pupils make progress throughout their learning journey at Gomer 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 respectively. Year 6 children are invited to arrive at school each day from 8.10am for a SATs breakfast. Children are to arrive at their classroom where they will be provided with some breakfast options e.g. pain-au-chocolat, fruit, croissants, crumpets etc. If your child does not want to have breakfast with us, they are still able to join us at this time.

Date	Test
Monday 13th May 2024	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Tuesday 14th May 2024	English Reading
Wednesday 15th May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16th May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

How you can help your child with the build-up to and during SATs week:

- Plan a relaxing weekend before the SATS
- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep during SATs week
- Talk to your child about how they are feeling
- Find small things that can help your child relax during the week
- Make sure they are in school with plenty of time - rushing can add to feeling unsettled
- Remind them that they are awesome and SATs are only a snapshot of who they are

SPECIAL MAN FROGJS gift-sale is all set for the morning of Thursday 13 June for Year 3, 4 and 5. Year 6 will visit at 9am on Friday 14 June, before heading out for their day of activities. All gifts are priced at £3. The sale is totally optional

SPECIAL MAN LUNCH has been organised for **Wednesday 12 June**, so that children can share lunch with that ‘special man’ in their life - father, carer, grandparent, godfather, uncle, family friend etc. Please complete this [Google form](#) if you would like to take part in this event by **Friday 31 May** (during half term week). Meals are charged at £2.80 with payments for the adult only, to be made online via SCOPAY, under TRIPS. Alternatively, you can bring a packed lunch. Children’s meals can be ordered on the day as usual and paid for online into their own account. To accommodate our special visitors, we will have staggered lunch sittings as follows:-

Year 3 - 11.45am	Year 4 - 12.00 noon	Year 5 - 12.15pm	Year 6 - 12.30pm
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If you have a child in lower school and upper school, please attend the **YOUNGEST** child’s sitting

On arrival to school, please make your way to the school hall by the picnic area door, so we can sign you in. You will be required to wear a visitor's sticker and asked to hand this in when you leave so we can account for you being off-site.

The menu will be as follows:-

- Red Option - Hot Dog served with oven-baked chips, side salad and coleslaw
- Green Option - Cheese and Tomato Pizza served with oven-baked chips, side salad and coleslaw
- Jacket Potato - Served with Baked Beans and Cheese

Please note that meal choices CANNOT BE CHANGED on the day once ordered. If you are unable to attend, you may like to organise a friend or relative to sit with your child. Once you and your child have eaten, you are encouraged to stay and play outside if the weather is fine and you have time. If we experience a wet play, we may have to ask ‘Special Men’ to leave after you have eaten, due to limited space inside the school.

SUMMER UNIFORM is welcome this term and until October half-term. Please see the website for more details.

SWIMMING for Year 4 is underway this term. Class 4LW currently have their swimming sessions at Brune Park with class 4IA starting on Tuesday 04 June. Please ensure the children have their swim kits (one-piece swimsuits for girls) in school plus a small snack and drink for after.

TEACHERS Information about the teachers your child will be learning with next year in King’s Academy Gomer, will be shared in July, before transition. In July there are opportunities planned for your child to meet and work with their new teacher(s) and support staff, whilst learning a little about what life will be like in the new year group. If you feel that your child requires additional support to transition into their next year group, please make contact with their current class teacher or Learning Mentor (LAPS) to arrange this. At this stage, we can outline the year group Class Teachers::

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Miss Annison Mrs Guyett-Smith	Mr Merrifield Mrs Wheal	Mrs Bateman Mrs Gardner	Mrs Fry Mrs Thurston
<i>Nb Mrs Bateman and Mrs Thurston will continue to teach four days a week. In July, we will confirm who will be teaching the day they are not in class.</i>			

TRANSITION MATTERS and is a major event not only for a young person but also for the family members that support their child. It is therefore our aim to ensure that the transition journey is reassuring, informative and exciting. A move to a new school is a significant time for any family. For some, transition will be an exciting time. For others, this will be a time of nervousness. Our Year 2s will receive a warm welcome and opportunities to learn more about us, our approach and have opportunities to preview KS2 learning during the Summer Term. Our Year 6 will also be supported by us here at Gomer and their new schools after the May half term through a variety of activities. Transition days are planned for all year groups on July 11 and 12; more details will follow nearer the time. Parents/carers of children in year 2 or 6 who require additional transition support, will be contacted individually.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK NATIONAL EVENT - 20th to 24th May 2024 Whilst we hope as many parents as possible leave their cars at home, we appreciate that many cannot avoid driving. To include as many children as possible, we would encourage these parents to ‘park and stride’ (using our designated park and stride location at the Privett Football ground). This week is a perfect opportunity for parents to discuss the green cross code with their children as well as promoting the health and environmental benefits of walking to school. Please remember, any child attending GClub, can, if they choose to, walk their ‘steps’ with Mrs Case - your child just needs to let her know and she will have the steps recorded.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES are optional and can now be ordered as per the flyer previously sent. The hoodies are priced from £21.50 and the Y6 leavers can order from various colours and sizes. Y6 children are welcome to wear their hoodie, regardless of colour choice, for the **second part of the Summer Term** as part of their PE kit – please ensure that it is labelled with your child’s name.

YOU SAID/YOU DID With thanks to the 67 parents/carers who took the time to complete the March Parent/Carer Survey. We are proud to note the positive aspects many of you identified in your responses. We are pleased to hear that the majority of our learners feel happy and safe at school, a testament to the nurturing environment we strive to create. Parents appreciate the school's efforts in communication, with many agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school communicates effectively. However, some comments suggest room for improvement in the frequency and clarity of communication. Some comments suggest that parents/carers are looking for more opportunities to be involved in school activities and decision-making processes. Therefore, we will be launching our Parent Partnership which ceased in 2021 due to a lack of uptake from parents - we are really keen to reform, ready for September 2024.