



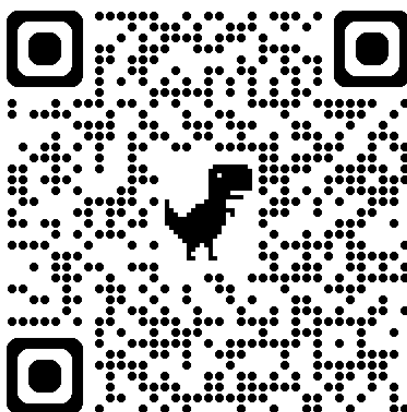
GO GOMER!

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 MARCH: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change		
Ongoing	Arrival to playground from 8:40 am	
	Start of school day: 8.45 am	End of school day: 3:10 pm
Mondays	Y5 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"> ● Lower School Art Club: 3.10-4.00 ● Upper School Girls Football Club: 3.10-4.15 ● Counting Club - Y3 (by invitation only): 3.15-3.50 ● Gomer Growers (by invitation only): 3.15-4.00 	
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 ● Lacrosse 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"> ● Netball Club (Y5/Y6): 3.10-4.15 ● Year 6 Booster Groups - Reading & Maths: 8.15 - 8.35 (by invitation only). Last session 19 March 	
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 ● Football Club (Y5/Y6): 3.10-4.15 	
Fridays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 6 Booster Group - Handwriting: 8.15 - 8.35 (by invitation only). Last session 21 March 	
Thursday 06 March	World Book Day	
Friday 07 March	Girls Biggest Ever Football Session at lunchtime - all year groups	
Thursday 20 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deadline for completing the Google form for 'Special Lady Lunch' - see below ● Rocksteady Concert for parents of pupils who have Rocksteady lessons: 09.15-10.15. Parents to sign in at 09.15 via the school hall doors 	
Friday 21 March	Comic Relief Day: 'Noses' and accessories welcomed	
Mon 24 → Fri 28 Mar	Big Walk and Wheel	

Friday 28 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Lady Lunch: Y3 - 11.45, Y4 - 12.00, Y5 - 12.15, Y6 - 12.30 ● FROGS Special Lady gift sale (Mothering Sunday: 30 March) £3 per gift ● 9.00am Deadline for completing Google forms for after school clubs - see below
Monday 31 March	Year 6 Teacher/Parent/Carer Learning Reviews
Upcoming dates	
Thursday 03 April	Arbor Report Cards sent home
Friday 04 April Early Finish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Groundforce & Outdoor Learning Day ● Last day of Spring Term – School ends at 2.00pm ● GClub will be available from 2.00-3.20pm for sessions booked by Tuesday 1 April.
Mon 07 → Mon 21 Apr	Easter Break
Tuesday 22 Apr	Summer Term starts - pupils return to school
Friday 25 April	Military Child Day - Children welcome to wear purple accessories with their uniform

AI GENERATED PODCAST The school have been learning how to use AI in creative and practical ways. To support our learning—and to make life a little easier for our busy families—we’ve transformed this newsletter into a podcast! Using AI, we’ve generated an audio version of the newsletter, making it a fun and bite-sized way to stay up to date with what’s happening in March. You’ll notice that the voices have American accents—this is because, at the moment, it’s the only option available. We have also discovered that the AI has struggled with some of our dates so we will look to learn how to manage this better. The podcast is designed to complement the written newsletter, offering an alternative way to access key information. We hope you find it helpful, and we’d love to hear your thoughts - maybe click the ‘thumbs-up’ on the YouTube link..? To listen to the podcast visit [here](#) or use this QR code:



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS will finish the week ending **Thursday 27 March 2025**. The new clubs will start again the first week of the Summer Term - **w/b Tuesday 22 April 2025**. If you would like your child to take part in any of the after-school sports clubs below please **re-register** their interest on the relevant Google forms below by **9.00am Friday 28 March 2025**. Whilst considerations will be made for those who have been on the waiting lists or have not attended before, places can not be guaranteed. Those whose names have not been chosen will automatically be added to a waiting list and contacted if and when a space becomes available. The charge remains at **£10** per term per club, payable via Scopay. You will be notified if your child has been successful on the week of 31 March 2025, ready for payments to be made before the first sessions start. Football and Netball clubs will remain the same.

- **Art Club** (Y3/4) - (Mondays - First session 28/4) - Click [here](#) to register.
- **Girl’s Football** (Y5/6) - (Mondays - First session 28/4) - Current team to roll over - Spaces still available Click [here](#) to register.
- **Tennis Club** (whole school) (Tuesdays - First session 22/4) Click [here](#) to register.
- **Netball Club** (Y5/6) (Wednesdays - First session 23/4) - Current team to roll over - Spaces still available Click [here](#) to register.

- **Football Club (Y5/Y6) - (Thursdays - First session 24/4) - This team will continue from the Spring term.**

ARBOR report cards will be sent home on Thursday 3 April. The report cards are intended to give you some headline information about how your child is achieving academically. Y3, Y4 and Y5 will have these ahead of the parent/teacher learning reviews (Y6 - sorry, your parent meeting will be before this date). Your parent/carer review meeting will discuss your child's academic and social and emotional development in far more detail. More information to follow separately via email regarding making an appointment.

ARRIVAL AT & PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL For health and safety reasons, children should not be on the school playground before 8.40am. We have recently had several children arriving at the school site too early. Unaccompanied children who are on site too early will be sent to GClub, which will incur a cost. Even if chaperoned, please avoid arriving too early as our GClubbers might be using the playground. A polite reminder, and for safeguarding reasons, please do not access the school site before 3.05pm. If you do, please wait on Pyrford Close or Bury Hall Lane. Parents/carers who arrive on-site ahead of this time will be asked to relocate off-site.

BIG WALK AND WHEEL The Big Walk and Wheel will be taking place 24 March - 4 April. On each day, our school will compete to see if we can achieve the highest percentage of pupils having 'active journeys' e.g. walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to and from school. If we manage to be one of the highest performing schools participating, we will be in with a chance of winning a range of school equipment including: bikes and scooters, having our playground painted with activities or even a stunt bike show being performed right here! As a part of the walk and wheel week, the Golden Lock competition will also return; at the end of each day, whichever randomly selected bike has 'the Golden Lock', will win a prize. In addition to this, there will be an inter-class competition, the class with the most active journeys that week will also win a prize. So let's get active!

BOOSTER GROUPS (Year 6 - by invitation only) Booster sessions will run for 4 weeks. Individual details emailed home and a reminder will be posted on the Google Classroom for those invited.

- Wednesday mornings: 8:15 - 8:35 Reading & Maths groups (26 Feb, 5/12/19 March)
- Friday mornings: 8:15 - 8:35 Handwriting (28 Feb, 7/14/21 March)

CALPOL/MEDICINES Please be aware that the school holds Calpol 6+ for emergency use only and only in exceptional circumstances. As we are not a dispensary, we kindly ask that if your child requires Calpol, you administer it before school wherever possible. If your child may need medication during the school day, please complete a medicine consent form and bring the medication to the school office, ensuring it is clearly labelled with your child's name. Please note that if the school is unable to manage prescribed medication, you may be required to administer it for your child. Finally, please remember to collect any medicines needed over the Easter break by Thursday 3 April. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

COMIC RELIEF is on Friday 21 March. Want to end your week with some Comic Relief fun? Children are welcome to wear Red Noses or red accessories with their school uniform. The School Council have ordered some red noses which will be on sale at a cost of £2.50 in school in w/b 3 March - limited stocks are available. Children are encouraged to bring money into school in a named envelope or purse. *'When you donate to Comic Relief or Sport Relief, you're supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally. Our vision is to create a just world free from poverty and we're doing this by funding amazing organisations doing amazing things', (awarenessdays.com).*

COMMUNITY INFORMATION is added to our website with various events and information which may be of interest to you. Click [here](#) to view current information.

DEVOLUTION for HAMPSHIRE In recent weeks, you may have seen on the news regarding the recent announcement by the Deputy Prime Minister that Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, and Isle of Wight Council have been accepted on Government's Devolution Priority Programme which will see extra powers and funding transferring from Westminster to the local area.

The consultation runs for eight weeks from 17 February 2025 to 11:59pm on 13 April 2025.

It can be found here: [Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation - GOV.UK](#) Hampshire County Council are encouraging school communities to have their say in helping to shape the future of our region. If you wish to contribute to the consultation, the following link will take you to the [online form](#).

FROGS SPECIAL LADY GIFT SALE is set for **Friday 28 March**. It has been scheduled ahead of Mothering Sunday - 30 March. Each optional gift is priced at £3 and gifts are available for any special lady in the lives of our children who might like to honour them on Mothering Sunday. Thank you to FROGS for organising this sale which enables affordable gifts for the children and some funds for the school.

GIRLS BIGGEST FOOTBALL SESSION is set for Friday 7 March. We are keen to encourage as many girls as possible to play football. In 2022, The FA set an ambitious target for 75% of schools to deliver equal access to football in PE lessons. Whilst this target has been met, there is still a long way to go to break down long-term barriers and ensure girls and young women believe they belong in football and do not drop out. On Friday 7 March 2025, the fourth *Biggest Ever Football Session* will be taking place in schools across England. King's Academy Gomer are all signed-up! During lunchtime and in the afternoon if we can squeeze it in, girls across the school will be invited to play football and participate in football skills with Mr Lethbridge. This will be a fun session and is a great way to celebrate International Women's Day. So, if this is not your daughter's PE day please send them into school with their trainers.

GOVERNOR VACANCY We are currently seeking enthusiastic and committed co-opted governors to join our friendly governing body here at King's Academy Gomer. Governors play a vital role in supporting the strategic leadership of the school, ensuring we continue to provide the very best education and opportunities for our children. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in your local community, develop new skills, and be part of a team dedicated to the success and well-being of our school. We welcome individuals from all backgrounds who can bring fresh perspectives, skills, and enthusiasm to the role. If you know someone who is not a parent of the school and would be interested, please:

- Visit our school website for more information about the role and how governors support our school.
- Speak to the school office if you have any questions or need further details.
- Contact our Chair of Governors, Mr Nick Almond, directly to express interest or learn more about how you can get involved. nalmond@governor.kgahampshire.uk

Please help us spread the word! If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a governor, we'd be delighted if you could encourage them to get in touch. Thank you for supporting us as we look to strengthen and grow our governing body.

LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS for parents/carers of year 6 children, will be held Monday 31 March. This is to ensure parent/carers have a full overview of their child's progress prior to the Easter break, when children might want to focus on certain areas prior to their SATs. Learning review meetings for parents of children in Year 3, 4 and 5 will occur after the Easter break. Booking details for all of these will follow soon.

MOBILE PHONES At our school, for those who have them, phones are welcome in school if they are tucked away safely upon arrival to school and do not come out of bags until children are off the school site. Unless children are walking home solo, we recommend that children leave mobile phones at home. Please remind your child that phones are not to be used on the school site unless they have the permission of an adult e.g. they may need to call home at the end of the day to check an arrangement. Please also note that any such device brought into school is done so at the owner's risk - the school is unable to take responsibility for devices.

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We have really good school attendance and thank parents/carers for sending their child to school regularly. Each learner's attendance contributes to their overall attendance mark, which we review on a monthly basis. As part of our ongoing efforts to promote attendance awareness, we continue to send home letters to families whose children have an overall attendance rate less than 90%.

We also send letters to children with an overall attendance between 90% and 95%. This letter is simply a notification to inform parents or caregivers that their child is nearing the 90% threshold. We also send letters to congratulate children on attendance. We want to ensure that everyone is aware of the importance of regular attendance at school.

100%	0 days off school
97%	5 days off across the school year
95%	10 days off across the school year
90%	20 days off across the school year
85%	30 days off across the school year

OUTDOOR LEARNING/GROUND FORCE DAY number 2 is on - **Friday 4 April**. The whole school will be participating in a range of gardening, landscaping and outdoor learning opportunities, at different times, at some point of the day. Adult support with helping with the grounds, independently or alongside your child in the morning will be very much appreciated. Adults will be working outside and can work with other adults or their child. Please bring some tools with you to help - secateurs, rakes, spades etc would be really useful as we have a limited supply (make sure they are named). Donations of good quality plants would be very much appreciated. Please complete this [Google Form](#) to commit to helping on the day. Children are to come to school in clothes you do not mind getting grubby or paint on and should bring their wellies or suitable outdoor shoes. Please ensure Y3 have trainers so PE can still be an option without the need for changing.

PRINT AND SEW You will be aware that Print and Sew is our new uniform supplier. We are excited to be working with them and we are pleased their uniform is priced more competitively than Skoolkit.

Their address: 55-57 Stoke Road, Gosport, PO12 1LS **Phone:** [023 9243 2737](tel:02392432737).

The plan was for Print and Sew to start supplying our uniform after Easter. Now that Skoolkit has sold all their supplies Print and Sew are endeavouring to start supplying us sooner. So, please watch this space and we will update you as soon as we know our uniform is ready - fingers crossed for next month.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES Secondary School places for Y7 September 2025 will be announced on **Monday 3 March**.

If you applied online, you will be sent an email confirming the outcome of your application on the notification date. You can also log into the online system to view the outcome. If you applied using a paper form, you will be sent a letter on the notification date by post. Please allow 2 to 3 working days for your letter to arrive. There is no need for you to accept the place offered to your child at any Hampshire school. However, please let HCC know in writing if you no longer need the place so that it can be offered to another child. If you have not been offered a place at your preferred school, your child will be added to the waiting list. You also have a right of appeal against the refusal. Our transition programme will be comprehensive and we have already been working with our secondary colleagues on transition matters.

SPEAKING WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT We pride ourselves on being a warm, welcoming and supportive community. Our staff work hard every day to provide the best possible experience for our children and families and we are always here to help when concerns arise. Recently, however, we have experienced a few incidents where staff members have been spoken to uncomfortably. While we understand that certain situations - such as a misplaced coat or cardigan, the unavailability of a staff member or calls home about unwell children - can be frustrating, we kindly ask that communications with staff be conducted calmly. We will always do our best to assist and resolve any issues that arise, and we approach all interactions with courtesy. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to ensure that our school remains a friendly, respectful, and tolerant place for all.

SPECIAL LADY LUNCH has been scheduled for **Friday 28 March** so that children, if they wish, can share lunch with that 'special lady' in their life – grandparent, mother, godmother, auntie, family friend - whoever that special lady might be. These lunch events have been very successful in the past and we hope to see many special ladies joining us again this year. Due to catering matters at school, our children's Special Ladies are asked to bring their own lunch if they would like to eat. Special Ladies wishing to join this event should complete [this form](#). Once your child and their special lady have eaten, the special lady is invited to stay and play outside if the weather is fine. However, if we experience a wet play, we may have to ask Special Ladies to leave after they have eaten, due to limited space inside the school.

To accommodate our special visitors, we will have staggered lunch sittings as follows:-

- Year 3 – 11.45am: Year 4 – 12.00noon } If you have children in lower school
- Year 5 – 12.15pm: Year 6 – 12.30pm } AND upper school, please attend the YOUNGEST child's sitting time

On arrival to school, Special Ladies should make their way to the school hall via the entrance by the blue playground (5 minutes ahead of the child's sitting, no earlier) so they can be signed-in and seated ahead of the child joining them. Special Ladies will be required to wear a visitor sticker and asked to hand this in when they leave, so the school can account for extra adults being on and then off site.

SUMMER UNIFORM is welcome in the Summer Term - after the Easter holiday. Local supermarkets already have dark blue items in stock but you may like to double-check our uniform list before you purchase. In the Summer Term **DARK BLUE gingham** dresses or playsuits are allowed. Pale blue items **are not** welcomed because these **are not** on our uniform list. The Summer school uniform list also stipulates that formal grey or black shorts, skirts, shorts or culottes can be worn, with short-sleeved white shirt, blouse or polo. Children wanting to wear sandals in hotter weather must do so only when wearing socks - for health and safety reasons. PE uniform continues to be our blue PE tops and unbranded **black** shorts or sports trousers with trainers.

SWIMMING is an invaluable life skill and a compulsory part of the National Curriculum with class 4LW starting their sessions after the Easter break, Tuesday 22 April. We are lucky enough to have access to the Brune Park swimming pool and have specialist swimming instructors to lead the sessions. Each Year 4 child will participate in six sessions. They will receive tailored group lessons based on their ability. Please ensure you have completed this [Google Form](#) to help us initially group the children based on their current ability. Please ensure the children have their swim kits (one piece for girls) in school on a Tuesday and a small snack and drink for after. The Easter break is an ideal opportunity to get organised with swim kits! Additionally, if your child is not water confident, the Easter Holiday is an ideal opportunity to make use of your local leisure facilities. Brune Park has family swim sessions which you may like to check out.

4LW	Tuesdays - 22 April, 29 April, 6 May, 13 May, 20 May, 3 June
4EC	Tuesdays - 10 June, 17 June, 24 June, 1 July, 8 July, 15 July

WISHING you all a lovely Easter holiday. Our last day of the Spring Term is Friday 4 April with a 14.00 finish. We do hope the weather is fine and that all families have some time together to rest. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 22 April - Monday 21 is a bank holiday due to the Easter weekend.

WORLD BOOK DAY this year is on **Thursday 06 March**. This year's theme is 'Read your Way' so we would love children to share photos of themselves reading 'their way' - this might be in the garden, in a restful spot in a park or somewhere more wacky! They can add these to their Google Classroom so that we can collect them all for a huge library display. If children would like to dress themselves or one of their dolls/teddies/characters as a character from **a book** on this day then they are welcome to do so. Dressing up is not obligatory and school uniforms can be worn if your child does not wish to dress up. Year groups have adapted their timetable and will use the day to immerse children into the exciting world of books. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than family circumstances, parents' educational backgrounds or income.' Just 10 minutes daily shared reading benefits every child's future.