



**GO GOMER!** Well Done to **HARRIET SLATER** who has been cast to take part in a show held at the Kings Theatre in Southsea in July! After a vigorous two-stage audition process, she was successful in obtaining a role in "BRING IT ON" Harriet has been rehearsing since March, 3x a week in preparation for this show. A wonderful achievement, as this is her first step into Musical Theatre. Harriet has also recently taken part in a Freestyle competition, which was a big WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP qualifier. Harriet had to dance against schools from all over the Southern area of England and Wales. She made the Final and is now able to compete at the World Freestyle Championships at Blackpool in June. What an awesome achievement, Harriet!

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.

| they are subject to change  |  |                            |  |  |
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| Ongoing                     | Arrival to playground from 8:40 am   |                            |  |  |
|                             | Start of school day: 8.45 am   | End of school day: 3:10 pm |  |  |
| Mondays                     | <ul> <li>Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school</li> <li>Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school</li> <li>Art Club (Y3/Y4): 3.10-4.00</li> <li>Girls Football Club (Y5/Y6): 3.10-4.15 (No club Monday 23 June due to match)</li> <li>Calculation Club - Y3 (by invitation only): 3.15-3.50 - Last session: Monday 30 June</li> <li>Gomer Growers (by invitation only): 3.15-4.00</li> </ul> |                            |  |  |
| Tuesdays                    | <ul> <li>Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school</li> <li>Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school</li> <li>Service Club (all year groups): 12.00-12.50</li> <li>Tennis Club (all year groups): 3.10-4.15 - Last session: Tuesday 1 July</li> </ul>   |                            |  |  |
| Wednesdays                  | <ul> <li>Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school</li> <li>Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school</li> <li>Netball Club (Y5/Y6): 3.10-4.15</li> </ul>  |                            |  |  |
| Thursdays                   | <ul> <li>Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school</li> <li>Choir practice (all year groups): 8.15-8.45</li> <li>Football Club (Y5/Y6): 3.10-4.15 - Last session: Thursday 26 June</li> </ul>  |                            |  |  |
| Fridays                     | Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school  |                            |  |  |
| Mon 26 $\rightarrow$ Fri 30 | Half Term  |                            |  |  |
| Monday 02 June              | All pupils return to school  |                            |  |  |
| Wednesday 04 June           | Sports Day (afternoon) - All children to we<br>Gates open at 1.00pm - Sports start at 1.1<br>• No after-school netball club today  |                            |  |  |
| Thursday 05 June            | Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (1 of 6): pm  |                            |  |  |

**DATES FOR JUNE:** The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally, they are subject to change

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| Monday 09 June   | Class 6LF - Bowls Taster Sessions: pm  |  |  |
| Tuesday 10 June  | Class 6KT - Bowls Taster Sessions: am  |  |  |
| Wednesday 11 June  | <ul> <li>Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (1 of 6): pm</li> <li>Year 6 - 'Preparing for Secondary School Evening' @ Bay House: There are three presentations to choose from: 4.30, 5.30 or 6.30pm. Please refer to the letter sent directly from Bay House on Tuesday 6th May for booking your preferred time slot.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Thursday 12 June   | <ul> <li>Class Photos (am) - Y4 wear uniform and bring PE kit/swimwear to school</li> <li>Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (2 of 6): pm</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Friday 13 June<br>Please note: New date<br>for Groundforce Day | <ul> <li>FROGS Special Man Gift Sale - £3 PER GIFT</li> <li>Special Man Lunch: 11.45-1.00 pm - See further details below</li> <li>Groundforce/Outdoor Learning Day 3 - Please <u>click here</u> to confirm you are able to help with your child.</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| Tuesday 17 June  | Parents/Carers to view children's books in class: 15.15-16.15 (See Google form below)  |  |  |
| Wednesday 18 June  | Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (2 of 6): pm  |  |  |
| Thursday 19 June   | Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (3 of 6): pm  |  |  |
| Monday 23 June   | No Girls Football Club after school today due to match   |  |  |
| Wednesday 25 June  | Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (3 of 6): pm  |  |  |
| Thursday 26 June   | <ul> <li>Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (4 of 6): pm</li> <li>Last Football Club</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| Friday 27 June   | Fareham Academy Y6 (Invitation only) Additional Transition Morning: 9.00-11.00am   |  |  |
| Monday 30 June   | Y6 Activities Week: more details to follow.  |  |  |
| Upcoming dates   |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 02 July  | Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (4 of 6): pm  |  |  |
| Wed 02 $ ightarrow$ Fri 04 July                                | Residential Visit to Tile Barn<br>(For those not attending Tile Barn, separate activities are being arranged for them with a<br>member of staff at school)   |  |  |
| Thursday 03 July   | <ul> <li>Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (5 of 6): pm</li> <li>Y2 Welcome Meeting: 3.30-4.30pm</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Monday 7 July  | <ul> <li>Y5 Visit to Paultons Park - packed lunches required. School uniform or PE kit to be worn with comfortable shoes &amp; light jacket.</li> <li>Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (5 of 6): pm</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Tuesday 08 July  | <ul> <li>Whole School Transition</li> <li>Y6 to Bay House - Transition Day 1</li> <li>Y3, Y4 &amp; Y5 Transition Day 1 to new classes</li> <li>Y2 Transition Day</li> <li>FROGS DISCO<br/>Y2 &amp; Y3: 4.15-5.15pm<br/>Y4 &amp; Y5: 5.30-6.30pm</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Wednesday 09 July  | <ul> <li>No Tennis Club</li> <li>Y6 to Bay House - Transition Day 2</li> <li>Y3, Y4 &amp; Y5 Transition Day 2 to new classes</li> </ul>  |  |  |

|                | • Music Concert performed by those having Music Lessons: 5.30-6.30pm |  |
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| Friday 11 July | End of Year Reports sent home  |  |

**AFTER-SCHOOL PICK-UP** We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and orderly environment for all pupils. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. For the safety and well-being of everyone in our school community, parents are **not to enter the school site before 3.05pm**. This includes sitting on the benches outside classrooms or walking towards classroom doors before this time. There are a few important reasons for this:

- **Safeguarding** We must manage who is on site during the school day to keep all children safe.
- **Minimising Disruption** The end of the school day is a key learning time, and children are still focused on activities. Seeing parents waiting directly outside classrooms can be distracting.
- **Smooth Dismissal** Teachers prepare carefully for a calm and safe handover at 3.10pm. Early arrivals can make this process more difficult to manage.

**CAR PARK SAFETY** At our school, we aim to be as accommodating as possible with the use of our car park. Parents and carers who use GClub for drop-off and pick-up are welcome to access the car park at these times. In addition, some families have been granted access due to personal circumstances or disabilities, and we are pleased to be able to support them. However, it is absolutely essential that all drivers enter and exit the car park at no more than 5MPH. This speed limit is in place to protect the safety of our whole school community, especially our children. If you are crossing the car park on foot, please do so with great care. All children must be chaperoned closely and remain by your side at all times to avoid unnecessary risk. We kindly ask everyone to be safe and respectful when using the car park. If safety rules are not followed, we will have no choice but to restrict access and reserve the car park for staff only. This would be a disadvantage to those who genuinely need to use it. **Please also note:** our car park is not to be used as a turning circle for vehicles parking on the surrounding roads. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our school site safe for all.

**CLASS PHOTOS** will be taking place on **Thursday, 12 June**. Please ensure that the children come to school in full school uniform (no PE kits), hair is brushed and tied back where appropriate and smiles set.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION** is added to our website regularly with various events and information that may be of interest to you. Click <u>here</u> to view current information. We started doing this following feedback that we were sending home too many emails.

**CYCLING/SCOOTERING** is encouraged very much to school and away from school. BUT once on site, please do not ride or allow your child to ride them; ensure that they are pushed across the site to ensure there are no collisions with pedestrians.

**FROGS SPECIAL MAN GIFT SALE** is scheduled for **Friday 13 June**. An array of gifts has been organised for the children to purchase for only £3 per gift. There is a lovely selection for the children to choose from, with many gifts retailing for far more than £3.

**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 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, 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.

**GROUNDFORCE/OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY - Part 3** We would like to express a big thank you to all the families that offered support on our last Groundforce Day - we can't wait for the next one which will be on the morning of **Friday 13 June.** (*Please note the date has changed to enable us to prepare for Gosport in Bloom*). Please complete <u>this form</u> to pledge some time. For those children not gardening they will take part in some outdoor learning. We feel very proud and are very grateful to Mrs Carre who gives lots of her time to lead our Gomer Growers. We think the judges of Schools in Bloom will be impressed. If you will be gardening with a child, you may wish to dress them in clothing which you do not mind getting dirty on this day. Please bring trainers if this is your child's PE day.

**HEALTHY SNACKS** – an expectation for all pupils wanting a break snack is that they are healthy, preferably nutritious and nut-free. This helps to teach children about healthy living habits. These snacks must be stored separately from lunchboxes, brought into the classroom and stored in the designated class trays. Class teachers typically collect these at the start of the day to ensure smooth organisation and to support healthy routines. Healthy and nutritious snack options include:

- Cereal bars (nut-free)
- Rice cakes
- Cheese portions and yoghurt pouches
- Vegetable sticks
- Fresh fruit

Snacks such as crisps and chocolate bars are not permitted at break and are to be reserved for lunchtime or after school (although they are not considered nutritious options). We appreciate your support in promoting a healthy lifestyle and ensuring all children are ready to learn and thrive throughout the day.

**LOST PROPERTY** continues to grow. Please ask your children to check, or check yourself, to ensure that all items are reunited with their rightful owner. Please come and claim your uniform. Any unclaimed clothes will be recycled in our on-site charity bin or kept for spares. Please, please, please label all items of school uniform clearly. Pen can become smudged in the wash, so a printed label may offer a better solution.

**MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK** Year 4 will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Checks (MTC) this month. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. The checks are due to take place from Monday 2nd June to Friday 13th June. All children in year 4 will take part in these assessments and the results will be shared with parents in the end of year reports. The Year 4 children have been practising and working towards this throughout the year and we know that they will all try their very best!

**OFSTED** We are thrilled to share that everyone now knows the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, conducted on 1–2 April 2025. The report reflects the exceptional dedication, spirit, and achievements of our entire school community. The key judgements are as follows:

- Quality of Education: Good
- Behaviour and Attitudes: Outstanding
- Personal Development: Outstanding
- Leadership and Management: Good

This remarkable outcome is a testament to our pupils, who impressed inspectors with their honesty, pride, and enthusiasm. The report highlights that "pupils love coming to this warm and welcoming school" and that there is a "friendly atmosphere during playtimes." Our staff's unwavering commitment to high expectations and meeting all pupils' needs was also recognised. The report notes that "staff have high expectations and work hard to meet the needs of all pupils." We extend our thanks to our parents and carers for their continued support. Your positive feedback and belief in our school's mission were evident during the inspection and are deeply appreciated. To commemorate this achievement, we created a special photo spelling out the words "Good" and "Outstanding" using every member of our Gomer community. Captured by drone, this image symbolises the unity, teamwork, and shared success that define our school. You can read the full Ofsted report on our website: <u>Celebrating Ofsted Success – An Outstanding Community</u>. Thank you for being an integral part of our outstanding community.

**SPECIAL MAN LUNCH** has been organised for **Friday 13 June**, so that children can share lunch with that 'Special Man' in their life - father, carer, uncle, grandparent, godfather, uncle, family friend etc. Thank you for confirming your attendance and meal options. The form for this has now closed. Meals ordered for 'Special Man' visitors can be paid for online via SCOPAY, under TRIPS. Children's meals can be ordered on the day and paid for online as usual.

ALL Special Men will be asked to **arrive from 11:45 am and leave by 12:45pm**. You will be able to play with your child before or after being called for your lunch sitting. To accommodate our special visitors, we will have staggered lunch sittings. Year groups will be called to the hall as follows:-

| <b>Year 3</b> - 11.45am | Year 4 - 12.00 noon | <b>Year 5</b> - 12.15pm | Year 6 - 12.30pm |
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If the special man is visiting a child in lower school and upper school, they should attend the **YOUNGEST** child's sitting On arrival at school, our special visitors should make their way to the school hall by the picnic area door, so we can sign everyone in.

If the weather is fine, our special visitors will be encouraged to play on the field with their child before and/or after they have eaten (see lunch sitting times below). However, if we experience a wet day, we <u>may</u> have to ask 'Special Men' to come into school just for their meal time, due to limited space inside the school - we will let you know on the day if this is the case.

**NO SMOKING AND VAPING ON SCHOOL SITE** Smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited anywhere on the school site, including at the school gates and during drop-off and pick-up times. This rule is in place for several important reasons:

- Health and Safety Children's health is our top priority. Exposure to smoke and vape fumes, even second-hand, can be harmful.
- Setting a Positive Example As a school, we work hard to promote healthy choices and responsible behaviour. We ask all adults on site to support this.
- Legal and Policy Compliance Smoking and vaping on school premises is not permitted by law or school policy.

If anyone is found smoking or vaping on site, they will be formally reminded of the rules and may be asked to leave the premises. Continued disregard of this policy may result in further action, including being restricted from entering the school grounds in future. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school a safe and healthy environment for all.

**OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW YOUR CHILD'S WORK** Following parent feedback, we are pleased to offer an opportunity for you to come into school and view your child's books. This has been organised ahead of the Annual Reports being sent home, allowing you to see first-hand the progress your child has made this year. During the session, your child's class teacher will be present in the room to help facilitate the visit and direct you to the correct books and work areas. However, please note that this is not a full parent consultation. Teachers will be overseeing the session and also completing their own professional tasks at the same time, so will not be available for individual discussions. We hope this opportunity gives you a meaningful insight into your child's learning. We look forward to welcoming you into school on **Tuesday 17 June** between **15.15-16.15**.

To help us organise relevant books, please click <u>here</u> to complete the Google form **by Sunday 15 June** to confirm your attendance.

**Please also note:** The majority of children's books are sent home at the end of the academic year, typically on our 'Let's Do It Day'.

**PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL** We know that safe and respectful parking is vital to keeping our school community safe - especially at drop-off and pick-up times. If you witness a parking issue that you feel needs further investigation, you can report it using the official Hampshire County Council <u>online form</u>. Please note, this is not a direct request service, and not all reports will result in a patrol visit. However, each report is reviewed, and decisions are made based on local need and available resources.

The information submitted helps the council ensure that parking enforcement teams are focusing their patrols in the areas where they are most needed. This form should only be used to report on-street parking issues across Hampshire (excluding Southampton and Portsmouth, where local councils manage enforcement). Please also be aware:

- No action can be taken where no parking restrictions exist.
- Parking on a footway can only be investigated if yellow lines or similar restrictions are in place.
- If a vehicle is causing an obstruction or is parked dangerously, this should be reported to the Police.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school site and the surrounding area safe for everyone.

**THE SUN IS SHINING** and the children thoroughly enjoy 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 however, Gomer blue would be amazing.



If you find that sunscreen stains the white neck of uniform, you may wish to try these methods to remove a yellow sunscreen stain:

- Do a pre-treatment before washing. Rub a specific laundry detergent designed for stains into the mark and leave for 10 minutes before rinsing and washing.
- After washing, hang your white clothing out in the sun to dry. The sun naturally bleaches stained white clothing in a safe way. For stubborn stains, use lemon juice to intensify the bleaching results.
- Soak the stain in white vinegar. Follow this by washing on a hot temperature.
- Use eucalyptus oil. Cover the stain and leave for five minutes before washing as normal.

**SPORTS DAY** is on Wednesday 4 June (weather permitting). At 13.00 gates will open for arrival and with a 13.15 anticipated start. We do hope that you can attend. The whole school are to wear PE kit to school. A detailed letter explaining how the event will run was sent before the May half-term. Please refer to this.

**SWIMMING UPDATE** Unfortunately, the Brune Park swimming pool remains out of action. However, we are pleased to inform you that we have secured swimming sessions for Y4 pupils at the Leesland School pool. The new dates are as follows:

| 4LW - Wednesday | 11th June, 18th June, 25th June, 2nd July, 7th July <b>(Monday)</b> , 16th July |
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| 4EC - Thursday  | 5th June, 12th June, 19th June, 26th June, 3rd July, 17th July                  |

**TERM DATES 2025/2026** and INSET days, as shared in April can all be found <u>here</u>. Please scroll down the page.

**WATER BOTTLES - FURTHER REMINDER** Please could these be sent in every day with your child. More and more children are coming to the school office to say they have forgotten their water bottle and we have very few spare! With the warmer weather ahead it is really important that children remain hydrated. Once our stock is depleted, we will not be replacing it.

**YOU SAID/WE DID** You said you would have liked to have had refreshments available to buy at our VE Day gathering. So, we have organsied refreshments for you to purchase at Sports Day. Please bring your pennies.