

GO GOMER!

A warm welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year. It has been another busy and highly successful year at King's Academy Gomer and we are delighted to share some highlights with you:

- **Ofsted Praise** In our April 2025 inspection, Ofsted praised the warm, welcoming spirit of our school, describing it as 'friendly' with 'exceptional' behaviour and ambition in teaching and learning.
- **Outstanding Attendance** We continue to exceed our whole-school attendance target of 96.5%, thanks to the dedication of pupils and families. Every week, the class with top attendance is celebrated, reinforcing the importance of being present. Our school is in the Top 10 of best attendance nationally.
- **Vibrant School Life** From our buzzing library and School Choir performances, Groundforce activity, to lively science experiments and sports days, our pupils have embraced the full range of school life.

This year has been full of promise and we couldn't be prouder of your children's achievements, socially, emotionally and academically. They take every opportunity with enthusiasm and continue to make our school a place we love. A thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support, your constructive dialogue and your kindness too. Together, we strive for the very best experience for every child at King's Academy Gomer.

DATES FOR JULY: 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 • Art Club (Y3/Y4): 3.10-4.00 - Last session Monday 07 July • Girls Football Club (Y5/Y6): 3.10-4.15 - Last session Monday 30 June • Gomer Growers (by invitation only): 3.15-4.00 - Last session Monday 07 July	
Tuesdays	Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school • Service Club (all year groups): 12.00-12.50 - Last session Monday 07 July - 3.15-4.15pm (Monday instead of Tuesday for the cake & mocktails event) • Tennis Club (all year groups): 3.10-4.15 - Last session Tuesday 01 July	
Wednesdays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school • Netball Club (Y5/Y6): 3.10-4.15 - Last session Wednesday 09 July	
Thursdays	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school • Choir practice (all year groups): 8.15-8.45	
Fridays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Mon 30 Jun → Fri 04 July	Y6 Activities Week	

Monday 30 June	Y6 at the beach: 9.00-1.30pm
Tuesday 01 July	All library and banded books due back now - library only open for returns
Wednesday 02 July	Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (4 of 6): pm
Wed 02 → Fri 04 July	Residential Visit to Tile Barn (For those not attending Tile Barn, separate activities are being arranged for them with a member of staff at school)
Thursday 03 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (5 of 6): pm Y2 Welcome Meeting: 3.30-4.30pm
Monday 7 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Visit to Paultons Park - packed lunches required. School uniform or PE kit to be worn with comfortable shoes & light jacket. Last Service Club: 3.15-4.15pm. Service Families invited for cake and mocktails
Tuesday 08 July	Whole School Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 to Bay House - Transition Day 1 Y3, Y4 & Y5 Transition to new classes Y2 Transition Day FROGS DISCO Y2 & Y3: 4.15-5.15pm Y4 & Y5: 5.30-6.30pm No Tennis Club
Wednesday 09 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 to Bay House - Transition Day 2 Y3, Y4 & Y5 Transition to new classes Last brass lesson Music Concert for parents of pupils who have Music/Vocal lessons: 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 11 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Reports sent home Last violin lesson
Tuesday 15 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's Do It Day - all wear PE kit to school Exercise books sent home - please send in a suitable bag for books to come home in
Wednesday 16 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 4LW - Swimming Lessons (6 of 6): pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents/carers in the Hall: 2.00-3.00pm (doors open 1.45pm - please arrive at the hall doors via the blue playground to sign in)
Thursday 17 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 4EC - Swimming Lessons (6 of 6): pm Y6 End of Year Bash: 1.00-4.00pm. Children will be enjoying G FEST (their end of Y6 Celebration!) Children will be provided with refreshments during this time. They are invited to wear their party/festival clothes (school suitable e.g. nothing too revealing) ready for their fun-packed afternoon to avoid having to change in school. Y6 - Please see the email sent separately with full details and the Google form to be completed.
Friday 18 July	Last day of the Academic Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Whole School Water Play - children come to school in clothes (including shoes) you are happy to get wet. Remember dry underwear, school PE kit or school uniform to change into and a NAMED towel to dry off with. Y6 Parent/Carers to arrive on the school field for Y6 Leavers' Arch: 1.35-1.45 for Leavers' Arch walk through at 1.50pm - see details below. Term ends at 2.00pm GClub: 2.00-3.30pm
Monday 21 July	INSET DAY - School closed to children

Tuesday 22 July	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Upcoming dates for September	
Tuesday 02 September	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Wednesday 03 September	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Thursday 04 September	All year groups return to school

ARRIVING ON TIME MATTERS Children are welcome to line-up on the playground from 8:40am each morning. At 8:45am, the class teacher will take the children into school. Therefore, all pupils are expected to be in their class line by this time, ready to start the day. We have noticed that a small number of children are regularly arriving after 8:45am. Prompt arrival is important because it helps children feel settled, ready to learn, and ensures they don't miss valuable teaching time or the opportunity to connect with their teacher and peers. We will be reviewing our procedures for managing late arrivals ahead of the new school year. In the meantime, we kindly urge all families to ensure their child is on site and in line by 8:45am. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS and we continue to monitor attendance. Any requested term-time holidays continue to be unauthorised. Additionally, they will continue to incur a penalty warning notice (fine).

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.

CYCLING SHORTS We know many children find cycling shorts comfortable and they are absolutely fine to wear on PE days, as long as they are appropriate in length, ideally covering most of the thigh (not the very short, 'buttock-skimming' style). It is also perfectly fine for children to wear cycling shorts under a skirt or dress if that makes them feel more comfortable. However, we have noticed some children wearing cycling shorts on non-PE days, which is not in line with our uniform policy. On non-PE days, if children wish to wear shorts, they should be of the tailored variety, not sportswear. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining high standards and a consistent approach to uniform.

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND MOBILE NUMBERS are required from all parents/carers for us to keep you up to date. It is really important that you share updated details in order that we can contact you. Please contact the office ASAP with any changes.

FAREWELL YEAR 6 As we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils at the end of term, we want to take a moment to celebrate what a genuinely lovely cohort they have been. They have achieved so much both socially and academically. Their end-of-year predictions ahead of the SATs results are looking strong and this is a reflection of their hard work, focus, and thoughtful approach to learning. They have been superb ambassadors for our school. Our Heads of School have welcomed visitors with confidence and pride and many other children have taken on responsibilities that have contributed to the smooth running of daily school life. All of them should feel incredibly proud. We are already looking forward to the Leavers' Assembly and GFest, which we are sure will be full of special moments and lasting memories. The whole school will also gather to form a celebratory tunnel for the children to walk through as they are clapped off the site on their final day – a tradition we cherish. **Please note: Year 6** parents and carers are invited to assemble on the school field from **1:35pm** for the Leavers' Arch. The children will begin to walk through the arch at approximately **1:50pm**, allowing time for them to gather and for the rest of the school to return to class afterwards. Please note that timings may vary slightly, so to avoid disappointment, **we recommend arriving no later than 1:45pm**. You are very welcome to stay on the field afterwards while the children say their final farewells, take photos, and thank staff etc. It is always a lovely moment to celebrate together. We suggest you have tissues at the ready...

FROGS As we approach the end of term, we want to extend our deepest thanks to two incredible individuals: **Janine (FROGS Chair)** and **Emma (Treasurer)** have led FROGS for many years. Their energy, creativity and commitment have driven countless events, discos, shops, fairs, a spectacular fireworks evening and more. Thanks to their leadership (and amazing volunteers), FROGS have raised thousands of pounds, funding extras beyond our school budget; most recently 15 new iPads and a charging trolley to support learning across the school. With their children moving on to secondary school, Janine and Emma will be stepping down at term's end. We are hugely grateful for their time, creativity, commitment—and heart. They have left a legacy of support and opportunity for our community. We will miss them,

but their impact will be felt for years to come. **Can you help keep this wonderful tradition going?** FROGS is seeking new volunteers for the next academic year. With thanks to those who attended a meeting recently - additional help makes the organising a little easier. Whether you're on a committee or simply able to help at an event or even donate an hour to prep or run a stall, we would **love** to hear from you. Please please complete this [Google Form](#)

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE is really important for us all. Please do access our monthly online newsletter to learn about how to help keep your child safe and read all about current information. There is a lot of online activity for your child to access. We recommend that parents/carers regularly check Apps and games and possible chat functions being accessed by their child, to ensure that they are age-appropriate and are not asking children to share their personal information.

LET'S DO IT DAY on Tuesday 15 July, will be a first for Year 3 but will be remembered by Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. On this day, the children are to come to school in their PE kit. They will participate in an array of activities including an indoor assault course, den building and completing a task to introduce themselves to their new class teacher. We'll be busy but will have lots of fun. Please send your child to school with an additional bag in order that they can bring home books and learning that is being sent home.

LIBRARY BOOKS are important to us and an annual stocktake is due. Please ensure that all books are returned to the library by **Tuesday 1 July**. Children are invited to bring in their own books to read, until the end of term. We happily accept donations of good quality books, if you find your own children have outgrown them, feel free to drop them into the office. Any books that are lost/not returned will incur a £5 fee.

MOBILE PHONES on SCHOOL SITE We understand that some children, particularly those walking to or from school independently, like to carry a mobile phone for reassurance and safety. As such, we do allow children to bring mobile phones onto the school site. However, for safeguarding reasons, all mobile phones must be handed in to the Class Teacher on arrival and will be stored safely during the school day. Children have been reminded that phones are not to be used on site, including at the end of the day to check messages. They are also brought to school at the child's risk. If a child needs to contact home, for example to confirm their safe arrival or to pass on another message, this must be done through their Class Teacher. Some schools have taken the decision to ban phones altogether. We would prefer not to go down this route, as we recognise the reassurance they can offer. However, we do need your support in ensuring that phones are kept away while on school grounds, to help us maintain a safe and focused environment for all. This is our school rule, therefore, we expect all stakeholders to adhere to it. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK results will be shared with parents on the annual reports. We can provide the headlines here. Year 4 have worked really hard; as a consequence of this the children did really well. 61% of our children scored the maximum 25 points. And 81% achieved 21+. This is a really good outcome and the children should be proud. 41 children in the year group scored 20-25 marks. Year 3, in preparation for the national test, have already started recalling their times-tables at speed. You can support your child at home to prepare by encouraging them to access Times Table Rockstar daily. They should be aiming to be able to answer each question in 4 seconds.

MUSIC CONCERT We are very much looking forward to our end-of-term Music Concert on Wednesday 9 July, which promises to be a celebration of the musical talents nurtured through our extracurricular offer here at Gomer. This term has been exceptional, and we are delighted to be giving our young performers the opportunity to take to the stage and shine. Thank you to everyone who will be joining us. As with any shared performance, we are pleased that all guests will stay for the duration of the concert, so that every child feels equally celebrated.

MUSIC LESSONS continue to be popular in school. The charge for tuition is increasing in September and lessons will be £85 per instrument per term. This cost still remains incredibly competitive and is subsidised by the school. The cost is calculated on pupils receiving approximately 10 lessons during the term (sometimes more) which works out at approximately £8.50 per lesson which is superb value. They would be at least three times the cost if taken externally. Vocal coaching (singing) is £35 per term. If your child would like to be considered for music or vocal (singing) lessons please contact Mrs Gardner, our Music Lead, for further information if you have not already completed the Google form [here](#). **Please note this form will close on Wednesday 16 July.**

REPORTS for the academic year 2024/2025 will be available to you via Arbor on Friday 11 July. If you have any queries regarding your child's report, please contact the class teacher accordingly.

SCHOOL UNIFORM is important and we are really grateful to our parents/carers for ensuring that children are dressed in the correct school uniform which includes clothes, shoes and hair (which if long enough needs to be tied back). Children coming to school in their PE kits on PE days will continue from September. Therefore, we are encouraging all children to have a Team Gomer Sports Jacket which can be purchased from Print & Sew. If your child is without they will need to wear their KA Gomer cardigan or jumper. Please also pay attention to tracksuit bottoms or leggings which must be black and non-branded (e.g no Nike or Adidas). Print and Sew is now stocking the new KGA Gomer logoed jumpers, cardigans and PE jackets. Our Uniform Policy is located on our website including our summer uniform which includes tailored shorts. A brief overview can be found here:

Item of Clothing	Colour
Tailored trousers	Black
Skirts (no minis - just above the knee)	Black
Shirts / blouses / polo shirt	White
Jumper / Cardigan	Gomer blue with KGA Gomer logo
Socks	Black or white
Tights	Black
Shoes / trainers	<u>All black</u> (no visible branding)

SERVICE CLUB has its last session on **Monday 7 July**, 3.15-4.15pm. Our Service Families adults are invited to join their child at the Service Club for an after-school session of cake and mocktails, time to chat and play some games. This will be the last session for this academic year. Please complete this [Google Form](#) to confirm if you can attend.

STATIONERY FROM SEPTEMBER We are currently in the process of ordering stationery ready for the new school year. As part of our preparations, each child will be provided with a labelled storage box containing the essential items they'll need, such as pencils, pens, a ruler and a glue stick. These items will be stored in school and used as part of their daily learning. We feel this is a generous offer and a real privilege. Many secondary schools, for example, require families to provide all stationery themselves. If any items run out through normal use, we will of course replace them. However, as we move into the new year, we will be encouraging children to look after their equipment. If items are deliberately mistreated or damaged, we will ask families to replace them in line with our 'Charging & Remissions Policy'. To support this, we are planning to launch a small Stationery Top-Up Shop to make replacements quick and easy to access. The individual stationery box your child will be issued is provided at no cost and is designed to last throughout their time at Gomer. It also helps us track and manage resources fairly. We appreciate your continued support in encouraging children to respect what is provided and to understand that school supplies are not unlimited. Thank you for your understanding.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE We encourage all our children to take part in Hampshire County Council's Summer Reading Challenge, running from Saturday 12 July to Saturday 13 September hants.gov.uk+10hants.gov.uk+10x.com+10. This year's theme, Story Garden, invites young readers to explore the magical connections between stories and nature. To take part, children should:

- Read six books over the summer
- Collect stickers as they read
- Receive a medal and certificate on completion hants.gov.uk+6hants.gov.uk+6hants.gov.uk+6

It is a wonderful way to keep reading skills flourishing over the break and to enjoy new and favourite stories in imaginative ways.

TRANSITION 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 enjoyable, informative and exciting. The Year 2 transition has already started. Year 2 will join us for the whole day on Tuesday 8 July. They are also invited to attend the FROGS after school disco - our treat! Year 6 will have their secondary transition days to Bay House on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 9 July and on these days Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will spend two days with their new class teacher. On Monday 7 July children will find out who their new class teacher is. On our transition day, pupils will line-up on the blue playground in their new class groups. The children will leave from their new classes at the end of the day. If you wish to speak to

your child's new teacher then this will be an opportunity to do this. Year groups will be taught by the following teachers:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Miss Annison Mrs Wheal	Mrs Carre Mrs Fry	Mrs Gardner Mrs Lethbridge	Mrs Guyett-Smith Mrs Thurston
Nb <i>Mrs Thurston will continue to teach four days a week so Mrs Warner (formerly Miss Ingram - returning from maternity leave) will teach the class on a Friday.</i> <i>Mrs Guyett-Smith will not be working on Friday afternoons so Mr Merrifield will be teaching.</i> <i>Mrs Carre will not be working on Thursday so Mr Merrifield will teach the class. Mrs Mawby and our Assistant Headteachers will teach the teacher's Planning, Preparation and Assessment sessions (PPA) and in other periods of absence.</i>			

WATER BOTTLES are becoming a regular reminder in our newsletters. Please could these be sent in every day with your child. Children are still coming to the school office to say they have forgotten their water bottle and we have very few spare! Please organise these from home. We ask that these water bottles are not hard screw top metal bottles. Bottles are required to be plastic, ideally with a sports-type top to avoid spillages. Please name bottles clearly and have them washed daily. With the warmer weather ahead it is really important that children remain hydrated. **From September, we will not be providing spares and will call you if your child forgets their bottle.**

WATERPLAY on the last day of term will be a first for Year 3 but remembered by Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - it has been a tradition since July 2014. On that day, children are to come to school in their water play clothes and shoes and bring a dry PE kit or school uniform and dry underwear, trainers or shoes to change into. Every child will need a named towel and can bring in their own named water toy if they have one e.g. water pistol. We will manage changing, after the session, so that classes are not mixed boys and girls and blinds are pulled down and lights turned off to enable privacy. Our older children know they have access to the toilets. Aware that some children feel really conscious about changing this will be managed with care and sensitivity.

WISHING you all a wonderful and safe summer holiday. We remain committed to our community and look forward to welcoming you back in September. For those families moving to secondary school, please remember that we are very much part of the KGA family of schools. We wish you well and look forward to hearing about how the children adapt to secondary school. There is lots going on in our area. You might like to check out these sites:

- [Gosport Community Hub](#) (you need a FB account)
- [Gosport Discovery Centre](#)
- [Parks and open spaces](#)
- [What's going on in Gosport](#)