

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 OCTOBER: 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	
	Registration: 8.45 am	End of school day: 3:10 pm
Mondays	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school - Girls Football Club (Y5/Y6): 3.10-4.00pm - Gomer Growers with Mrs Carre by invitation: 3.10-4.00pm - Lower School Counting Club (by invitation) with Mrs Shadbolt: 3.10-3.45pm	
Tuesdays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Service Club (all year groups): 12.00-12.50	
Wednesdays	Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Upper School Netball Club with Miss Annison: 3.10-4.00pm	
Thursdays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school - Choir practice (all year groups): 8:15-8:45 - Lower School Art Club with Mrs Wheal in 3LW: 3.10-4.00pm - Whole School Citizenship Club with Mrs Fry: 3.10-4.00pm - Whole School Drama Club with Mrs Gardner in 5EG: 3.10-4.00pm	
Fridays	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school - Slipper Friday - A chance for children to swap shoes for slippers to wear in school - Home Learning sent home	
Friday 03 October	- Class 5LL - Cake Sale for whole school - 50p - Zones of Regulation Day - Equipping all children with the tools and language to be able to articulate and manage day-to-day emotions and feelings. Children to wear red, green, yellow and blue clothing/accessories to represent each of our emotional zones.	
Thursday 09 October	Y5 Visit to Portsmouth Guildhall - World Space Week Expo. Uniform and packed lunch required	
Friday 10 October	- School Photos - individual: am (Y5 PE day - please wear uniform to school for photo) and bring trainers if you have PE - Harvest Celebration - donations of in-date tinned or packet foods welcomed - Harvest Celebration - parents of school choir and vocalists welcome to assembly - Class 5EG - Cake Sale for whole school - 50p	

Wednesday 15 October	- Open Morning - Prospective Year 3 Parents: 9.00-9.45am - Open Afternoon - Prospective Year 3 Parents: 2.20-3.05pm
Thursday 16 October	International Day - During the day children will have various activities and will be learning about new countries
Friday 17 October	- Shoe Boxes collected - am - Class 4EC - Cake Sale for whole school - 50p - Show Racism the Red Card - wear red non-uniform or red accessories with uniform
Tuesday 21 October	- Flu Immunisation - whole school. If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the form to record your decision. This will enable the Immunisation Team to update your child's immunisation record. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session. Please refer to the email sent home on 9 September 2025 for details. - FROGS Spooky Disco - £3.00 (payable on entry via the school hall door) - optional raffle 50p per ticket (4 winners each disco) - Y3 & Y4: 4.15-5.15pm - Y5 & Y6: 5.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 22 October	Y6 Parent/Teacher Learning Reviews Online. Booking details letter sent separately.
Friday 24 October	- Class 4LF - Cake Sale for whole school - 50p - The Big Draw - Parents & carers invited in to draw alongside their child: 2.30-3.10pm
Mon 27 Oct– Fri 31 Oct	HALF TERM WEEK
Friday 31 October	Y6 - Deadline for applications for secondary school places (midnight)
Upcoming dates for November	
Monday 03 November	Cauliflower Card order deadline - Please ensure all orders are placed and artwork is returned to school for processing by 09:00 am.
Thursday 06 November	- Y6 Height & Weight Measurement Programme - Information to follow - FROGS/POGOS Firework Spectacular: 5.30-6.30pm - Details to follow separately
Friday 07 November	Class 3IA - Cake Sale for whole school - 50p
Tuesday 11 November	- Remembrance: Service Families invited to join us for our service, and refreshments afterwards: 10.30-12.00 - Pupils are welcome to wear Cadet, Scout, Brownie, Guide or Cub uniforms to school
Wed 12 → Fri 14 November	Y5 Stubbington Residential Visit
Friday 14 November	Class 3LW - Cake Sale for whole school - 50p
Sunday 16 November	Gosport Half Marathon - Children's Fun Run and Challenge Race - see details below

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BIG DRAW 2025 is scheduled for **Friday 24 October** at 2.40pm. This year, we celebrate 25 years with the theme 'Drawn Together', highlighting how creativity unites us and how collaboration and connection are at the heart of making. If you would like to join us please complete this [Google Form](#) and confirm your attendance by **Monday 20 October**. It is really important that you inform us of your intention to draw alongside your child in class at 2.40pm on Friday 24 October in order that we can manage numbers.

CAR PARKING JRSO patrols coming soon... Please ensure you are parking correctly outside the school.

CAKE SALES A huge thank you to all our families for supporting our cake sales; whether by donating delicious treats or by sending children in with money for their Treat Friday snack. Your generosity makes these events possible, and we are so grateful. The children love taking part and, thanks to your contributions, our young entrepreneurs have been able to raise funds for their classes. Every cake, biscuit, and bun really does make a difference! Here's what each class has raised so far:

6GS: £68.10	6KT: £83.27	5EG: £TBC
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CAULIFLOWER CARDS are the organisation we use to make the children's Christmas cards. The children will be given time, before half-term (some have already started), to design a Christmas card. The design will be sent home before half-term for you to decide if you would like to purchase any - this is totally optional. Orders are to be placed and paid online by following the instructions on the order form. If you make an order, **please return the artwork** and linked form to school by **Monday 03 November** as the designs are being collected by Cauliflower Cards early on **Wednesday 05 November**. As soon as Cauliflower Cards return your orders we will send them home with your child.

CHOIR This club takes place before school on a Thursday morning, 8.15-8.45am with Mr Pilott who is the Musical Director at St. Mary's Church, Alverstoke. The cost for the tuition is £10 per term. If your child would like to take part in this club please contact Mrs Gardner or the school office.

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.

COUGHS and COLDS are lurking. In the coming months, there may be further seasonal illnesses. Please note school Calpol is for unpredictable school-based incidents. Should your child need Calpol to reduce a temperature or alleviate pain, please ensure they are given a dose before the start of school and have a further dose sent in with them (named and with related consent) in the event they require it being readministered during the school day. Schools do not have the resources to provide Calpol for known illnesses. Please also send them to school with a **packet of tissues** to help with their runny noses or sneezes.

CURRICULUM LEARNING. Not sure what your child is learning about this term? Please visit our online curriculum pages for each year group: [Year 3](#), [Year 4](#), [Year 5](#), and [Year 6](#)

DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL We kindly remind parents/carers that the school day ends at 15:10, unless your child is attending a club. Please do not enter school grounds before 15:05 to minimise distractions and ensure site security. Early arrivals will be asked to wait outside the gate. Additionally, for safety reasons, children are not allowed to use the Multi-Gym, play-trail, field or play football on both the infant and junior sites, before or after school. These areas are supervised only during school hours. We encourage you to use local parks instead. Your support in following these rules is essential to keeping all children safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

FIREWORKS are scheduled for **Thursday, 6 November**. Gates open at **5.30pm** via the Gomer Infant red pedestrian gate. Tickets will be made available for this awesome community event by our fabulous FROGS and POGOS from **w/b Monday 6 October** via school bags - see hard copy of letter. From **w/b Monday 20 October** tickets will be on sale from the infant school gazebo after school. We will also be selling 'glow before you go', the day before (**Wednesday 5 November**) from the infant gazebo to reduce queues on the night of the display, and again on the night in the junior bike shelter. There has been much work behind the scenes and we can't wait for this event. As in previous years, we will notify our local residents of the display so they can keep pets inside. You may like to help us spread the word. If your child requires ear defenders when listening to fireworks, we are unable to supply these from school resources, so please bring your own.

GCLUB - LATE BOOKINGS and LATE PICK-UP FEE - Unless in exceptional circumstances please do not book GClub 'on the day'. As a minimum, we need 24 hours notice and within the working day to ensure we have correct staffing levels. If families continue to book-in last minute we will not be able to provide a place for your child. Additionally, please be prompt for collection. If you are late your child needs to be supervised. It can not be assumed that the member of staff is available to stay later. A late charge of £10 will be applied.

GOMER INFANT SCHOOL PLAY TRAIL/APPARATUS is for Gomer Infant children during the school day only. It is **out of bounds for junior school pupils** and this is not the first time we have shared this with you and the children in school. We regularly remind children not to play on it. Please reinforce this when you are on-site, dropping off and collecting children. There is a clear school rule that the play equipment is **not** to be used beyond the school day, a rule designed to protect all children. We appreciate that you may not agree with every rule in place, but it is important that we have your support in enforcing this, as it ensures the safety of the children. We expect all families to respect these guidelines, which are in place for everyone's well-being.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM continues to be our platform for sharing Home Learning. Year 3 parents/carers - please keep helping your child to log-on. We are confident they will all soon learn to do this with speed and efficiency. All parents are encouraged to check their child's classroom to ensure that Home Learning tasks are being completed. We are aiming for children to be self-motivated to complete the weekly tasks but recognise some friendly encouragement may be required. And, please keep reading, reading and reading, and practising those times tables.

GOSPORT ROAD RUNNERS' HALF MARATHON - Children's Fun Run and Challenge Race On Sunday 16 November. Alongside the Gosport Half Marathon, Gosport Road Runners are once again hosting their exciting children's races at King's Academy Bay House. It's a brilliant way to get active, join in a community event, and represent our school.

- Mass warm-up with Bootcamp UK at 8:45am
- Fun Run (Under 12s) – 1km at 9:00am (parents/carers welcome to run alongside)
- Challenge Race (Under 17s) – 2km at 9:15am (for older children or those wanting more competition)

Every runner receives a race number, digital finishing time, medal, and goodie bag. Trophies are awarded to the top three boys and girls in each race. 🎉 Plus – there's a £500 prize for the school or club with the most entrants, to spend on sporting equipment!

Entry: £3 per child (spaces are limited). 📌 Enter now: gosporthalf.org ✉ Enquiries: funrun@gosporthalf.org

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS are set for **Friday 10 October**. We will be collecting food item donations for the Gosport Food & Basics Bank. If donating, please ensure these are 'in date' - packets and tins which have a long shelf life are perfect. Our local and original food bank relies upon Harvest donations to see it serve Gosport through the winter months. Children are welcome to bring in items they wish to donate any day in the first week of October. We will then give thanks for these in our Harvest festival on the Friday. We are delighted that the Rev. Andy from St. Mary's Church will join us. Additionally, our school choir and vocalists will be performing a few songs - we do hope that the parents/carers of these children can join us. Aware that the Gomer Community is struggling with rising food costs, please do talk to a member of the LAPS Team if we can be of assistance in sign-posting you to food that can be made available to you.

OPEN MORNING/AFTERNOON We are aware that choosing the right school for your child is an important one. We encourage parents/carers to view our school prior to applying for a place for your child.

Key dates for applying for a Year 3 place for September 2026:

- **Wednesday 15 October 2025:** Open morning (9.00am) and open afternoon (2.20pm) in the school hall
- **Saturday 01 November 2025:** Application process for Year 3 junior school places opens
- **Thursday 15 January 2026:** Applications due for year 3
- **Thursday 16 April 2026:** Parents/carers will be notified of school place

Click [here](#) to visit the HCC site where you can apply for your September 2026 school place.

PARKING SAFELY & WITH COURTESY Helping our whole community begins with how we arrive at school. We know that parking around the school site can be tricky. Wherever possible, please encourage your child to walk, cycle, or scoot to school. If it isn't possible to travel the whole way in this manner, please consider leaving home a little earlier so you can park a short distance away and walk the final stretch. If you do need to drive, please **never park across neighbours' drives or in non-parking areas**. We have had further reports that some of our neighbours are struggling with school-related traffic at drop-off and collection times. Thank you for helping us to maintain positive relationships with our local community. For safety reasons, we also ask that:

- Parents with permission to be in the car park **close the gate after themselves**.
- Children do **not** open or shut the gate.
- Families **avoid walking through the car park** and always stick to the pedestrian paths.

ROTARY have asked us to support their Shoe Box Appeal again this year and the pamphlets have already been sent home regarding this charity collection. If you would like to participate with this optional charity activity, please sellotape a donation of **£2.00** towards transportation costs, to the top of the box. We have been given 50 self-assembly boxes if you require a shoe box. If you would like one of these, for the purpose of gifting a box, please come to the school office. We recognise that these gifts can be costly to accumulate. Therefore, donations of individual items are as welcome as complete boxes, so that the children can make up boxes together. Items that would be useful to send in include: toiletries, small games, colouring items, socks etc. Boxes or items to be received in school **by Friday 17 October (morning)**. You are welcome to send complete boxes, contributions for a box or money to support the P&P ahead of this time.

STAY IN TOUCH Have a question about something related to school? Please chat to teachers or Learning Mentors at the start or end of the day, visit our [website](#), come to the Reception or access our private FaceBook Page - don't forget our public [FaceBook](#) page too, which shares news and successes daily. We love it when you 'like' our posts.

(Check for next year - red non uniform or red accessories with uniform) SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD! On **Friday 17 October 2025**, our school will once again unite in support of Show Racism the Red Card by adding red to our uniform. The more red, the better! This initiative feels more important than ever. Around the world and here in the UK, recent headlines have reminded us that racism and discrimination have not gone away. It is clear that young people need safe spaces to learn, talk, and act with courage. This is not about fundraising so no donations are required. Every change in heart and mind has the power to ripple outward, shaping the society we all share. Thank you for helping us to stand strong for equality and against racism. The children are invited to:

- Wear red accessories (ribbons, socks, badges, scarves) alongside their school uniform
- Join conversations in class about equality, respect, and justice
- Spread the message beyond the school gates. Racism must always be challenged

SNACKS These need to be a healthy, nut-free snack for breaktime each day. A small piece of fruit, some vegetable sticks, breadsticks or another healthy option can really help children stay focused and energised for their learning. Crisps and chocolate are for lunchtimes only. Sweets are not suitable for school.

SPOOKY DISCOS - hope to see you here on **Tuesday 21 October!** Volunteers are required, please, to enable the running of this event. You need not commit to both discos - either upper or lower will be very much appreciated. Please email or speak to reception if you can offer your support. £3 tickets (payable on entry via the school hall door) include a tattoo, crisps, drinks and sweets. Optional - raffle 50p per ticket (4 winners per disco)

4:15 - 5:15 for years 3 & 4 and 5:30 - 6:30 for years 5 & 6. Spooky costumes welcome.

THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF READING We would like to gently remind all parents and carers to encourage children to read every day, whether it's reading independently or reading aloud with an adult. Research shows that children who read regularly not only perform better in school but also develop stronger empathy, concentration, and emotional resilience. Reading for as little as 20 minutes a day can expose a child to nearly two million words a year. Any reading is good reading, but please remember that your child will always have both a library book and a colour-banded book suited to their reading level. Our school website also has plenty of ideas to help foster a love of reading, and don't forget about our wonderful local libraries. Plus, please remember we have access to an online library called SORA which you can access via their APP or through your child's Google Classroom.

Could You Help Us Grow Young Readers? We are also looking for parents and carers who might be willing to volunteer 1–2 hours a week to listen to children read in school. This is a simple but powerful way to help nurture a lifelong love of reading and to make a real difference in children's learning. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more details. Thank you in advance for your support!

WALKTOBER As in previous years Team Gomer are taking part in Walktober 2025. The Walktober challenge is about walking to improve your wellbeing. For the next 4 weeks, Team Gomer are going to be encouraged to walk as much as they can whether this be to school, around the park or even in the garden! During Walktober, Mrs Billing and the JRSOs would love to know about how you have been getting involved with Walktober outside of school. And, as in previous years, for children who can not walk to school can walk around the blue playground.

WELLIES With the wetter weather setting in, we kindly remind parents to send children to school with named wellies. This means all pupils can continue to enjoy playing on the field at lunchtimes, even when it's rainy or the ground is damp, helping them make full use of our lovely school site. Thank you for your support in helping us keep playtimes fun.

ZONES OF REGULATION DRESS-UP DAY as a School of Character, we use the Zones of Regulation which is a whole-school approach that helps children build the tools and language they need to understand, articulate, and manage their emotions every day. The four zones use colours to represent different feelings which we all have. If we are able to identify our emotions and the emotions of others, we can then begin to support and improve our emotional regulation in a meaningful way:

-  Green Zone – calm, ready to learn, focused
-  Red Zone – angry, terrified, out of control
-  Blue Zone – tired, sad, lacking energy
-  Yellow Zone – excited, nervous, silly

On **Friday 3 October**, we will be exploring all four zones and learning strategies to help us return to the Green Zone, where we feel calm, focused, and ready to learn. To make the day even more fun, we invite all children and adults to come to school wearing red, green, yellow, or blue, or even a mix of all four! Children can accessorise their uniform or wear block colours in their own clothes. Odd socks, colourful tops, bright accessories... Together, let's recognise emotions, learn strategies, and brighten up our school with a rainbow of colourful characters. Please help by asking your child about it when they get home on Friday, so they can share their skills for improved emotional literacy.

YOU SAID WE DID Parents and carers asked for clarification on how we use the Arbor app for communication. In response, we will now send emails if the Arbor app is not accessed, ensuring that no important information is missed. Families also asked about how we contact you in an emergency. We can confirm that in urgent situations we will always send a text or make a phone call.