

**Learning Powers**  
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## Newsletter 9 - May 2022

### GO GOMER!

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

<b>DATES FOR MAY:</b> The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change		
<b>Ongoing</b>	Arrival to playground from 8:40 am	
	Start of school day: 8.50 am	End of school day: 3:10 pm
<b>Mondays</b>	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Service Club - weekly (all year groups): 3.15-4.15pm	
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Upper School Netball Club: 3.15-4.00pm	
<b>Thursdays</b>	Book Club (5 sessions): 3:15-4.00pm - Last session Thursday 26 May	
<b>Fridays</b>	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Lower School Multi-skills Club: 3.15-4.00pm ● Upper School Football Club: 3.15-4.00pm	
<b>Monday 02</b>	School closed (bank holiday)	
<b>Tuesday 03</b>	Class 4VW Swimming Lessons (2 of 6): pm	
<b>Thursday 05 May</b>	School open (although Gomer Globe is a polling station)	
<b>Friday 06 May</b>	St. Mary's Junior Choir recruitment, 3pm, The Globe - see Google Form <a href="#">here for more information.</a>	
<b>w/b 9 May</b>	Y6 SATs Week - see information below	
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	Class 4VW Swimming Lessons (3 of 6): pm	
<b>w/b 16 May</b>	Walk to School Week	
<b>Monday 16</b>	Usborne Book Fair: pm - details below	
<b>Tuesday 17</b>	Whole school to Bay House for BAE Roadshow: am	
<b>Tuesday 17</b>	Class 4VW Swimming Lessons (4 of 6): pm	
<b>Wednesday 18</b>	Y3 Visit to Mary Rose - please refer to email sent 25 April for details	

<b>Wednesday 18</b>	Y4 Victorian Day - children to come to school dressed as a Victorian. There will be a variety of activities during the day
<b>Friday 20</b>	Plate Painting available for all children who applied for a place - please make online payment of £5.00, per child, via Scopay.
<b>Tuesday 24</b>	Class 4VW Swimming Lessons (5 of 6): pm
<b>Thursday 26</b>	National Thank a Teacher/Support Staff Day - send a card for free by clicking <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Friday 27</b>	Last day of summer term 1 - early finish 2:10 ahead of PTA Jubilee Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jubilee Celebrations: Wear red, white &amp; blue and wear a tiara or crown to school for the parade</li> <li>• FROGJS &amp; POGOs Jubilee Cream Tea Event: 2:15-3:15pm</li> </ul>
<b>w/b 30 May</b>	Half Term Week
<b>Monday 6 June</b>	First day of Summer Term 2 - Pupils return to school

**BAE ROADSHOW** returns and the whole school will be walking to Bay House on Tuesday 17 May. MGA are proudly working in collaboration with BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force, and The Royal Navy to deliver an engaging theatre roadshow celebrating STEM during the Summer Term 2022. Aligned to the National Curriculum, the 50-minute performance intends to inspire and engage our learners. The 2022 theme is Magnetism, and the presentation will explain the integration of magnets, magnetism and electromagnetism in our everyday life.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS** To reflect the additional days holiday outlined by the government, for the Queen's Jubilee (2 June 2022 – half term), rather than having a reduced week after the May half-term, the Summer Term will end a day early.

**Last day of term for children:** Wednesday 20 July 2022 - 2pm finish (no GClub at the end of the day)

**Remaining GFM INSET dates, for the academic year 2021/2022:** Thursday 21 July 2022

**GFM INSET dates, for the academic year 2022/2023:**

- Thursday 1 September 2022
- Monday 31 October 2022
- Friday 10 February 2023
- Monday 17 April 2023
- Friday 21 July 2023

**Nb** Y3 and Y7 GFM learners will return to school Friday 2 September as part of their transition. Whole school to return to GFM sites on Monday 5 September.

**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.

**REPORTING ABSENCE** Thank you to parents/carers who are already using this system. A polite reminder to those who have not accessed this system yet, please report absence and lateness via our [website form](#). This system allows messages to be accessed and forwarded to members of staff immediately. If you are needing to request an absence please ask the office for a form in order that this can be processed accordingly.

**SATs** have been scheduled for Year 6 by the government this year. The school are committed to ensuring pupils make progress throughout their learning journey at Gomer and can account for this accordingly. We will share attainment information with parents/carers in our annual reports (July) and liaise closely with secondary schools to inform them about Year 6 accordingly. Year 6 children are invited to arrive at school each day from 8.20am for a SATs breakfast. Children are to arrive at their classroom where they will be provided with a drink and light snack e.g. cereal or toast. They may like to have a pre-breakfast before they arrive....

Date	Test
Monday 9 May 2022	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Tuesday 10 May 2022	English Reading

Wednesday 11 May 2022	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 12 May 2022	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

**CAR PARKING** on site is for staff members, those dropping to GClub (please ensure your child is chaperoned through the car park) or for families with permission (they will have a permit). If accessing the car park for authorised purposes, please do so at a sensible speed. Our fabulous JRSO Team have started patrolling again. It is great that the team are enthusiastic about working in our community but the school is sad that they need to patrol at all. Any person parking unsafely or illegally, close to school, will be given a Gomer Junior JRSO Parking Ticket. If you are unsure why you have been given a ticket, please ask one of our eloquent JRSOs or their JRSO Champion. Polite request: the JRSOs will always be polite to you so please reciprocate this with politeness. If you are unhappy about receiving a ticket, please park safely and legally. Furthermore, please be aware of our local residents (and their drives) and pedestrians – especially those who are wheelchair users. Please do use our Park and Stride at the Seahorse Pub if you are finding parking near school difficult. We are delighted to see that lots of children are still walking, scooting and cycling into school, in spite of the cold weather.

**NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER or SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER** is Thursday 26 May. Team Gomer are grateful for each other, their GFM colleagues and for colleagues that 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](#).

**POLLING**, locally, will be taking place on Thursday 5 May. Previously, Gomer Infant School has been used as a polling station. After consultation with Gosport Borough Council, The Globe (a contained building), will be used as the Polling Station and fencing erected in order that we can **remain open**. As a consequence you will need to access GClub, on that day only by walking all around the school. At drop-off and collection time, if entering the site via the Bury Hall Lane gate, you will need to walk around the rear of the school if exiting from the infant school side. In brief, the fencing will reduce your access to the school site.

**STAFF MATTER** and we are delighted to inform you that Mrs Bateman and Miss Lines are pregnant. Due to the due dates of the babies both Mrs Bateman and Miss Lines will be in post until the end of the academic year. They are really pleased to have the full year with their year groups before the children transition. Team Gomer are very excited for Mrs Bateman, Miss Lines and their families. Furthermore, Miss Lines gets married during half-term following two COVID related cancelled weddings. She returns to us, after half-term as Mrs Shadbolt. We welcome Miss Devin who has joined our Support Staff team. She brings her school based experience to work predominantly in Year 5.

**SUMMER UNIFORM** is welcome this term and until October half-term. Summer uniform includes:

- Royal blue jumper/cardigan
- White polo type shirt with a collar or a white cotton shirt with a stiff collar.
- **For boys:** Grey or black trousers or shorts and short white, grey or black socks.
- **For girls:** Grey or black trousers, shorts or culottes or dark/navy blue gingham dresses, or playsuits or gingham blouse and skirt to be worn as a two piece, long or short white, grey or black socks.
- Sensible black shoes (no trainers unless all black and shoe like) or sensible/supportive black or white sandals and trainers for PE days.
- Lightweight sensible coat.

**SWIMMING** for Year 4 is underway this term. 4VW will continue their sessions at Brune Park. 4LW will start in June. 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 SUN IS SHINING** and 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 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. Reapply every two hours when outdoors or more often if perspiring or swimming.
- **Slap** on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears. We do not mind what colour this – however, Gomer blue would be amazing - just like Mr Guest's hat!.

We have been made aware that some Nivea sun creams now contain almond oil and we do have some pupils in school with nut allergies - please bear this in mind when applying sunscreen for school - thank you.

Please help us to keep your children safe in the sun.



**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 enjoyable, informative and exciting. A move to a new school and organisation 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. Our Year 6 will be supported. For those staying with the GFM they will remain in our 'school family' and for those attending other schools their journey will be supported by us too. For those transitioning to a new year group, there will be opportunities to meet the new teacher and learn a little about what life will be like in the new year groups.

**USBORNE BOOK FAIR** We are holding an Usborne book fair on Monday 16 May, during the school day. They will be offering two different party bags - one for £3, with a small book or one for £5 with a thicker chapter book - every purchase will also receive a party bag containing a sweet treat, an activity sheet, a book mark or a stencil. On the day, please send your child in with an envelope containing the correct change, with a note on the front with their name and how much money is enclosed. During the afternoon, classes will have a chance to peruse the books and make their choices. Any purchases made, will earn us points, which will allow us to keep our lovely library stocked up with new and exciting books.

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS (REMINDER)** are underway and we are set to celebrate with Gomer Infant School on **Friday 27 May**. Please send your child to school in red, white and blue clothing (there will be no PE on this day) and singing lessons for this week will take place on Tuesday 24 May. Please also send them to school with a tiara or crown for our parade - bought or homemade. GFM Catering will provide a picnic menu for that day, so children can have a picnic lunch/garden party outside if the weather is fine. In addition to participating in a carousel of traditional outdoor games they will be learning about our monarch and her significant reign of our country. School will be finishing at 2.10pm ahead of the FROGS and POGO's Cream Tea fundraiser. We would love as many families as possible to celebrate this lovely community event. If you are unable to collect your child at 2.10pm and attend the cream tea event, your child will be provided with an activity, in a classroom and looked after by a member of Team Gomer. Please complete this [Google Form](#) to order your child's lunch and your availability to collect your child at 2.10pm. GClub will run as normal on Friday 27 May.

**Y4 VICTORIAN DAY** is set for Wednesday 18 May. Year 4 pupils will be invited to travel back in time to the Victorian era. We will be spending the day learning what life was really like for the Victorian children of Gosport. Dressing up is strongly encouraged - please see information on Google Classroom for affordable and easy Victorian costume ideas – there is no need to go to any expense with this.