



KING'S ACADEMY COLLEGE PARK



Wishing our KACP community a wonderful Christmas break!

Can you find the snowmen hidden throughout our newsletter?



NEW!

SPANISH
HOME EDUCATION CLUB
SONGS, CRAFTS, FOOD, CULTURE AND MORE!

WHEN
EVERY WEDNESDAY
3:20 – 4:20
10 WEEKS

WHERE
KING'S ACADEMY
COLLEGE PARK

AGES 5-11

BOOK HERE

NHS & SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

SPRING TERM

WWW.MARIPOSALANGUAGES.COM

NEW!

KEY EVENTS



5th January	First day back to school
7th January	Catch-up Flu Immunisations
14th January	Hedgehog class Library visit
21st January	Fox class library visit
28th January	Squirrel class library visit
4th February	Rabbit class library visit
5th/6th February	Year R NCMP checks
6th February	NSPCC Number Day!
11th February	Year 4 Roman workshop
12th February	Show racism the red card charity day
13th February	Inset day (school closed)

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION!

Take me there!

*Follow
-US-*



Message from Mrs Carlyle

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting term, we'd like to take a moment to celebrate our wonderful school community and thank our families for their continued support.

This term has been packed with great experiences across the school. Pupils have enjoyed hands-on science workshops that sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm. Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum in Winchester, bringing their learning to life, while our infant children loved their visits to the local library, helping to build a love of reading from an early age. Year 5 have also worked incredibly hard during their swimming sessions, and Year 4 had a brilliant time performing the pantomime.

We are especially proud of our Reception children, who performed so confidently in their nativity after only starting school in September – a real joy to watch. Our WOW certificates have continued to celebrate the fantastic effort, attitudes, and achievements we see every day.

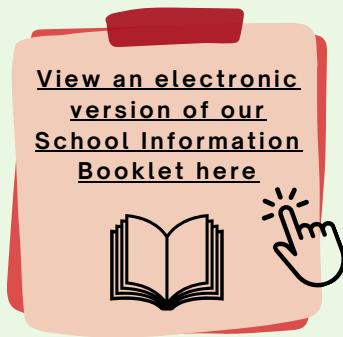
None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff. Their commitment, care, and energy make a huge difference to our pupils each day, and we are very thankful for everything they do.

We finished the term with our spectacular Christmas Fayre, which was a wonderful celebration and a real highlight for our community. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success.

As we head into the Christmas break, we wish all our families a restful, peaceful, and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.



NOTICES



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

On our website, you can view our large range of extra curricular clubs and activities on offer!

[Extra Curricular activities at KACP](#)

Extra Curricular activities provide students with valuable opportunities to develop important life skills such as leadership, teamwork and social connections. They also contribute to personal growth and help your child build confidence.



Flu Immunisation catch up session

Date: Wednesday 7th January 2026

If you previously provided consent for your child to receive the flu immunisation during the school sessions in November but they were absent at that time, the nursing team will be returning to administer the vaccine. [There is no need to complete a new consent form.](#)

If you have not yet given consent and would like your child to receive the immunisation, please complete the consent form using the link below by 5th January.

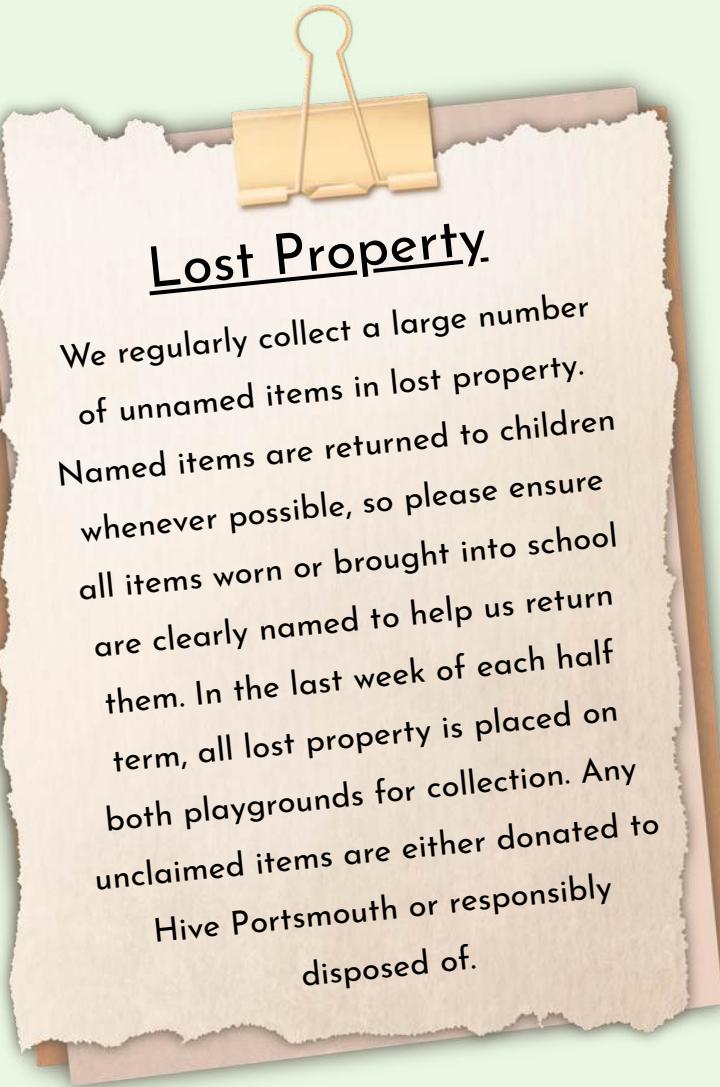
Consent form

When completing the form, please use the correct school code:

Infant School - CW145452

Junior School - CW144506

Information leaflet



We regularly collect a large number of unnamed items in lost property. Named items are returned to children whenever possible, so please ensure all items worn or brought into school are clearly named to help us return them. In the last week of each half term, all lost property is placed on both playgrounds for collection. Any unclaimed items are either donated to Hive Portsmouth or responsibly disposed of.

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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If you want to order more material of this product, please visit www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ukhsa



MAT of the Year!

As you will be aware, we are part of King's Group Academies (KGA). King's Group Academies has been named 'MAT of the Year' at the National School Awards. At the Awards ceremony, KGA was recognised for exceptional growth and transformative children's outcomes.

Judges noted the academic success of individual academies in KGA, whilst simultaneously growing from 9 to 15 academies. They recognised that KGA was able to elevate educational standards across the board. The award commended KGA's International Dimension programme which sees us partner with over 35 schools across the globe. It noted the KGA's forward-thinking Digital and AI Strategy and the many wellbeing initiatives and a dedicated focus on safeguarding and inclusion.

Nick Cross, CEO said: *"This award is a testament to the collective dedication of our children, colleagues, volunteers and leaders. Winning 'MAT of the Year' is not just an award for past achievements; it is validation of our foundational belief: that every child deserves Opportunity and Success on a Global Stage. It recognizes the unwavering commitment of our colleagues who embody our values of Honesty, Faith, and Courage every day. We are incredibly proud, and our work continues—this success fuels our mission to innovate and expand our impact for future generations of learners."*

NOTICES



ATTENDANCE MATTERS KEYS TO SUCCESS



SET A ROUTINE



Establish consistent bedtimes and morning routines to make getting to school on time easier



ENCOURAGE A POSITIVE MINDSET

Teach your child the value of perseverance and overcoming daily challenges



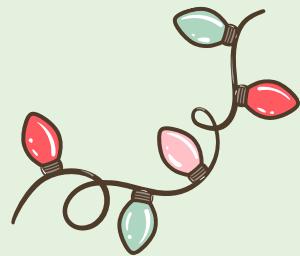
COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the importance of attendance and staying engaged, even on tough days



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Help your child build resilience and set them up for SUCCESS by making school attendance a priority



Please help us to support your child's wellbeing and safety by reporting absence via Studybugs by 8:30am each day.

Daily notification is required, even for ongoing absences.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Studybugs

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes

3.5 Days from School

20 Lessons

10 Minutes

7 Days from School

41 Lessons

15 Minutes

10 Days from School

55 Lessons

20 Minutes

14.5 Days from School

82 Lessons

30 Minutes

22 Days from School

123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



ACHIEVEMENTS



Charlie, Year 3



Recently, Charlie officially signed a sponsorship deal with Just4Keepers!

Excellent work Charlie, an amazing achievement!

Blake, Year 3



Blake received player of the match for his team this week and displayed real resilience as he had recently been unwell too.

Blake, you are a superstar! Keep up the good work.



Luella & Daisy-Rae, Year 4

Elsie & Elsie, Year 3

Leo, Year 5

They all recently competed at a Gosport dance festival, winning 2nd place with their tap troupe, qualifying for the All England Semi Finals!



Leo and Daisy-Rae who are tap duet partners, competed together at the same festival, also winning 2nd place!

Fantastic results from hard work and dedication! Well done to all of you.

Local Information & Events



FUNKIDZ PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS DANCE PARTY
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
£20 PER CHILD
22ND DECEMBER
CRAFTS | MUSIC | DANCE | GAMES
BAFFINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, PO3 6NS
07700 156650
FUNKDANCELIMITED@HOTMAIL.COM
PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT SIBLING DISCOUNT



Premier League Kicks
PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS Girls Only
POMPEY IN THE COMMUNITY

What's on offer?
During these sessions, we create a space for girls to enjoy football - no matter their skill level. Whether you want to improve your game or build your confidence, we'll support you every step of the way.

How much?
FREE

Where to find us?
John Jenkins Stadium, PO3 6LA

When?
Every Thursday
17:00 - 18:00

Age?
8 - 16 years

Want to join the fun? No need to book - just show up and get involved!

Scan here for more info 

info@pompeyltc.org.uk 02392728899 www.pompeyltc.co.uk



Y+ GLOW SPORTS SESSIONS
FESTIVE HOLIDAY FUN FOR 11 TO 16 YEAR OLDS

JOHN POUNDS CENTRE, PORTSMOUTH
FRI 2ND JAN 2026 12PM - 4PM
SAT 3RD JAN 2026 10AM - 2PM

UV Glow Sports - Holiday Fun Like Never Before!

Get ready to light up your holidays with our UV Glow Sports Session - a one-of-a-kind event where sports, music, and glow-in-the-dark magic come together for an unforgettable experience! Join us for a high-energy holiday activity where the lights go down, the UV comes on, and the fun begins!

Step into a glowing world filled with your favourite sports, all played under ultraviolet lights with neon equipment and glow-in-the-dark gear.

HAF funded places available for eligible families, and hot meals provided.

MORE INFO & TO BOOK:
HAF FUNDED: [TINYURL.COM/POMPEYGLOWHAF](https://tinyurl.com/pompeyglowhaf)
PARENT PAID: [TINYURL.COM/POMPEYGLOW](https://tinyurl.com/pompeyglow)

NEON SPORTS



LIVE BAND SESSIONS
THE BASE, PORTSMOUTH GUILDHALL
SAT 20 DEC 2025 1PM TO 5.30PM
SAT 27TH DEC 2025 12PM TO 4.30PM
SAT 3RD JAN 2025 1PM TO 5.30PM

Step into the world of live music this festive holiday!

Are you 11-16 years of age and play an instrument, or would like to learn?

Would you like to learn how to record and produce music, and bring performances to life with sound and lighting?

Over 3 sessions, you'll develop your confidence, creativity, and performance skills, either as part of the band, or as part of the creative and technical team (or both!).

HAF funded places available for eligible families, and hot meals provided.

MORE INFO & TO BOOK:
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PARENT PAID: [TINYURL.COM/POMPEYMUSIC](https://tinyurl.com/pompeymusic)

THE BASE GUILDHALL **BackBoat Collective** **HAF FUN POMPEY**

Local Information & Events

PORTRSMOUTH FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

AT: TRAFALGAR SCHOOL
LONDON ROAD, HILSEA, PORTSMOUTH, PO2 9RJ

STARTING: THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2026

Thursdays: Group 1: School Years Reception & Year 1.....4.30pm-5.30pm
Group 2: School Years 2 & 3.....5.30pm-6.30pm
Group 3: School Years 4, 5 & 6.....6.30pm-7.30pm

About Parents
I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 25 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2026. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A. qualified coaches**, who are **DBS checked**, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN**!
- Children will be fully supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY**.
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £9 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks, with the first payment of £36 due on week 1. **Please Note:** With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis. **Mark Frith** (course co-ordinator) www.soccercoursesuk.co.uk

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:
PORTRSMOUTH + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)
and receive confirmation by text to:
07827 322780

Winter Mini Challenge Marvellous Makers

Read 3 or more books

Click here for more information



Unlocks adorable limited-edition badge! + new certificate!

1st December 2025 — 20th February 2026

Christmas Holiday Courses!

Monday 22nd

9-3pm | £24 per day | 5-12 years

Mixed Football:
John Jenkins Stadium | Purbrook Park
Chichester College | Bayhouse School
Petersfield School

Girls Only: Girls only courses are ages 5-13!
Purbrook Park

Goalkeeping | 8-13 years | 10am-12pm
John Jenkins Stadium

Tuesday 23rd

Mixed Football:
John Jenkins Stadium | Purbrook Park
Chichester College | Petersfield School

Girls Only: Girls only courses are ages 5-13!
Purbrook Park

Wednesday 24th

Mixed Football:
John Jenkins Stadium

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Christmas events in Portsmouth: Visit Portsmouth Christmas Events



SLS Parent Newsletter

Children's activities in Portsmouth Public Libraries



Join us for lots of festive fun this Christmas. Libraries will be offering seasonal storytelling and crafts, plus a visit from a very special guest! All activities are free and drop-in unless stated otherwise. Keep checking back as we will be adding to the programme throughout December.

<https://librariesandarchives.portsmouth.gov.uk/public-library-service/whats-on/>

All activities are free and drop-in unless specified otherwise.

Alderman Lacey Library

- Thursday 18 December, 10am: Christmas story time
- Friday 19 December, 10am: Christmas rhyme time – with a special visitor
- Saturday 20 December: Christmas scavenger hunt begins and runs through holiday – find all the Christmas trees hidden in the children's library and get a sweet!
- Tuesday 23 December, 2pm: Christmas craft activity
- Thursday 30 December, 2pm: New Year craft activity

Beddoes Library

- Friday 12 and 19 December, 10am: Christmas Story time
- Monday 15 to 23 December: Drop-in Hunt the bauble activity PLUS Make a Star activity pack – Pop in to pick up instructions to make a star decoration for the tree
- Friday 19 December, 2.30pm – 4.30pm: Visit Father Christmas in his grotto. £1 per child to be paid in advance (cash only) at Beddoes Library
- Monday 22 December, 2.30pm – 3.30 pm: Make Stained glass angels. Free but booking essential at Beddoes Library

Carnegie Library

The story time is free and drop in but please book for the craft activities at Carnegie Library on 023 9282 2581 / carnegie.library@portsmouthhcc.gov.uk

- Monday 22 December, 10.30-11.00am: Christmas story time* We wish you a veggie Christmas! Super Tato and his friends return to Carnegie Library in an action-packed Christmas adventure story.
- Monday 22 December, 11-12pm: Make a Festive tree tabletop decoration. For age 3+
- Monday 29 December, 11-12pm: Winter Penguin collage – use our collage materials to make a winter collage picture with a penguin theme. For age 3+

Central Library

- Tuesday 23 December, 11am-12pm: Christmas story time and festive craft activity. For ages 3+ but all welcome
- Tuesday 30 December, 11am-12pm: Winter story time and seasonal craft activity. For ages 3+ but all welcome

North End Library

- Monday 22 December, 11am: Christmas rhyme time and Santa Claus visit.
- Tuesday 23 December: Christmas craft drop-in all day

Portsea Library

- Monday 22 December, 11am-3pm: Christmas arts and crafts drop-in. For 5+ but pre-school welcome with an adult to help
- Monday 29 December, 11am-3pm: Winter arts and crafts drop-in. For 5+ but pre-school welcome with an adult to help

Paulsgrove Library

- Monday 8 December, 11am: Christmas rhyme time and Santa Claus visit
- Monday 22 December: Christmas craft all-day drop in

Southsea Library

- Friday 12 December, 10am: Christmas story time and Christmas grotto with Santa (10.30am-4pm tickets on sale from 1 December)
- Saturday 13 December, 10.30am: Christmas rhyme time and Christmas grotto with Santa (11am-3pm tickets on sale from 1 December)
- Monday 22 December, 10.30-2pm: Young musicians Christmas concert
- Tuesday 23 December, 11am: Christmas story time followed by Christmas Wreath/card craft at 11.30am
- Tuesday 30 December, 11am: Story time followed by a 'Have a Wicked' New Year craft inspired by the new movie Wicked for Good, where there will be a hat and wand making craft at 11.30 am

Portsmouth Museum



Make this Christmas one to remember and bring the little ones to visit Father Christmas in his magical grotto in the magnificent surroundings of Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery.

Each child will receive a gift from Santa himself.

Places are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment by calling 023 92 834 779.

The Christmas Grotto will be open on selected dates:

Saturday 13 December.
Sunday 14 December.
Friday 19 December.
Saturday 20 December.
Sunday 21 December.

Cost: £10 per child and £5 per additional child booked onto the same slot. No more than 4 children and 2 adults per slot.

Christmas Trail

As well as appearances from Santa in his Grotto there will be a Christmas Trail for youngsters to follow around the museum.

For dates and details call the museum on 023 9283 4779.

Cost: £2 (or 50p with Leisure Card)

Public Libraries

Portsmouth public libraries are asking residents to help shape the future of the service, with a consultation that will close 11 January. Residents can take part online: [Libraries consultation Survey](https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/libraries-consultation-survey), ask for paper copies in libraries, or over the phone via the City Helpdesk: 023 9261 6708

Any help with this would be greatly received, thank you.



Merry Christmas and a happy new year from Portsmouth School Library Service.



Winter Mini Challenge



For those who aren't familiar, the Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays. To take part, children simply read three or more books and add them to their Challenge website profile with a short book review. Reaching their online reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.

The Challenge will run from **1st December 2025** until **20th February 2026**.

There are a range of new downloadable and printable resources available in the next few weeks. These include:

- Certificate
- A3 Promotional Poster
- Reading Record – with an activity page and space for children to record their books
- Activity Sheet – 2-3 pages of puzzles and other fun stuff

[Click here for more information!](#)



Parent Power - Managing Children's Behaviour

Parenting can be tough!

Come along and learn some new strategies, helpful hints, tips and advice to establish boundaries and create a calmer, positive environment.

This course is recommended for parents / carers of children aged 2 - 11.

Free 5-week course

Monday 10:00am - 12:00pm

12th, 19th, 26th, January

2nd, 9th February

This course will be delivered at The Learning Place,
6 Derby Road, North End, Portsmouth, PO2 8HH.

Email: thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Call: 023 9262 1860

King's Academy College Park

2025 - 2026 School Calendar

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School Closed



Bank Holiday



Inset Day

Inset days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 5th December 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026