



## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

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### Year 6

Well done to Year 6 who have worked hard this week completing their SATs tests. These are government tests that all Year 6 children have to complete in May. The children have had tests each day this week in **Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**. The children's attitudes to learning have been superb and I observed all children trying so hard throughout the week. Well done Year 6 children and staff.

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The Year 6 team had great fun this afternoon revealing to the children that this year's summer production will be *Oliver*. I'm sure it will be a great success.



### Science Day

Mrs Stafford (Science Leader) has organised a **fantastic Science Day** next week. The children will watch a **Science show in the hall** on Monday focussing on forensics. On **Tuesday there will be a crime scene in school** and five members of staff will be suspects. Each year group will be given a range of forensic evidence to try and work out **which member of staff is guilty**. The day will culminate in a **special assembly where each year group will present their findings** which will help the whole school come to a verdict.

## GOODBYE Mrs Arnold

Today was Mrs Arnold's last day and we are all very sad to see her leave. Mrs Arnold is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant currently working in Year 6. She has worked at Amherst School for over **fourteen years** (and prior to that was involved as a parent) and has given so much. **I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication**. Mrs Arnold is also a school governor and I am pleased she is going to continue in this role.



### Swimming

With temperatures gradually creeping up (although not today as I look out of my window!) **we are hopeful that we might be able to begin swimming at some point next week**. Therefore, it would be a good idea to check your child's **costume, goggles and hat** this weekend.



The forecast is better for the weekend so I am hopeful that I may get to play my first cricket match of the season. Some of you may remember I have set myself a running challenge of **trying to run 1000 miles in a year**. I am pleased to let you know I am on track, currently having completed 398 miles so far. I need to be on 420 miles by the end of May!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

# NOTICES



## REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website (under Attendance)** before **09.00am**. Please click on the link and complete the quick [Daily Absence Form](#) . Please complete the form for **every day** your child is off school.

## CLUBS

We still have spaces in the following clubs. Please complete our [Clubs Booking Form](#) if your child is interested in joining one of these:

- Netball — 14 spaces (we have opened this to year 4 as well)
- Street Dance — 2 spaces
- Winds Together — 8 spaces
- Run4Fun (beginners) — 15 spaces
- Finger knitting — 4 spaces
- Lego (Term 6) — 3 spaces
- Mandarin — 4 spaces
- Gymnastics — 10 spaces
- Crochet (Term 6) — 2 spaces
- Spanish Yr 3 & 4 — 4 spaces
- Warhammer 3.30pm — 5 spaces
- Flute Choir — 3 Spaces
- Orchestra — 4 Spaces

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## VACANCIES

Please visit [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com) to view our current vacancy for:  
Breakfast Club Assistant — Part-time



## CLUBS NEXT WEEK

These clubs **will not be on next week** (15-19th May):

- Thursday — No Hockey Club
- Friday — No Cricket Club
- Thursday Spanish is **moving** to Friday 19th May

Breakfast & After School Club

## BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

A letter was sent today to parents who in the past expressed an interest or are currently making use of our Breakfast and After School club provision. This is the last chance to confirm your **bookings for September 2023**. Please **complete our booking form** on the following link: [Breakfast and After School Club Bookings](#)



## FUTURE DATES

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|------------|---|--|
| 13 May     | — | AJFC Presentation Evening                    |
| 16 May     | — | Science Day                                  |
| 22 May     | — | Year 5 British Museum Trip                   |
| 25 May     | — | Term 5 Ends                                  |
| 26 May     | — | Inset Day                                    |
| 5 June     | — | Term 6 Starts                                |
| 6 June     | — | Year 5 Kent Test Meeting with Mr Reid        |
| 8 June     | — | British Heart Foundation Swim —Year 3 & 4    |
| 9 June     | — | British Heart Foundation Swim —Year 5 & 6    |
| 9 June     | — | PTA School Disco                             |
| 12-14 June | — | Year 3 Horton Kirby Trips                    |
| 12-16 June | — | Year 6 Hilltop Trip                          |
| 16 June    | — | Year 4 Hampton Court Trip                    |
| 17 June    | — | Amherst Choir—Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival  |
| 20 June    | — | Open Afternoon 2.45pm                        |
| 21 June    | — | Year 5 Parent Consultations                  |
| 22 June    | — | Year 5 Parent Consultations                  |
| 27 June    | — | Whole School Photo                           |
| 30 June    | — | Clubs End                                    |
| 30 June    | — | PTA Quiz Night                               |
| 3 July     | — | New Year 3 Parent Induction Meeting 2.00pm   |
| 6 July     | — | Kent Transition Day                          |
| 7 July     | — | Amherst Choir—Tonbridge Castle               |
| 8 July     | — | PTA Summer BBQ                               |
| 10 July    | — | Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm     |
| 11 July    | — | Summer Production Matinee Performance 1.45pm |
| 12 July    | — | Summer Production Evening Performance 7.00pm |
| 13 July    | — | Summer Production Evening Performance 7.00pm |
| 19 July    | — | Sports Day 1.00pm                            |
| 19 July    | — | PTA Leavers' Disco                           |
| 21 July    | — | Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match 5.30pm   |
| 21 July    | — | End of Term                                  |



# YEAR 5 CORONATION ARTWORK

Congratulations to the whole of year 5 for making a brilliant piece of artwork of our new King, Charles III.



## PTA

### School Uniform Sale!

Thursday, 18th May  
2.30pm



There will be an honesty box for payments, or you can pay online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta/>



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.



## DEVELOPMENT THROUGH DRAMA

**JOIN US ON STAGE IN JULY**

**TWO-WEEK TRIAL AVAILABLE**

One of the greatest life skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently. At the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, our students learn to do this whilst having an enormous amount of fun. If you want to provide your child with the best possible start in life, then do call us on the number below.

Whilst having a great time and making new friends we also aim to help our students develop:

- Public speaking and presentation skills
- Creativity and lateral thinking
- Enthusiasm, energy and a positive approach to life
- The ability to speak and move with confidence
- Teamwork and leadership skills
- English language skills
- Effective social interaction
- Commitment
- Performance & theatre skills
- Improved listening skills

We truly believe that enthusiastic students who can speak out clearly and relate confidently with their peers, develop skills that make the journey through life much easier.

Our internationally acclaimed Drama Academy benefits tens of thousands of children around the world each week.

- For 3-19 year olds in four age groups
- Established worldwide in 1978
- Our teachers follow a set, professional curriculum
- All staff are fully trained, and DBS checked
- TRINITY examinations and certificates offered
- In the summer, all students take part in our end of year productions on stage!

Classes in Bromley Common, Chislehurst, Gravesend, Orpington, Petts Wood, Shiplands & Otford.  
Exclusive school clubs at Park CE Primary, St James RC Primary and South Park Primary.

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## MAY HALF TERM WORKSHOP

**Friday 2nd June**


**Age 4 - 11 years**

**£30**

**Team work makes the dreams work!**

**Half Term Dance Workshop**  
Dancing, Singing, Acting, Crafts and more...  
At Amherst School, 10:00am - 3:00pm

**To Book please contact: [amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk](mailto:amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk)**



At Amherst School  
Witches Lane, Sevenoaks,  
TN13 2AX

## CHEERLEADING

**Free Taster Thursday 11th May**

**Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm**

**Ages 8-12 yrs**

**To book contact: [amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk](mailto:amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk)**



## Love the Game UK

**Football Coaching**

Love the Game UK Football Camps coming to Sevenoaks

## Monday Night Football Club

**Mon 5th June - Mon 17th July 5.30-7pm**

**FREE TRIAL SESSION MON 5TH JUNE**

Fun, games, goals, saves, technical sessions, penalty shootouts, tournaments and more.

**Ages 5-14 | Boys and girls of all abilities**

Tunbridge Wells Grammar School For Boys, St John's Rd, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9XB.

Coaches are first aid and safeguarding trained, DBS checked, and some even have Premier League coaching experience.

£10 per session or £60 full term.

See website for more details or email: [enquiries@lovethethegameuk.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lovethethegameuk.co.uk)

Scan the QR code to book, or visit: <https://love-the-game-uk.class4kids.co.uk/term/34>

**Eridge Green**  
Bespoke Kitchens & Living Space



## The British Country Show Kent

[www.britishshow.co.uk](http://www.britishshow.co.uk)

the show with something for everybody

**28th and 29th May**  
Wings of the Morning Field,  
1 London Road, Wrotham,  
Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 7NS

**FREE PARKING, DOGS WELCOME, 10.00 - 5.00**

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FALCONRY/DOG & DUCK  
WRESTLING/CHAINSAW COMP  
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