

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Mrs Hodges

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Hodges as she retired from being a lunchtime supervisor.

Mrs Hodges has been working at Amherst for over **32 years** which is an amazing achievement. That level of dedication and loyalty is quite unique. She was **presented with gifts** from the school and cards from year groups which contained a farewell message from each individual child.

I have calculated that Mrs Hodges has **supported approx. 3500 children** during

her time. Much has changed since 1990 when she was first appointed. Some of our staff were not even born yet!

I would like to thank her once again for her hard work and years of service.



Inter House Sport

It has been a **wonderful two days of competition** with every child representing their House in a range of sports. There was a **wonderful atmosphere of competition and camaraderie**. For each year group the whole school came out to watch the finals. Well done to Knole who were eventual winners overall. For individual results for each sport and year groups please see page 4 of today's newsletter. **Thank you to Mr Brown and Mr Barratt** for organising such an excellent event.



RE Day

It has been fantastic today to see the children enjoying the range of activities to help deepen their understanding of Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam. The children have **rotated around the school** as a class visiting each faith. Thank you to **Mrs Lester** and **Mrs Fox** for all their hard work ensuring RE Day has been a success. Please see **Page 5** for **photos** of the day.



We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 5th June. I hope you all have a fantastic half term.

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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.



BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION – MORE HELP PLEASE

We are looking for **parent helpers** for our British Heart Foundation Sponsored Swim on **8th and 9th June 2023**. Please click on the following link to indicate when you are able to help : [BHF Parent Helpers](#)



VACANCIES

Please visit www.kent-teach.com to view our current vacancies for:
Breakfast Club Assistant — Part-time
Midday Meal Supervisor — Part-time
Catering Assistant — Part-time



PTA NEWSLETTER– MAY 2023

Please find the newsletter by [clicking here](#)



CLUBS

Club notices for (5-9th June):

Monday — All clubs start || **Tuesday** — No Cricket Club



LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

- Year 3 Horton Kirby Trip
- British Heart Foundation Swim
- Pool Fund



Our annual pool fund letter was sent out this week. Your donation of £25.00 towards our pool fund will be much appreciated—www.schoolgateway.com.



GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR OLIVER

Please be reminded to log out from all Google accounts before signing your child into their Google Classroom account:

Google Classroom address: www.classroom.google.com

Google Classroom Username: namesurname@amherst.kent.sch.uk
(i.e. johnsmith@amherst.kent.sch.uk)

Google Classroom Password:

- Year 6 – amherst2020
- Year 5 – amherst2020
- Year 4 – amherst2021
- Year 3 – amherst2022

Or the year your child started in Amherst (amherst2022)

Please contact the school office if the passwords above are not working.

Music Classroom Code: ldh7i2y (all small letters)



TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Following the tragic accident involving a pet dog at the traffic lights yesterday, Eland's Vet have shared the following link for parents whose children might have witnessed it:

[Pet Loss Support](#)

FUTURE DATES

5 June	—	Term 6 Starts
6 June	—	Year 5 Kent Test Meeting with Mr Reid 6.00pm
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 Amherst 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

LET'S CELEBRATE

YEAR 3 GAMES

Well done to all year 3s that competed in the **Year 3 Junior Games** at Sevenoaks School. They all competed on the **track** and **field** over a variety of events.

Amherst secured lots of top 3 places in the individual events and performed brilliantly as a team!

Well done to all that competed.



BASKETBALL

Amherst School competed in a **Basketball Tournament** at Sevenoaks school on **Friday 19th May**. There were 8 schools competing with a total of 16 teams.

Amherst managed to field 3 teams with two of them reaching the playoffs. **Josh M (6A)**, **Ethan W (6B)** and **Freddie F (6B)** managed to secure the overall win.

Each Amherst team did an amazing job supporting each other and showing great sportsmanship to other teams. **Well done** to **Bluebell S**, **Annabelle W**, **Summer J**, **Sven M**, **Axley**, and **Maya B**.



SEVENOAKS HOCKEY

At last weekend's **Sevenoaks Hockey Junior Awards** afternoon, **Phoebe M (6B)** was awarded 'Player of the season' for the U11 development squad and **Jess F (6B)** received 'Player of the season' for the U11 competition squad. **Sofia B-W (6A)** also scooped the award for the 'Most improved player' in the U11 competition squad.

Well done girls!



UK MATHS CHALLENGE

Children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the **UKMT Junior Maths Challenge** on 26th April. They did brilliantly with 19 children achieving a bronze award, 13 a silver award and 7 a gold award including 3 children (**Ryan G**, **James R** & **Summer J**) who have qualified for the next round!

Well done to all the children who took part!



**United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust**

INTERHOUSE SPORT

Tuesday

Competition/Year Group	Year 4	Year 6
Athletics	1 st – Bradbourne 2 nd – Knole 3 rd – Amherst 4 th – Wolfe	1 st – Wolfe 2 nd – Amherst 3 rd – Bradbourne 4 th – Knole
Netball	1 st – Wolfe 2 nd – Bradbourne 3 rd – Amherst 4 th – Knole	1 st – Knole 2 nd – Amherst 3 rd – Bradbourne 4 th – Wolfe
Football	1 st – Bradbourne 2 nd – Wolfe 3 rd – Knole + Amherst 4 th –	1 st – Amherst + Knole 2 nd – 3 rd – Wolfe 4 th – Bradbourne

4 points for 1st 3 points for 2nd 2 points for 3rd 1 point for 4th

Wednesday

Competition/Year Group	Year 3	Year 5
Athletics	1 st – Knole 2 nd – Wolfe 3 rd – Amherst 4 th – Bradbourne	1 st – Amherst 2 nd – Knole 3 rd – Bradbourne 4 th – Wolfe
Handball	1 st – Wolfe 2 nd – Knole 3 rd – Bradbourne 4 th – Amherst	1 st – Wolfe 2 nd – Knole 3 rd – Amherst 4 th – Bradbourne
Football	1 st – Amherst 2 nd – Knole 3 rd – Bradbourne 4 th – Wolfe	1 st – Wolfe 2 nd – Bradbourne 3 rd – Knole 4 th – Amherst

4 points for 1st 3 points for 2nd 2 points for 3rd 1 point for 4th



OVERALL SCORECARD

33 points – Knole

32 points – Wolfe

30 points – Amherst

26 points – Bradbourne

[Click here for more photos](#)



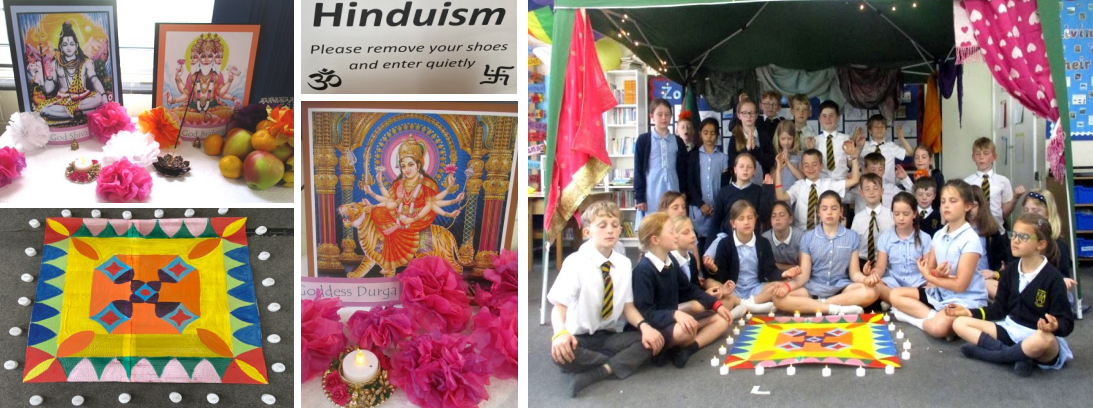
RE DAY—25 MAY 2023

[Click here for more photos](#)

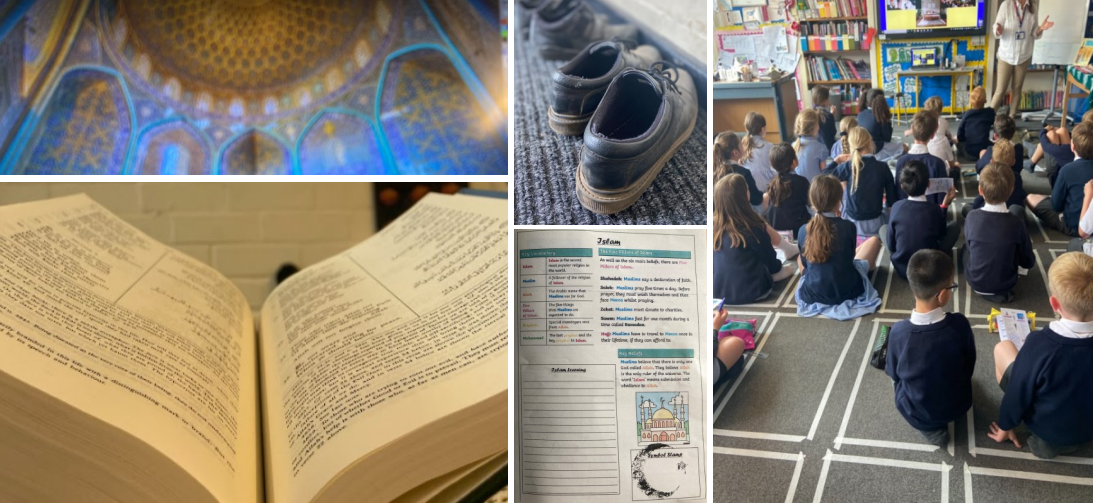
YEAR 3 CLASSROOMS —JUDAISM



YEAR 4 CLASSROOMS — HINDUISM



YEAR 5 CLASSROOMS—ISLAM



YEAR 6 CLASSROOMS—CHRISTIANITY



SCHOOL COUNCIL—SHOE PROJECT

Amherst School supporting SALS Shoes charity 1171670

<https://www.salsshoes.com/our-story/>

Donate your child's outgrown shoes that still have plenty of wear left in them so that they can find their next pair of feet.

Throughout the Summer Term, Amherst School Council wish to support this worthwhile charity, which collects, sorts and redistributes all types of **children's** outgrown shoes in the UK and abroad. The donated shoes do not have to be school shoes but must be children's shoes (no heels). Each pair of shoes **MUST** be:

- outgrown **NOT** outworn,
- **clean**, without holes & good laces if needed
- **in a pair** with an elastic band around it
- optional, a note for the new owner of your shoes

Collection

There will be a box in every classroom throughout the Summer Term where your child can drop off their outgrown shoes. School Council will then help sort, label and package them throughout the term. Miss Jones will take the shoes to SALS Shoes HQ in Edenbridge at the end of the term.

Cake Sale June 23rd – date for diary

Each pair of shoes donated to school requires a minimum donation of £1 to help them on their way to the next owner. Therefore, we are holding a SALS Shoes cake sale after school on Friday 23rd June to fundraise towards the cost of sending our shoes away. If you are able to support us by making some cakes, School Council would really appreciate it. More information to follow.

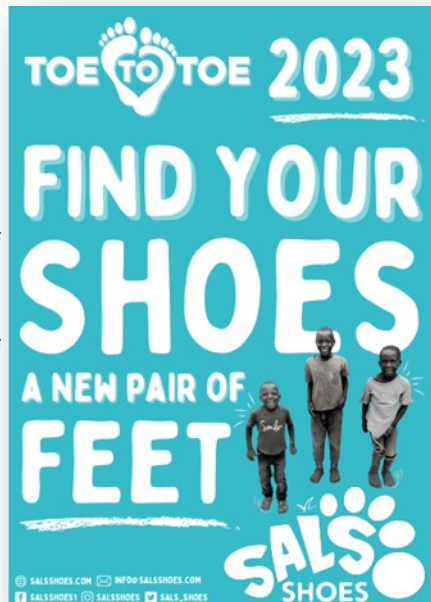
Volunteers

If there are any parents who are able to help with the sorting of the shoes on July 20th from 3.30-5.00pm please let the school office know as all help will be much appreciated.

We realise that if your child donates their school shoes at the very end of term they may not have their new school shoes until September. Therefore, any school shoes must be donated the last week of school term 17th-21st July and the school will make an allowance for wearing trainers that week only.

Thank you for your anticipated support with this charity appeal.

Amherst School Council



Please fold and tuck securely into your pair of shoes or the rubber band holding them together

A MESSAGE TO THE NEW OWNER OF MY SHOES:



YEAR 5 TRIP—BRITISH MUSEUM

Year 5 visited the British Museum on Monday to view artefacts and explore life from Ancient Greece. It looked like they had a brilliant time—for more photos please [click here](#).



PTA



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.

School's Out Stay Active

Get involved in our **Holiday Activity Camp**
Enjoy a variety of sports and adventure activities at:

Knole Academy
Bradbourne Vale Rd, Sevenoaks TN13 3LE
Day 1: Thursday 1st June
Day 2: Friday 2nd June

Prices
One Day 10:00-15:00 £35

to reserve a space please email:
schoolsoutstayactive@gmail.com
Alternatively scan below

For ages
6 to 13



Kent Wildlife Trust

Help us create a #WildKent

Half Term Wildlife Trail

Saturday 27 May - Sunday 4 June
Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Bradbourne Vale Road, TN13 3DH
All day during Visitor Centre opening hours

Get outside and connect with nature this half term with our amazing Wildlife Trail!

Explore the reserve, find the clues and solve the puzzle to win an awesome prize.

Once you've finished why not reward yourself with a drink or snack from our Visitor Centre.

Check out our website and social media pages for more information on our Half Term Holiday Programme.

To book an event scan this QR code or contact:
experiences@wildkent.org.uk

£4.00
per person
No bookings required

Partners with **REGULATORY**

MAY HALF TERM WORKSHOP

Friday 2nd June

Age 4 - 11 years

£30

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

WE ACCEPT CHILD CARE VOUCHERS

MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILD CARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4 - 14

MAY HALF-TERM & SUMMER CAMPS 2023

CHECK WEBSITE FOR EARLY BIRD OFFERS AND MORE INFORMATION

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MAY HALF TERM
30TH MAY - 2ND JUNE 2023

HILDENBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
RIDING LANE HILDENBOROUGH
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SOUTHEASTKIDSCAMPS.CO.UK
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Blood and Transplant

Sign up today Give Blood

We are holding an extra blood donation session @

Bat and Ball Community Centre,
Crampton's Rd, Sevenoaks
TN14 5DN
Friday 26th May 2023
14:00-16:30 17:30-20:00

To book an appointment visit blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23

[NHS Blood](#) [@GiveBloodNHS](#)
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Save a life Give blood

ANIMAL TRAIL

27th May - 4th June

Join in our trail around the farm to find the animals
Follow the clues to find the answers
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

£3 per entry

Open daily (except Tuesday) from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk

Love the Game UK
Football Coaching

Love the Game UK Football Camps coming to Sevenoaks

May/June Half Term Football Camp

Tues 30th - Thur 1st June
3-day camp // 10am - 3pm

Early drop off option at 9.15am

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

AGES 5-14 | Boys and girls of all abilities

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

£25 per day or £80 for 3 days.
See website for more details or email: enquiries@lovethegameuk.co.uk

Scan the QR code to book, or visit: <https://love-the-game-uk.class4kids.co.uk/camp/16>

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BOXOFFICE@HEVERFESTIVAL.CO.UK

AS YOU LIKE IT
SAT 27 MAY

ROBIN HOOD
FRI 2 JUNE

MATILDA
WED 31 MAY

27 MAY - 30 AUG 2023

We have all enjoyed being a part of the most amazing place - The Festival Theatre at Hever Castle.'

#HeavenAtHever