



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MISS JONES

This week @ Amherst

This has been a **super week** for all the children at Amherst. While Year 6 have been away at Hilltop, the rest of **the school have enjoyed extra swimming sessions, trips and Amherst's Got Talent.**

Trips

Year 3 visited Horton Kirby and had fun splashing about in the cool waters of the River Darent. Year 4 visited Hampton Court today to explore more about the lives of the Tudors and Year 5 have risen to the challenge of being the oldest in school; setting a great example for the younger children.

Amherst's Got Talent

Through the week, we've been treated to some fabulous performances with the children showcasing a wide range of talents. The **overall winners** were **Sophie F, Eleanor O & Millie B** from year 5 performing an excellent choreographed dance routine. A big thank you to our fantastic Amherst Got Talent Judges who were on top form and kept everyone entertained with their brilliant feedback. Finally thank you to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winning troupe.

Other winners were:

- Year 5** Annebelle W, Zain W
- Year 4** Leni M
- Year 3** Ella A, Elissa B, Lyla B, Emme M

Finally, as we come to the end of a glorious week of **hot weather**, please remember to send your children in prepared with **hats, water bottles** and wearing **sun cream**.

Enjoy the sun and Al Fresco dining and good luck to Riverhead who are hosting their **summer fair** this weekend!

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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

Your children were fantastic challenging themselves to swim as many lengths/widths as they possibly can last week. Please remember to make your contributions before the 30th June via www.schoolgateway.com—THANK YOU! **We have raised a fantastic £4592.00 so far!**



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



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO – 27 JUNE

Children should all please wear winter uniform ie. **white shirts, tie** and trousers/short or a navy skirt (socks are allowed instead of tights).



YEAR 5 KENT TEST REGISTRATION

[Registration for the Kent Test](#) for children due to **start secondary school in September 2024** opened on **Thursday 1 June 2023** and will close at midnight on **Monday 3 July 2023**.



CLUBS

The following clubs are cancelled next week (19—25th June):
Wednesday — NO Ju Jitsu for the rest of term (club ended for this term)



YEAR 5 PARENT CONSULTATION

Please remember to book your year 5 parent consultation for next week via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk 5A—Class code: **hvrz9** / 5J Class code: **zezeh** / 5S—Class Code: **c3up5**



SALS CAKE SALE FRIDAY – SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please support the **school council's cake sale** on **Friday at 3.30pm** of which the money raised will go towards the SALS shoe project. For more information, please [click here](#). We are still looking for parents who are able to help sort the donations after school on 20th July 2023—please contact the office.



LOST PROPERTY

Please visit the school office if you lost a **grey watch on the school run this morning** or if your child is missing a pair of **prescription swimming goggles**.



FUTURE DATES

17 June	—	Amherst Choir—Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival
20 June	—	Open Afternoon 2.45pm
20 June	—	Year 5/6 Parent Session on Puberty & Relationship Ed 3.45pm
21 June	—	Year 5 Parent Consultations
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23 June	—	Laura Trott visiting Year 6
23 June	—	School Council Cake Sale
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

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Lyla B
3H	All of 3H
3W	Ainaha A
4C	Gabriel P
4DB	Scarlett O
4SF	Macey B

5A	Sophie F
5J	Zain W
5S	Florence H
6A	
6B	
6SB	

TUNBRIDGE WELLS—FOOTBALL

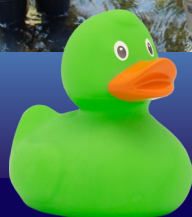
Last Saturday, a team made up largely of **Amherst Year 4 pupils** were worthy winners of the **Tunbridge Wells Youth Football summer tournament**, taking place in blazing hot conditions. The team topped their qualifying group and conceded only 1 goal across all their matches, winning both the semis and final on penalties.

Congratulations to Joby C, Alex B, Maddie H, Josh B and Sydney H who made the winning save!



YEAR 3 HORTON KIRBY TRIP

[Click here](#) for more photos of the day.



OLIVER—GOOGLE CLASSROOM

GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR OLIVER

Please remember 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)

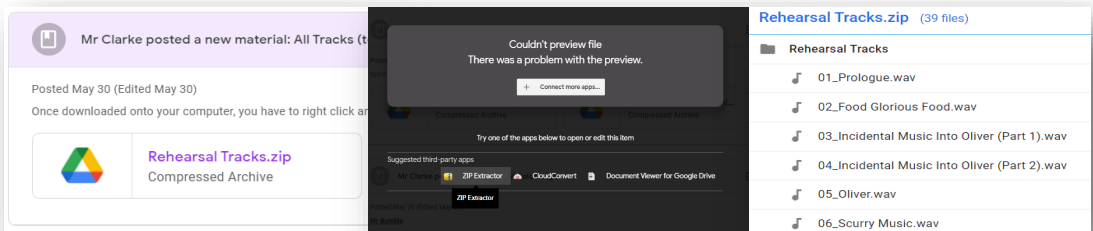
Please contact the school office if the passwords above do not work.

Music Classroom Code: Idh7i2y (all small letters)



TO LISTEN TO THE SONGS:

- Please click on the **Rehearsal Tracks.zip** file.
- **Extract** this file by **clicking on the ZIP extractor** and you will be able to hear the song tracks.



PTA



QUIZ NIGHT!
FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

This is always a popular event which will sell out!

- Doors open at 7.30 PM
- Quiz starts at 8.00 PM
- £10 / Person
- Teams of 10 (max 10 per class)
- BYOB, food and.....your brains!
- Prize for the winning table & raffle prizes to be won!

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE!

www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta/

Amherst Wildlife Calendar!

The Amherst mid-year calendar is **NOW AVAILABLE** for purchase!

The calendar runs from September 2023 to August 2024 and features the photos from our photography competition last term. It also includes holidays and key dates for the 23/24 school year.

£10 per calendar paid through:
www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta

Closing date is Friday 30th June

Click here to purchase your calendar:
Amherst PTA

Save the Date!!
AMHERST SCHOOL'S SUMMER BBQ
SATURDAY 8TH JULY 4 TO 8PM

ICE-CREAM games
BBQ PIMMS / BEER
Food / Drink DJ
6 BOUNCY CASTLES WAFFLES
candy floss

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE NOW!

Leavers Disco!

AMFEST 2023!

EVERYONE IN YEAR 6 IS INVITED TO THEIR FESTIVAL STYLE LEAVERS DISCO!

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE HERE:

PTA EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY | **£8 PER CHILD** | **MENCAP HALL 7 - 9PM**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.



HOLMESDALE CRICKET CLUB

Play cricket this summer

Outstanding Summer Coaching Courses for Girls & Boys

www.myclubhouse.co.uk/Holmesdale
Email: juniormembership@holmesdalecricketclub.co.uk

Summer Coaching Courses

Five cricket course weeks this summer for children from Year 1 to Year 9 Catering for hard and softball abilities, our five day summer cricket camps are active, fun and develop technical skills and match play experience
Book a course at www.myclubhouse.co.uk/Holmesdale

WHAT ARE THE DETAILS?

WEEK 1 17 JULY	WEEK 4 14 AUGUST	Duration	5 days
WEEK 2 24 JULY	WEEK 5 21 AUGUST	Times	10am – 3pm
WEEK 3 07 AUGUST		Cost	£155 per week or £35 a day

With thanks to our sponsors and local supporters







WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

MEGA CAMPS
KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILD CARE FROM 8am – 6pm

AGES 4 – 14

SUMMER CAMPS 2023

CHECK WEBSITE FOR OFFERS, DATES, VENUE LOCATIONS AND MORE



WALL CLIMBING



MEGA ACTIVITY



KIDS FAVOURITE



LASER TAG



WET N' WILD

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES EACH DAY AS WELL AS FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, ROLLERS, KWIK CRICKET, BASKETBALL, TEAM GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
OPEN EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

BOOK ONLINE NOW!
WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET
OR CALL 0333 012 4376

ALL OUR STAFF ARE DBS CERTIFIED

CLICK WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS & DATES

Summer School at Sevenoaks School

We would like to invite your child to join the 2023 Summer School here at Sevenoaks School, which will take place between Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 August 2023.

The Summer School programmes are designed to bring like-minded engaged pupils from different schools together to work collaboratively and allow them to build up relationships. The Summer School is based at Sevenoaks School and is staffed by experienced teachers from our school and local Primary Schools. This year, we will be offering the following options:

For current Year 4 pupils:
Art, Drama or Science

For current Year 5 pupils:
Mathematics or Music

The courses are designed for pupils who are highly interested and focussed in that subject area, as they will be doing the **same subject for all three days**.

If you would like to register your child for the course, please complete [this online form](#) by Friday 23 June. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If the course is fully booked, you will be placed on a waiting list and notified as soon as a space becomes available.

Sevenoaks School subsidises the cost of the course, and the total cost of the course is £45. This includes a hot lunch in the Dining Hall on each day, refreshments and a t-shirt. Payment can be submitted via BACS and further details will be sent to you once your booking is confirmed. If you are unable to cover the cost of the course, but would like your child to attend, please contact partnerships@sevenoaksschool.org to discuss financial assistance.

Summer School timings
The Summer School will run from 09:00 to 15:00 each day. On the final day, Thursday 24 August, there will be short show & tell/presentation to parents in the afternoon. More details will follow once your child's space has been confirmed.

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

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
Week 1: Wednesday 2nd August - Friday 4th August
Week 2: Monday 21st August- Wednesday 23rd August

Prices

One Day	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE	
10:00-15:00	£30 £20	To secure the special offer rate please email : schoolsoutstayactive@gmail.com
Three Days	£75 £45	
10:00-15:00		*Closing date to secure this special offer rate is 29 th June 2023*

For ages
≥ 6 to 13 ≤






SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS IN 2023 FOR ENTRY IN 2024












Coming to Sevenoaks this September ...

Strings FOR YOUTH
String orchestras for young players looking to expand their musical horizons and enjoyment through playing with others

St Luke's Church Hall, 30 Eardley Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1XT
Fridays during term time

4.00-4.45pm **First Strings** beginners to Grade 1 level*
5.00-6.00pm **Second Strings** post-Grade 1 to Grade 4 level*

*grade levels serve as a guide only

For more info or to apply scan the QR code or email wells4strings@gmail.com

Centres also in Orpington (All Saints Church, BR6 0DD) and Penge (Penge Congregational Church, SE20 7DS)

@strings_foryouth






Bore Place

Family Fun this Summer Holiday at Bore Place

Outdoor Explorers
Holiday club for children aged 6-11

Improve your wildlife ID skills, express yourself with art and design, learn traditional skills and cook something tasty.

Monday 14th August – Friday 18th August | 9:30–16:00
Child Tickets: £45.00

Bore Place Bug Hunt
Recommended ages 4+

Learn ID skills to identify insects whilst enjoying some fun activities throughout the day.

Thursday 10th August | 10:00–15:00
Child Tickets: £5.00 | Adult Tickets: Free

ID Walk: Reptiles

Join us for a guided walk, to check the reptile mats and record any reptiles encountered onsite.

Thursday 24th August | 10:00–12:00
Adult Tickets: £10.00 | Child Tickets: £6.00

For our full programme of events visit boreplace.org/whats-on

Bore Place is a charity working to connect people with nature.
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Bore Place, Bore Place Road, Chiddingstone, Kent, TN8 7AR