



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Year 3 Easter Performance

Well done to all children in Year 3 for a wonderful performance on Tuesday afternoon. It was great to see the children perform with confidence and enjoyment. It was good to welcome Year 2s who attended our dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon. This is the beginning of their transition to Amherst.

The children have developed and matured since September and the level of independence demonstrated throughout the performance was superb. Thank you to Miss Wonnacott, Miss Harvey, Mrs Lester, Mrs Fox and the Year 3 team for preparing the children so well and enabling them to perform to such a high standard.



### Music Festival

I had the privilege of attending (and taking part) in the Amherst Music Festival on Tuesday evening. There was a excellent mix of individual and group performances. Well done to all children who performed individually. It can be quite daunting to perform in front of a large audience. The children gain so much confidence from the experience and the round of applause reminds you why it was worth practising each day. The school choirs were superb and it was brilliant to see so many children taking the opportunity to get involved in the musical offer at Amherst. The festival concluded with our school orchestra.

Our Friday rehearsals after school is one of my favourite times of the week. It takes me back to my childhood and the fun I experienced playing in an orchestra. It also keeps me playing the trumpet regularly! Thank you to Mr Clarke and our music teachers for all their continued hard work ensuring the children at Amherst have an opportunity to experience high quality music. Thank you too, to Mrs Archer for playing the flute and Mrs Carter playing the violin in our school orchestra. The children gain so much by playing alongside adults.



### Easter

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. The children and staff are ready for a rest. Hopefully all the bugs and viruses that are currently around will disappear! Take the chance to spend time together as a family. With a young family you may not get the chance to relax, but remember, a change can be as good as a rest so try doing some new things together with your children.

No doubt I will find myself mountain biking during the break with my children. I keep telling myself it is good to get out of my comfort zone, although as you get older it seems to hurt more if you crash!

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# NOTICES



## REPORT ABSENCES

Please complete the quick [Daily Absence Form](#) on our website before 9.00am for **every day** your child is off school.



## 1st DAY BACK MENU

The first day back will be a different menu to our **NEW menu**. Please see below:

- MAIN:** Ham Macaroni Cheese  
**VEGETARIAN:** Macaroni Cheese  
**PASTA:** As Normal  
**BREAD:** As Normal  
**POTATO:** As Normal  
**DESSERT:** Variety



## NEW MENU— TERM 5!

Please see our new menu [here](#). You should please pay for your school meals in **ADVANCE**. Payment for the new term is:

- Daily - £ 2.55
- Weekly - £ 12.75
- Term 5 - £ 71.40 (28 days)
- Term 6 - £ 94.35 (37 days)
- Term 5 & 6 - £ 165.75



## CLUBS

If you have not yet booked your child's club spaces for next term, please [click here](#). We currently have spaces in :

- Djembe Drumming
- Year 5 Netball
- Year 5/6 Athletics
- Year 5/6 Curling
- Year 4-6 Spanish
- Wednesday Ceramics
- Mandarin



## LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK

Year 6—Safety in Action Trip Letter  
Choir letter—Sevenoaks School's Partnership Concert



## VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies—please apply on [Kent Teach](#)

- Full time / Part time Teaching Assistant
- After School Club Assistant (3 days a week)
- Breakfast Club Manager
- Clerk to the Governors



## SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS 2025

Please click on the document to the right to view Secondary Schools Open Events for 2025.



## PTA NEWSLETTER

Please [click here](#) to read the PTA's March 2024 Newsletter.



## YEAR 6— HILLTOP PAYMENT

Final payment for this year's Hilltop Trip is now due. Please make payment via [www.schoolgateway.com](#).



## FUTURE DATES

- 28 March - Term 4 Ends  
15 April - Term 5 Start  
22 April - Clubs Start  
24 April - Amherst Choir - Sevenoaks School's Partnership Concert  
7 May - Year 5 Greek Workshop  
13 May - Year 6 SATS Week  
17 May - PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale  
23 May - Term 5 Ends  
24 May - Inset Day  
3 June - Term 6 Starts  
6 July - Amherst Summer BBQ (Save the Date)



# PE TIMETABLE—TERM 5

Please find the new PE timetable for Term 5.

## Term 5 – PE Timetable 2023/24

### Indoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12	5HR Yoga			4C Gymnastics	3CL Gymnastics
1.35 – 2.30	5A Yoga		6W Dance	4SF Gymnastics	3H Gymnastics
2.30 – 3.25	5J Yoga	6B Dance	6A Dance	4S Gymnastics	3W Gymnastics

### Outdoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12					
1.30 – 2.30	4S Athletics (coach)	3W Rounders		5J Cricket (coach) @Holmesdale	6A Cricket (coach) @Holmesdale
2.30 – 3.30	4C Athletics (coach)	3CL Rounders		5HR Cricket (coach) @Holmesdale	6W Cricket (coach) @Holmesdale
(Extra class)	4SF Rounders	3H Rounders		6B Athletics (coach) 1.30-2.30pm	5A Rounders

# EASTER BONNETS– YEAR 5 & 6

Years 5 and 6 were involved in making **Easter Bonnets** today. Year 6 visited Year 1 at Riverhead and Years 5 and 2 buddies made **beautiful bonnets** in the Amherst school hall.



# LET'S CELEBRATE

## NETBALL

On Saturday 23rd March our **school netball team** played in the **local schools' knockout tournament at Knole Academy**.

In our first match against Seal, we won 11-0. We then played Anthony Roper, a team who earlier in the season had beaten us 11-2, however, this time we were victorious with a 6-2 win. After a tight 2-1 win against St Lawrence, we secured two more victories against St Thomas' and Kemsing. This put us in the finals where we played St John's. This match was a very competitive game, which we finally won 2-1 meaning Amherst won the overall tournament.

This is a huge achievement as some of the team had not played netball until the start of Year 6. I would personally like to thank **Miss Parish**, who has helped coach at netball club and gave up her Saturday morning to accompany the team to the tournament. **She is our lucky mascot**.



Thank you to all the parents who have supported our matches this year and provided vocal encouragement throughout the games. I hope the squad continue to play and enjoy netball at their respective secondary schools.

**Congratulations to Annie R, Grace G, Tilly B, Tom L, Imogen H, Mia L, Olivia R and Sammie C.**

## MUSIC

**Congratulations** to the following children for their music exam results:

- **Effie D** Grade 4 piano Merit
- **Dylan K** Grade 2 recorder Merit
- **Mark G** Grade 2 recorder Merit
- **Caroline K** Grade 2 violin

## FOOTBALL

On **Saturday 23rd March**, Amherst participated in the **Sevenoaks Partnership Football Tournament** competing against **14 other local schools**. In the group stage, Amherst played three matches against Churchill Primary, St. Katherines and Ightham Primary. The team played incredibly well together, scoring some goals and eventually finished the group as winners after winning two matches and drawing one. Amherst then progressed through to the cup competition semi-final facing a strong St. Georges



Amherst battled hard throughout the match but neither team could score and after extra time, the score remained 0-0 and a penalty shoot-out awaited! A thrilling shoot-out unfolded as Amherst scored all of our penalties and Trent (Amherst goalkeeper) managed to make a superb save – Amherst were through to the final!

In the final, Amherst faced Lady Boswells. Once again, it was an **extremely close match** and neither side could find a winning goal in normal time. Penalties once more. After getting to sudden death play-off, Lady Boswells managed to score the winning penalty. The Amherst children showed superb courage and determination throughout and should be extremely proud of themselves for finishing runners up out of 15 teams!

**Congratulations to Trent (6W), Jack G (6B), Albert (6B), Charlie (6W), Ansh (6W), Josh (5A) and Richard (5A).** Thank you to all parents for your support too!



# VACANCIES @ AMHERST SCHOOL

## WORKING AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT - FULL/PART TIME

This is an ideal role for someone **wanting to change career, return to work** after a break, or **someone with experience** in the role.

Our TA's work **term time only** (38 weeks per year), starting at **8.30am** and **finishing at 3.30pm**. We are currently recruiting for a full time role – but would consider a job share.

You need to have the following skills to work as a Teaching Assistant:

- Likes working with children
- Has initiative, patience and kindness
- Has good team work and organisational skills
- Enjoys building relationships with children and adults
- Is willing to learn “on the job”

Teaching Assistant **qualifications and experience** are not needed as full training will be provided.



## WORKING AS A BREAKFAST CLUB MANAGER - PART TIME

Our Breakfast Club Team work **term time only** (38 weeks per year) starting at **7.15am** and **finishing at 8.45am**.

We are looking to appoint a committed and flexible person to **lead our small friendly team** delivering high quality childcare at our Breakfast Club.

Previous **experience** in a childcare environment is desirable.

The club operates from our **beautiful new Jubilee Building**. We are looking for someone who is organised, creative, can work using their own initiative and above all enjoys working with children. Our club provides a healthy breakfast (toast, cereal, fruit and milk) and varied activities for pupils to enjoy in a relaxed and calm environment at the start of the school day.

## WORKING AS AN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ASSISTANT - PART TIME

Our After School Club Team work **term time only** (38 weeks per year), starting at **3.15pm** and **finishing at 6.15pm**.

We are looking to appoint a committed and flexible person to join our small friendly team delivering high quality childcare at our After School Club. Our club provides tea (sandwiches, fruit and milk) and varied activities for pupils to enjoy at the end of the school day.

This role could be combined with the Teaching Assistant role.

**Qualifications and experience** are not needed to work as an after school club assistant!



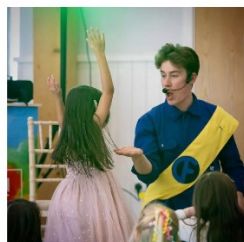
Our vacancies are advertised on [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com).

If you would more information about the role please call the school office. If you would more information about the role please call the school office.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Double Spectacular Fundraiser Event at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks on Saturday 27 April!



CAPTAIN FANTASTIC



SQUEEZE A CROWD



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HILLVIEW  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

### Year 5 Taster Mornings

Wednesday 5 June 2024  
Thursday 6 June 2024

8.40am - 12pm

Wednesday 12 June 2024  
Friday 14 June 2024

8.40am - 12pm

Monday 17 June 2024  
Tuesday 18 June 2024

8.40am - 12pm

One session per child

Available to book online  
from Monday 1 April 2024.  
For more information please  
see our website where all  
the booking information  
can be found.



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### Nature Makers Earth School and Yoga School Holiday Club

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9:30am-1:30pm

8-11 April

Pembury Scout Hut, TN2 4NP

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all attendees need to register and book in advance for #HAFKent



SCAN ME



## Love the Game UK

Football Coaching

### EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

- WEEK 1 - Tues 2nd - Thurs 4th April
- WEEK 2 - Tues 9th - Thurs 11th April
- 10AM - 3PM

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