

# Christmas at Amherst School

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Christmas Events

It has been a **wonderful, busy and Christmassy** last week of term. It began on Monday evening with our Carol Service. Well done to the Year 6 readers that read with such confidence and clarity. Well done to Amherst Choir who sang beautifully. It was a wonderful service and a great way to start the week.

On Tuesday we took the **whole school to the Stag Theatre to see the pantomime**. It is always a huge undertaking to embark on a whole school trip. When I look around the theatre at how much the children are enjoying the performance it makes all the preparation and hours of organisation worth it. Thank you to Mr Brownlie (Year 6 Teaching Assistant and Breakfast Club Supervisor) for being a willing participant to join the cast on the stage. All staff breathe a sigh of relief when somebody volunteers prior to the event!

**Christmas lunch** was held on Wednesday. Thank you to the PTA for helping set up the hall and make it such a special meal for the children. Thank you to our amazing kitchen team that prepared over 400 meals that were hot and delicious. It was simply superb.

Our final Christmas event of this week was **Training Choir and Amherst Choir singing in front of the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square** yesterday evening. I stood very proudly on the steps watching the children sing and reflected on what a fantastic opportunity it is for children and parents to be part of. Thank you to Mr Clarke for all his hard work rehearsing the choirs but also proactively finding so many events to perform at. I really don't know any other primary school quite like it!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and take the time to enjoy being together as a family.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th January.

Mr Reid

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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. Please complete for **ANY** appointment during the day.

## CLUBS - MINI SIGN UP - SPRING

For those who haven't yet signed up, a limited number of spaces are still available. Don't miss out on the opportunity for your child to join in on the fun and learning!

To sign up, please [click here](#) to tell us which clubs your child would like to attend.

- Clubs start week commencing **13 January 2024** and end **14th March 2024**.
- Once we finalise the club lists, **we will confirm your child's place via an email from the office in the first week of January.**
- We have spaces in: **'NEW' Lacrosse Club / Little Musketeers / Gymnastics / Cross Country / STORY TIME / Orchestra / Training Choir**

## CONSULTATION- ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS (ST GREG'S)

The Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership is consulting on proposed changes to the admissions policy to **take effect for school admissions from September 2026**. The consultation period to 24 January 2025. You can find further information about the proposed changes by [clicking here](#).

## CONSULTATION- ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS (BENNETT)

Bennett Memorial School is now consulting on its 2026 Admissions criteria. Please find their consultation letter detailing the proposed changes to their admissions arrangements for September 2026 and full admissions criteria by [clicking here](#). The consultation period will until Wednesday 29 January 2025.

## TRIP PAYEMNT REMINDERS

This is a reminder for the payments due for:

\*Year 5 Residential Trip (Bushcraft)

\*Year 6 Residential Trip (Hilltop) ... both available on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

6 January	First day of term 3
13 January	Clubs Start
24 January	PTA Meeting - 1.45pm
4 February	Year 6 - Young Voices Trip
7 February	PTA Cake and Hot Dog Sale
14 February	Last day of term 3
24 February	First day of term 4
27 February	Year 3 - Roman Day
28 February	Year 3 - Roman Day
5 March	Year 3 - Roman Day
6 March	World Book Day
14 March	Clubs end
14 March	Open Afternoon - 2.45pm
17 March	Year 6 - Parliament Trip
19 March	Year 6 - Parliament Trip
21 March	PTA Meeting - 1.45pm
21 March	PTA Cake and Hot Dog Sale
22 March	PTA Spring Ball
24 March	Year 6 - Love to Dance Show - Stag Theatre
25 March	Parent Consultations
27 March	Parent Consultations
28 March	PTA School Disco
31 March	Year 3 Easter Production - 2.00pm
1 April	Year 3 Easter Production - 2.00pm
1 April	Amherst School Music Festival - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
4 April	Last Day of Term 4

# LET'S CELEBRATE

## STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Elise K	5A	Elle v H
3CL	Amy A	5HR	Charlie S
3WH	Tommy M-T	5J	Oli A
4C	Tallulah D	6A	Eden G
4SF	Evelyn S	6MW	Beatrix D
4T	Alex T	6W	Ruby Q

## SAILING

During Bough Beech Sailing Club's annual prize giving last weekend, Jasper P (5HR) was awarded the Ben McGrath Memorial trophy. The sailing club's training team congratulated Jasper for being the most improved sailor during this summer's Family Sailing Week and the Autumn training sessions. They particularly praised Jasper for his determination in getting out on the water even on the windiest of days!



## PE TIMETABLE - TERM 3

### Term 3 – PE Timetable 2024/25

#### Indoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12			4C Yoga		5HR Dance
1.35 – 2.30	6MW Indoor Athletics (coach)	6W Indoor Athletics (coach)	4T Yoga	3CL Fitness (coach)	5A Dance
2.30 – 3.25	6A Indoor Athletics (coach)	3B Fitness (coach)	4SF Yoga	3WH Fitness (coach)	5J Dance

#### Outdoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12			5J Handball (coach)		
1.30 – 2.30	3B Netball	4C Lacrosse (coach)	5A Handball (coach)	6A Hockey (coach)	4SF Lacrosse (coach)
2.30 – 3.30	3CL Football	4T Lacrosse (coach)	5HR Handball (coach)	6W Football	
2.00 – 3.00 (Extra class)	3WH Tag Rugby			6MW Tag rugby	

# PANTOMIME

The children had a fantastic time at the Stag Theatre this week and were entertained by the cast of Snow White and of course Silly Billy!!

They certainly came back to school buzzing with excitement!



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## BUZZERS ACADEMIES

### Sports & Multi-Activity Camps

*Every school holiday & half-term*

Dance • Gymnastics • Sports • Archery • Cooking • First Aid  
Arts & Crafts • Athletics • Taekwondo • Boxing • Science



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weave, draw, throw, stack, stick, touch, improve, sculpt, sew

# SEE IT DO IT SHOW IT

A group show of interactive exhibits that invites visitors to change, remake and alter what is on display.

## SVAF CHRISTMAS ART SHOW

11 Dec – 11 Jan 25 (open library hours – closed 24, 25, 26 Dec and 1 Jan)  
PRIVATE VIEW Thursday 11 December 6-8pm

Sevenoaks kaleidoscope gallery  
A Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum artist led space  
Buckhurst Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 1LQ

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

