



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Year 6 Trip to Parliament

I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 on their trip to Parliament on Wednesday. We were lucky to have beautiful sunny weather and London was looking at its best as we arrived at Charing Cross. The children enjoyed the opportunity to walk down Whitehall and see so many famous historic buildings and war memorials.

On our arrival at Parliament we proceeded through security where I had to declare my whistle as this was on the banned item list! We had an excellent guide who then provided a superb tour that was full of historical facts and anecdotal stories. We were fortunate to time our visit with the speaker's procession into the House of Commons. The children were fascinated by the House of Lords and the golden royal throne. Time was spent discussing the suffragettes and their determined campaign to gain the vote for women. We looked at the statue which was damaged when suffragette Marjorie Hume chained herself to it in 1909. The statue has been left unrepaired in memory of the suffragette movement. The children were amazed that women only gained the vote less than 100 years ago.

I spent the morning feeling very proud of the children due to their excellent attitudes and superb behaviour. It is slightly daunting taking the children on the train up to London but as always the children were fantastic.



Open Afternoon

It was great to see so many of you last Friday at Open Afternoon. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to share their work and school environment. I hope you feel well informed about your child's progress and achievements before parents' evening next week.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. I am at Folkestone Hockey Club all Sunday afternoon for the Under 10 Kent Cup. My youngest son plays for Tunbridge Wells Hockey Club. Our first match is against Sevenoaks Hockey Club where I am sure I will see some familiar faces!

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.



SUMMER CLUBS

If you would still like to sign your child up for participating in a summer term club, please click here: [Clubs Booking Form](#)



SPRING BALL– SILENT AUCTION

The Amherst and Riverhead PTAs are thrilled to announce bidding is now open for this years Spring Ball Auction! Thanks to all staff, parents and friends who have donated - we have some cracking lots and we encourage you to go have a look! All the details are on the next page! Bidding closes Saturday 22nd March at 11pm!



AMHERST SCHOOL LIBRARY

You are invited to enter our first ever 500 word story-writing competition!

Closing date: 28 March 2025

Please hand in your entry to the **library desk**.

Make sure you have written your **name** and **class** on your story.



NUT FREE

We have children in school with serious nut allergies. If they eat nuts or for some, are near them, they could get very sick. Please can you ensure to not send in nuts to school—in packed lunches, [bake sales](#) or chocolate donations.



YEAR 3 - MAGAZINE DONATIONS

The Year 3 teachers would really appreciate any children's magazines, which you may have at home, for some reading activities. It would be helpful if some educational magazines such as Kids National Geographic, First News, The Week junior and Eco Kids planet could be donated.



PARKING

Parents, please consider our neighbours and children walking to school when parking at drop off or when collecting your children from school. Please can parents avoid blocking driveways and double parking in Witches Lane.



SCHOOL DISCO

Last chance to purchase your child's tickets. Please click here to book:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>



SCHOOL DISCO

28TH MARCH 2025

YEARS 3 & 4 | 4:30 - 6.00PM

YEARS 5 & 6 | 6.00 - 7.30PM

BOOKING VIA [PTA EVENTS](#)
CLOSING MIDNIGHT 25 MARCH
£5 PER CHILD



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 (Dress Rehearsal)
1 April	Year 3 Easter Production - 2.00pm (For Parents)
1 April	Amherst School Music Festival - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
3 April	PTA - 2nd Hand Uniform Sale - 3.30pm
4 April	Last Day of Term 4

PTA - SPRING BALL

RIVERHEAD PTA & AMHERST PTA

PRESENT

Spring Ball

GRAND RAFFLE



1st Prize

Nintendo Switch Lite Console

2nd Prize

£100 voucher and bottle of
Champagne for
The Old Bank in Westerham

3rd Prize

Electric Hoverboard

TICKETS £1
EACH

Plus Many More Prizes Including.....

- Mother's Day Hamper including beauty, fizz and chocolates
- Children's Toy Hamper including a Drone, arts and crafts and books
- Dinner & Cocktails for 2 at Life On High
- Vouchers for local businesses such as:
 - Devita Beauty
 - Love & Roses
 - Temper Temper Chocolate
 - Skin Aesthetics
 - Chiddingstone Dairy
 - Oliver Bonas
 - Pheasant Plucker Pub & Restaurant



AMHERST SCHOOL PTA

Spring Auction



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now just days away from our 2025 Amherst and Riverhead Spring Ball!

As per previous years, as part of the evening there will be an Auction. Today we are happy to launch the catalogue of prizes that will be available for **all families** to bid on as part of the event. The auction will be hosted online, so you can be involved in the bidding and winning of some of our fantastic prizes whether you're able to attend the ball or not. Bidding is now open and will close at 11pm on Saturday 22nd.

Auction Site

<https://auctionofpromises.com/AmherstAndRiverheadSpringBall2025>

Auction Timing

Thursday 20th March -

Saturday 22nd March -

Bidding Opens

Bidding CLOSES

09:00



23:00

Just a selection
of over 50 of
our auction
Prizes....



Thank you to everyone who has bought Raffle tickets so far to support our fundraising efforts. Just a polite reminder please return your completed Raffle counterfoils and payment by 6pm tomorrow (Friday 21st March). Seal the payment and counterfoils in the envelope provided and return to either Riverhead School Office. Please make sure that you fill in all of the counterfoils to ensure that your tickets are entered into the draw – Name, class and tel no or email address is fine.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Spring Ball Committee

Contact:
Amherst-Chair@outlook.com
Pta@riverhead.kent.sch.uk

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Libby H
3CL	Rafe K
3WH	Eddie S
4C	Tommy M
4SF	Veera N
4T	George H

5A	Eloise P
5HR	Emily T
5J	Linus B
6A	Jack K
6MW	Josh B
6W	Haris K

FOOTBALL

On Saturday 15th March, our football team participated in the Sevenoaks District Football Tournament at Knole Academy.

Amherst won two of the three matches in their first round and drew the third. As a result of a large number of goals scored, Amherst were top of their group and went through to The Cup playoffs. We were drawn against Sevenoaks Primary in the semi finals. It was an incredibly close match with several goal attempts from each team and excellent saves from Sydney, our goal keeper. Unfortunately, Sevenoaks scored one goal towards the end of the game, which meant they were through to the finals.

Every member of the team played brilliantly and displayed superb skill, determination and teamwork. The children were an absolute credit to our school. Many thanks to Mr Brownlie for managing the team on Saturday and to all the parents who gave up their Saturday morning to support the children.

Huge congratulations to Richard L(6MW), Joachim S (6MW), Lucas S (6W), Alex B (6A), Joby C (6A), Coby H (6A), Josh B (6MW) and Sydney H(6MW).

Mrs Wheeler



NETBALL

On Saturday 15th March our netball squad took part in the Sevenoaks and District Inter Schools Netball Tournament at Knole Academy.

We were the current reigning champions so the team had some added pressure to try and retain the title. The tournament is a knock out tournament with all schools participating placed randomly into two groups. Amherst had a tough draw and their first match was against Anthony Roper, notoriously a difficult school to beat at netball. However, our team found their form very quickly and with some amazing shooting from Maisie and Eden, Amherst secured the 12-0 win. The team played Churchill next, which proved a tougher game. The winning streak continued with some great defending from Joey and Maya and super shots from Jess and Lottie to win the match 5-2. Our third game, against Sevenoaks Primary also went our way.

With agile movement across the whole court, Sonith, as Centre, quickly developed a strong line of passing to our shooters, Maya, Maisie, Lottie and Joey who kept scoring the goals, while down the defence end, Nathan, Eden and Jess kept the ball out of Sevenoaks' semi-circle. The final result was 11-1. We continued to play exceptionally well before coming across another brilliant team, St Katherine's, in our fifth game. This game was against an evenly matched side and the final result was a 4-3 win to St Katherine's. However, Amherst went through to the final as winners of their box. Here we met our rivals from last year, St John's. I am pleased to say that Amherst were victorious with a 6-2 score when the final whistle blew. We are incredibly proud of our netball team who played with a positive and competitive team spirit at all times. They all played with determination every step of the way despite it being bitterly cold. Special thanks to Lottie, who was literally pulled from her bed at short notice, without any breakfast, to substitute for illness! Huge thanks to all the parents for supporting us all season and braving another cold sporty morning. The team were: Jess P, Joey S, Lottie P, Maya S, Eden G, Nathan IC, Maisie M and Sonith S.



TENNIS

A big congratulations to Mina and Emma who brought home the trophy for Amherst after winning the 9U Sevenoaks Schools Doubles event on Saturday afternoon in a field of 30 girls from various schools around the area. The girls qualified through their box unbeaten before going on to beat Granville in the semi-final and Hilden Grange in the final.

Well done girls for your hard work preparing for the event in your team training sessions and squads at Chipstead Place LTC.



SWIMMING FOR CHARITY

Belle T (3CL) has just completed a swimming challenge. She has raised £1115 for Young Lives vs Cancer by swimming 5k in March. Super well done Belle!

COMIC RELIEF—RED NOSE DAY!



Wow! A huge thank you to everyone for baking and donating cakes, cupcakes, and biscuits! So far, we have raised an amazing £545 online by 14:37 pm today! If you would still like to donate, the payment request is still open. Every little bit helps this great cause.

Well done, everyone!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



IN THE COMMUNITY

ANGELS CAMPS

Soccer



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Football coaching & fun football themed activities for boys & girls age 5 to 12 years.

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4 DAYS FOOTBALL COACHING & FUN

Easter Half Term For school years 1-9

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9TH APRIL - BIDBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL
10TH APRIL - KINGS HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

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15TH APRIL - THE CAUSEWAY HALL, TONBRIDGE
16TH APRIL - BIDBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL
17TH APRIL - KINGS HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

BOOK NOW! BRICKS4KIDZ.UK/KENT

10AM - 3PM

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SEVENOAKS SCHOOL OF DANCE



14th & 15th April
10am-3pm

Dance, Arts & Crafts
Games & lots of fun!

At Amherst School
Witches Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 2AX
2 days £50 or 1 day £30

To book your place, please contact:
amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

THE FESTIVAL THEATRE

at HEVER CASTLE

We're fast approaching the Easter holidays, come and spend the afternoon at Hever Castle for the gorgeous

Shoe Baby on Tues 15 April, 2pm.

A larger than life, thoughtful, explosion of colourful puppets, retelling the beautiful story by Joyce Dunbar. Ticket prices include the opportunity to stay and play in the castle gardens after the hour-long show, until they close at 6pm. Suitable for all the family, our theatre is a relaxed environment, brilliant for first time theatre goers!

We are offering a 10% discount on all tickets with the promo code EGG525 if booked by 31 March. Do join us, for this lovely Easter treat. We can't wait to welcome you.

Book here: www.heverfestival.co.uk, or here 07379 488 477



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KIDS COMPETITION

Task: Design a new activity for Easter 2025! ☆

ACTIVITY COULD BE:

- ⊕ Based on existing activity with a twist
- ⊕ Repurposing equipment to play in another way
- ⊕ Add your theme to an activity
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Miner announced 27th March
Camp open dates: 29th - 31st April



Booking is now OPEN on the Chipstead FC Website for **Easter Holiday Football Camps (7th - 11th April inc.) & May Half Term (27th & 28th)** which will run at Knole Academy on the 3G pitch

Places will be limited and so early booking is advised.

Please ensure you have a confirmation email of your booking! - see link

The Camps are available to boys and girls of all abilities and focus on all areas such as passing, shooting, dribbling, tackling and goal-keeping helping everyone to improve their all-round game in a totally fun environment.

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Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th of April

Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th of April

9:00-12:00 ages 5-10
14:30-17:30 ages 11-16

All standards welcome & rackets can be provided if required!

£80 for club member for one week
£90 for non members for one week
Individual days available upon request

10% early bird discount for all bookings paid by the 21st of March

Contact adam@artennis.co.uk

