

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

We have reached the end of another successful and busy term. I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well deserved break.

Year 3 Easter Performance

Congratulations to all the children in Year 3 for such a wonderful Easter performance on Tuesday afternoon. It was a pleasure to see them enjoying the opportunity to sing, dance and act in front of an audience. They performed with such independence and maturity which was great to see. Thank you and well done to the Year 3 staff team who worked so hard to enable the children to perform to such a high standard.

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Music Festival

Well done to all children who performed in Tuesday evening's Music Festival. It was great to hear and see the range of musical talent that we have at Amherst. It takes a lot of courage to perform in front of an audience especially as a soloist. It was fantastic to see how many children Mr Clarke had in Training Choir and Amherst Choir. The future looks bright for Amherst Choir. Thank you to Mr Clarke and all the music teachers for preparing the children so well and helping them to do their best.



Easter Bonnets

I have just returned from Riverhead and had the opportunity to see our Year 6 children helping Year R and Year 1 make their Easter bonnets. It was wonderful to see the Year 6 children supporting the younger children showing their responsible and helpful nature. At the same time, Year 5 were supporting their Year 2 buddies in Amherst hall in making their bonnets. The creations were a delight to see.

St. George's Day

St. George's Day is celebrated on Wednesday 23rd April. It is tradition that children who attend Cubs, Brownies, Beavers, Scouts and Guides can wear their uniform to school.

Hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and enjoy the continued good weather. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mr Reid



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.



NEW MENU

We are launching our **new menu** after Easter. Please can you discuss this with your child and inform us of weekly meal pattern changes by [clicking here](#). Please make payment via www.schoolgateway.com.

Costs for the new term are as follows:

- Daily - £ 2.85
- Weekly - £ 14.25
- Term 5 - £ 68.40 (24 days)
- Term 6 - £ 96.90 (34 days)
- Term 5 & 6 - £ 165.30



As always, you should please pay for your school meals in **ADVANCE** (either weekly or termly).



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.



LETTERS SENT

Whole School—Club Letters for the summer term.



ST GEORGE'S DAY

Children who attend cubs and scouts come into school in their cub/scout uniform on St George's Day, Wednesday 23rd April.



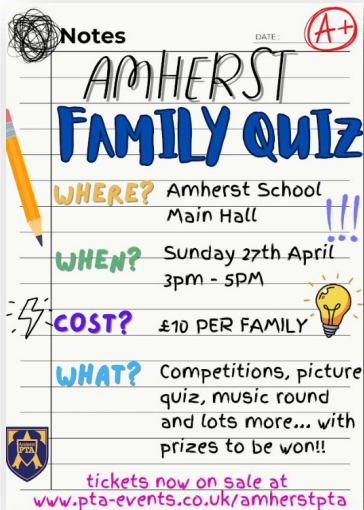
PTA

Amherst PTA invites you to its first Family Quiz event on **Sunday 27th April** for an afternoon of super fun competitions and awesome trivia for the whole family.

- £10 per family (up to 4 family members. Additional children/adults £3 each).
- Tables of up to 4 families (max 12 per table).
- For tickets: PTA-Events.co.uk/Amherstpta

This is a family event and children attending should be accompanied by a parent or carer. Please note that children 6 years and under are welcome but the event is aimed at children from Year 3 upwards.

Feel free to bring your own (non-alcoholic) refreshments!



LUNCH BANDS, MERIT BADGES

Please can lunch bands and merit badges be returned to the school office—thank you!



HEADLICE

We had 2 reports of headlice recently. Over the holidays, please can you check your child's hair for these pesky nuisances. For more info: [NHS head-lice-and-nits](#)



22 April	First day of Term 5
23 April	St George's Day (Cubs & Scouts can wear their uniform)
23 April	Year 5 - Local visit to Bessels Green Baptist Church
25 April	PTA Cake Sale
27 April	PTA Family Quiz
28 April	Clubs Start
29 April	Amherst Choir to Sevenoaks Schools Partnership Concert
9 May	PTA BBQ Planning
12 May	SATS week
16 May	PTA Cake Sale
16 May	PTA Quiz Night
23 May	Last Day of Term 5
2 June	INSET day
3 June	First day of Term 6



LET'S CELEBRATE



SWIMMING

Polly S (6MW) qualified to compete in the U12 category at the Swim England annual events for the highest achieving artistic swimmers in the country.

On 1st March she competed at the South East Regional Artistic Swimming Age Group Championships. She had a great day and came away with a bronze medal for her individual performance and a silver medal for her duet routine.

This was followed by the Swim England National Age Group Championships on 15th March at the London Aquatic Centre. Polly placed 17th out of 75 artistic swimmers in the individual competition and her duet routine achieved 7th place.

Polly's club Aquaoaks are really proud of her. Well done Polly!



CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday, Amherst's running team gave an outstanding performance at the cross country event hosted by Sevenoaks Prep. With 20 schools competing and approximately 480 children on site, it was a brilliant afternoon. Every child who took part demonstrated incredible commitment and determination, making it a pleasure to support them throughout the competition.

A special congratulations to **Beatrix**, who delivered an exceptional performance, finishing **1st overall** in the **Year 5 & 6 girls' race**—a truly remarkable achievement! She crossed the finish line with an impressive lead, leaving no competition close behind.

Further success came from our **Year 3 & 4 girls' team** and our **Year 5 & 6 girls' team**, both of whom secured **1st place overall** in their respective categories.

A huge well done to all the children who competed—you should be very proud of your achievements!

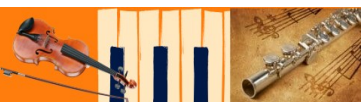
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LACROSSE

We played our Sevenoaks tournament with only two teams able to qualify for the regionals at the University of Surrey. All the children played excellently and showed how much they have improved since this time last year. Both teams made it to the final round with Amherst 1 winning overall with 20 points, resulting in a place at the regional competition in May. We look forward to updating you all on our progress in the regionals soon.

Thank you to all the families who came to support us and continue to support lacrosse at Amherst.



MUSIC

Congratulations to William H (5A) who passed his Grade 2 Viola exam with merit.

PE TIMETABLE

Term 5 – PE Timetable 2024/25

Indoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10		4T Gym			
11 – 12					
1.35 – 2.30	5HR Dodgeball	4SF Gym	Year 6 (all classes) Dodgeball	3CL Dance	5J Dodgeball
2.30 – 3.25	5A Dodgeball	4C Gym	Year 6 (all classes) Dodgeball	3B Dance	3WH Dance

Outdoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12					
1.30 – 2.30	6A Athletics (coach)	3CL Cricket (coach)	5A Rounders	4SF Athletics (coach)	6W Cricket (coach)
2.30 – 3.30	6MW Athletics (coach)	3WH Cricket (coach)	5J Rounders	4C Rounders	3B Cricket (coach)
(Extra class)			5HR Tennis	4T Rounders	

DURING THE LAST 2 WEEKS IN SCHOOL, WE ...



...made Easter Bonnets with Year 2 Buddies.



...hosted the Amherst Music Festival.



...Year 6 Love to Dance troupe performed at the Stag.



...and were treated to the most amazing EASTER cupcakes by our lovely kitchen!



... we showcased our lovely Year 3 EASTER performance,

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the images for more information.

Sevenoaks

SEND ROADSHOW

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) event for families or children at schools in the Sevenoaks Partnership of Primary Schools. This event is designed for anyone whose child or young person has or may have special educational needs and/or disabilities and wants to meet with services that are available in your area. We will have a wide range of services in attendance suitable for ages 0 - 25 and their families.

What will the event look like?

We will have lots of amazing SEND services with their own stalls to go to for a chat, we have also invited along a number of local SENCOs. No need to book just come along anytime between 1pm and 3pm, refreshments will be available. If you have any questions or accessibility requirements please email sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk

Feedback from our previous SEND events...

"I have more information to support my child's learning"

"all the information I needed in one place"

"what I've been looking for"



1PM - 3PM
29
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at St. James' School Sandridge Road Tunbridge Wells

or via self-tape before the 5th April at 12pm

Open to anyone aged between 12-25

By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart, Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard
Orchestrations by Larry Whittle, Adapted by John Kander for the Stage Shakespeare Company
Based upon the classic children's novel written by Lerner Entertainment Co. and distributed by an affiliate of Warner Bros.

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

SEVENOAKS PARTNERSHIP OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Music by ALAN MENKEN Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER Book by DOUG WRIGHT

The Stag Theatre April 24th, 25th, 26th

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions
Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Disney Theatrical International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by DTI www.dti.com

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10AM - 3PM

WEEK 1
Monday 7th - Tuesday 8th April
Thursday 10th - Friday 11th April

WEEK 2
Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th April

TWGSB
Sevenoaks Campus
Seal Hollow Road
Sevenoaks
TN13 3SN

To book -
Follow the QR code, taking you straight to our website.
Go to our website, find Holiday Football Camps, and book your place there.

See website for more details or email: camps@lovethegameuk.co.uk

Better Together survey

We're asking residents to take part in our 'Better Together' survey which looks at all aspects of the community and asks what improvements could be made to support you into volunteering and community activity.

Better Together began in 2022. Since then, it has helped local people to set up many new initiatives and events. It has also funded local projects.

We're now running a short survey which asks for feedback on the scheme, how residents feel about their communities and how they could get involved to benefit their local area.

You have until midnight on Tuesday 13 May 2025 to take part.

Take the Better Together survey

Take our survey to win a £50 shopping voucher

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