

WELCOME Back



MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Welcome Back

It has been great to welcome the children back this week after the Easter holidays. I hope you had the chance to enjoy the break whether staying at home or away. **A source of great excitement** this week has been **our new projector in the hall**, which has made us all realise how poor the previous image quality had become.

St George's Day

It was wonderful to see so many children yesterday dressed in their **Cubs, Brownies, Beavers, Scouts and Guides uniforms** in celebration of **St. George's Day**. My assembly yesterday gave the children **nine interesting facts** about St. George's Day. I challenged them to be able to remember a minimum of three. Maybe ask them tonight to see if any facts have been retained!

Bluebells

If you are looking for a good activity this weekend then I would highly recommend visiting a **bluebell wood** to marvel at this **amazing natural display of beauty**. It can be quite breath-taking when they are in full bloom which doesn't last for long. Emmetts Garden, Ide Hill (National Trust) is a great place to see them or find a local woodland where there would be no entry cost.

Fairness

This term's value is **Fairness** and the accompanying school rule is:

We will treat everyone as our equal at Amherst School.

This term's assemblies and PSHE curriculum will be focussed on the theme of fairness. I always find that fairness provokes a strong response in all children. So often children will say that something is unfair when seeing a situation only from their perspective. The image is really useful when explaining to children that fairness is not always about everybody having the same. This is especially true when considering what additional support some children need in school to give them a better chance of having a similar outcome as their peers.

Equal



Fair



End of Day Waiting Area

Please be mindful when waiting with **younger children** at the end of the day as the **wall and hedge are not suitable for climbing**. The large drop on the car park side is not as obvious when standing on the astro turf.

I am due to play my first cricket match of the season on Saturday, predictably the forecast is rain amongst all this good weather!

I hope you all have a great weekend.

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.



NEW MENU

Please make sure to top-up your child's lunch money account 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.



PTA— FAMILY QUIZ THIS SUNDAY!

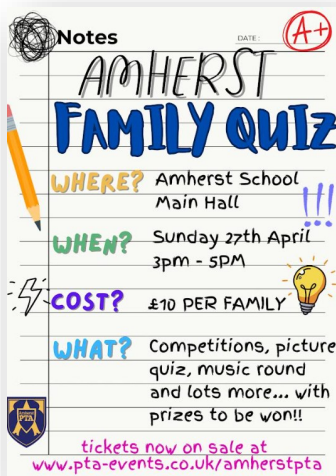
Teams have been signing up over Easter but we still have tables available for this fab event. No screens, family time, lots of giggles and a challenge for all. Will you be the winning family?! Will your children be able to answer more questions than you?!

We can fit up to 12 on a table so join with your friends (or do you have confidence to be your family alone?), and see which families are the stars of the week!!!

Sunday 27th April

- £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!



TRIP PAYMENTS

YEAR 6 HILLTOP - A reminder that the final payment is due on 30.04.2025.

YEAR 5 BUSHCRAFT - 3rd instalment due 30.04.2025



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

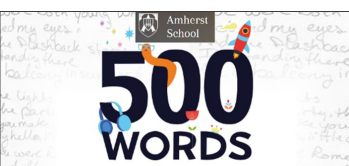
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12					
1.30 – 2.30	6A Athletics (coach)	3CL Cricket (coach)	5A Rounds	4SF Athletics (coach)	6W Cricket (coach)
2.30 – 3.30	6MW Athletics (coach)	3WH Cricket (coach)	5J Rounds	4C Rounds	3B Cricket (coach)
(Extra class)			5HR Tennis	4T Rounds	

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Zachary W
3CL	Ella C
3WH	Kian M
4C	Max L
4SF	Tilly W
4T	Eliza O'H

5A	Emme M
5HR	Ollie P
5J	Emily G
6A	Sonith S
6MW	Cecily K
6W	Andrew P



STORY-WRITING

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners of the **First 500 Words Story Competition!** Your creativity, imagination, and storytelling brilliance truly stood out. Whether it was suspense, humor, heart, or magic—you captured it all in just 500 words. That's no small feat!

To everyone who participated: thank you for sharing your voice. Keep writing, keep dreaming, and get ready for the next round!

- The winner from year 3 is:
Emma from 3B for a beautiful story about a wise cat called Yuki.
- The winner from year 4 is:
William from 4C for a story called: The Quantum Ball
- The winner from year 5 is:
Eirene B from 5HR for The Lonely AI Car
- And the winner for year 6 is:
Beatrix D from 6MW for The Girl Who Grew Scales



MUSIC

Congratulations to the following children on their fantastic exam results:

- Richard L —piano grade 1 distinction
- Mark G —recorder grade 3 merit
- Prakruti H —flute grade 1 merit
- Anthony M —piano grade 1 merit
- Stevie A-C —piano grade 1 pass
- Lucy T —piano grade 2 pass
- Artie K —piano grade 1 pass

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL

Clubs

We are thrilled to announce the recent **expansion of our BREAKFAST and AFTER SCHOOL clubs!** This means more availability for your children to start and end their school day in a safe, engaging, and supportive environment.

If you are interested in taking up a place this side of September, please complete our booking form on the following link: [Club info and booking form](#)

Please note that we will be offering the **newly available spaces to incoming Year 3 students shortly.** We don't want you to miss out—so please **make sure to secure your child's spot and take advantage of these extra spaces while they're still available!**



Breakfast
After School
Clubs

SUMMER TERM LETTERS

From the Teachers

BE INFORMED

SUMMER TERM

YEAR GROUP LETTERS

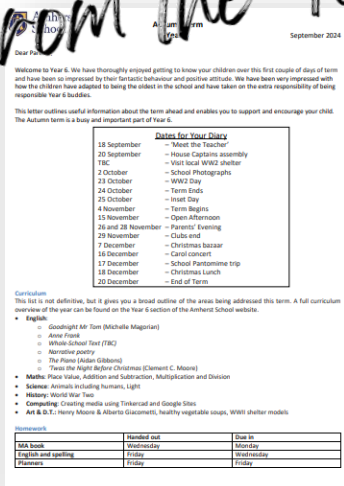
Please click on the links below for info on curriculum, trips, homework and more ...

[Year 3 Letter](#)

[Year 4 Letter](#)

[Year 5 Letter](#)

[Year 6 Letter](#)



PTA - EVENTS TO COME

Save the date

Please save the dates for the following 2 events!

The 'Amherst Summer BBQ' is really something

to look forward to as this is when as a school we celebrate the end of another brilliant year!



TERM 5 & 6 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 April	PTA Family Quiz 3.00pm - 5.00pm
28 April	Clubs Start
29 April	Amherst Choir to Sevenoaks Schools Partnership Concert
9 May	PTA BBQ Planning 1.45pm
12 May	SATS week
16 May	PTA Cake Sale
16 May	PTA Quiz Night 7.00pm - 10.00pm
20 May	Year 5 Kent Test Meeting/Hilltop 6.00pm
23 May	Last Day of Term 5
2 June	INSET day
3 June	First day of Term 6
4 June	Sex & Relationship Education Talk—Year 5 & 6 parents 3.45pm
6 June	Year 3 Trip - Wildlife Reserve Sevenoaks
6 June	Year 4 Trip - Hampton Court
6 June	PTA Ice Cream Sale
9-13 June	Year 6 - Hilltop Residential
9-12 June	Amherst's Got Talent week
13 June	PTA Ice Cream Sale
17 June	Year 5 - Greek Workshop & Children to dress up
17 June	Year 5 Parent Consultations
18 June	Year 5 Parent Consultations
20 June	PTA Ice Cream Sale
25 June	Open Afternoon 2.45pm
26-27 June	Year 5 Bushcraft Trip
27 June	Clubs End
27 June	PTA Ice Cream Sale
28 June	PTA Summer BBQ 3.00pm - 7.00pm
30 June	New Parent Meeting 2.00pm - 3.00pm
1 July	Year 5 Buddy Olympics
3 July	Secondary School Transition Day
4 July	Sports Day 1.30pm - 3.30pm
4 July	PTA Ice Cream Sale
11 July	PTA - Year end review & plan for 25/26 1.45pm - 2.45pm
11 July	PTA Ice Cream Sale
11 July	PTA Leavers' Disco 5.30 - 7.30pm
11 July	Summer Production - Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm - 3.15pm
14 July	Summer Production - Matinee Performance 1.45pm - 3.15pm
15 July	Summer Production - Evening Performance 7.00 - 8.30pm
16 July	Summer Production - Evening Performance 7.00 - 8.30pm
18 July	PTA Ice Cream Sale
18 July	Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match 5.30 - 9.30pm
18 July	Last Day of Term 6

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the images for more information.



Knole Academy Sevenoaks are holding taster sessions for year 5 children on the following dates:

- 17/18/19 June 2025
- 24/25/26 June 2025
- 8/9/10 July 2025

Bookings open on 1st May 2025 on a first come first served basis online via our website. Only one booking per child can be made from the 18 sessions on offer to allow us to accommodate as many children as possible. Please keep an eye on our website for the booking link and further information www.knoleacademy.org

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SEVENOAKS WELCOMES REFUGEES PRESENTS OUR 2025 REFUGEE FUNDRAISING DAY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MAYOR OF SEVENOAKS



SWR FUN DAY

SAT 26 APRIL 2025
THE STAG THEATRE, SEVENOAKS TN13 1ZZ

<p>10:30 - 12:00</p> <p>HAPPY HATTERS KIDS PARTY</p>	<p>PARTY TICKETS</p> <p>OR CALL BOX OFFICE ON 01752 450173</p>	<p>10:00 - 13:00</p> <p>BOOT SALE & BOOK BARGAINS</p>	<p>10:00 - 16:00</p> <p>ART EXHIBITION & SILENT AUCTION</p>
<p>19:00 - 21:30</p> <p>SQUEEZE-A-CROWD IN CONCERT</p>	<p>EVENING TICKETS</p> <p>OR CALL BOX OFFICE ON 01752 450175</p>	<p>20:00</p> <p>PAINTINGS CHARITY AUCTION</p>	<p>21:30</p> <p>LOTTERY DRAW FOR CASH PRIZES</p>

When peace shatters in suburbia
the claws come out...

CAT FIGHT

Friday, 16th May

Sevenoaks Bookshop, 7pm
in conversation with Bobby Palmer



Join local Sevenoaks author Kit Conway as she discusses her new book



To book tickets or find out more, scan here



Sevenoaks Town Council | **SEVENOAKS WELCOMES REFUGEES** | STAG SEVENOAKS
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Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID



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 Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk