



MESSAGE FROM MR REID

VE Day

It is VE Day (Victory in Europe) on Thursday 8th May. This year it is 80 years since the end of WW2 in Europe on 8th May 1945.

To celebrate VE Day at Amherst we would like the children to wear red, white and blue to school on Thursday. There will be a special assembly giving them the opportunity to learn more about VE Day and its significance. We will also have a special pudding for lunch that day!

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Fairness

We have continued exploring this term's value of fairness in assemblies this week. We discussed that for people to describe us as a fair person there are **certain character traits and behaviours** that you need to show consistently. **Children sometimes forget** that their behaviours and actions do shape other people's views and opinions of their character. The **traits we discussed** were:

- Take turns
- Tell the truth
- Play by the rules
- Think about how your actions will affect others
- Listen to people with an open mind
- Don't blame others for your mistakes
- Don't take advantage of other people
- Don't play favourites

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Year 6 SATs

Reminder that Year 6 children have their SATs tests the week beginning Monday 12th May. Please could all Year 6 children make every effort to be in school each day that week and on time. The children have worked so hard and I'm sure, as always, they will do their best.

School Caps

Now we have such glorious weather and children are wearing hats to school please could I remind you that the children should be wearing the **Amherst School cap** or a **plain navy blue cap**. Please could you **avoid caps with logos** or of different colours. **Thank you** for your anticipated support.

I hope you all have a great weekend and enjoy the bank holiday on Monday.



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.



CLUBS 6 - 9 MAY

Tuesday 06/05/2025 - Table Tennis Squad WILL BE training

All clubs are expected to run as normal.



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 – COMPETITION

PTA COMPETITION
DESIGN THE PTA BBQ POSTER

This year the PTA would like to invite pupils to design a poster advertising the summer BBQ. Posters should be A4 in size and include the following information:
Date: Sat 28th June
Time: 3-7pm
Advance ticket prices: adult £6 / child £4
Free inflatables

Entry price is £1. All entries to be handed in to the office by Friday 16th May please.

Your poster could show that there will be all of these and more:

- Candy floss and sweets
- Ice creams
- BBQ
- Bar
- Games
- Music and entertainment
- Raffle and toy tombola
- Inflatables



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS – YEAR 5 & 6

Please find the document listing dates for open events 2025 [here](#).

**** Please remember to complete an absence form for all open events you plan to take your child to. We need to book lunches first thing in the morning and this is done via the absence form. (see top of the page for the link)**



PTA ADULT QUIZ– BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Join us on Friday 16th May for an evening of fun, trivia, and friendly competition!

Organise a team of up to 10 or buy individual tickets to join a table when you arrive. £10 per ticket (available to purchase as individual or group tickets).

The quiz will be held at Amherst School. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Bring your own food and drinks...(any food deliveries should arrive between 7.30-8.00pm so as to not interrupt the quiz). There will also be an honesty bar on the night for drinks and snacks too.

Please book your place on <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>



CHIPSTEAD LANE CLOSED

Please note that Chipstead Lane will be closed for pothole repair on Tuesday 6th May.



LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK

Year 6—SATS information.



SUMMER TERM LETTERS

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

YEAR GROUP LETTERS

- [Year 3 Letter](#)
- [Year 4 Letter](#)
- [Year 5 Letter](#)
- [Year 6 Letter](#)

From the Teachers

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Grace C
3CL	Wren J
3WH	Leo H-M
4C	Joba O
4SF	Zoe M
4T	Elsie A

5A	Elissa B
5HR	Leonie S
5J	Zachary G
6A	Coby H
6MW	Isla S
6W	Thea W



PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

This week a team of children from Amherst took part in the Primary Maths Challenge at Tonbridge Grammar School. They did brilliantly, coming 2nd out of 18 teams. The team was Joey S, Richard L, Beatrix D and Naomie C-W. Well done!



CRICKET

Well done to the Amherst Cricket team that played a friendly hardball match against Ashford Prep School on Monday. For many children in the team this was their first hardball match. The team played brilliantly and it was a most exciting game. We narrowly lost to Ashford in the last over. Well done to Thomas W who took three wickets (all bowled) in his two overs which got us back in the game.

The team was Eden G, William C, Xander W, Ben G, Thomas W, Josh P, Felix S, Conor B, Zach G, Richard L, Joshua B and Joey S.



FOOTBALL

George C travelled up to Coventry this weekend to play in the Junior Premier League Nationals at Warwick University. Over 200 teams across the country took part during the season. His team missed out on playing in the final by 1 point and they finished in third spot.

Well done George!



TAG RUGBY

Congratulations to the tag rugby team, who competed in the Sevenoaks Rugby Tournament. Despite having only one training session, they performed fantastically, finishing 4th out of 15 schools, winning the Cup trophy.

They were an absolute credit to the school, playing every game with a smile on their face. I am incredibly proud of them!

Mr Hafford-Robson

CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Last Tuesday the Amherst Choir took part in a concert hosted by Sevenoaks School.

They performed individually, alongside the Riverhead Infants' Choir, and as part of a combined choir with six other local schools.

The children began with *SOS from the Kids* with the Riverhead choir conducted by our violin teacher and the Riverhead choir leader, Ros Hind.

We then sang two of our favourites, *The Rose* and *Put On a Happy Face*, before joining in with a group performance of a folk song medley.

Well done to all of the children for a fantastic concert, and a huge thank you to Sevenoaks School for hosting this event!



THE SPACE
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AT SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

PTA - EVENTS TO COME

The 'Amherst Summer BBQ' is one of the highlights in our year.

As the school year winds down, let's come together to celebrate all we've achieved and kick off summer in style!

Look forward to an afternoon of great food and fun activities.

Bring your picnic blankets, lawn chairs and Team Amherst spirit!

Let's make it a day to remember—see you at the BBQ!

Save the date

AMHERST SUMMER BBQ

Music - Food - Games - Inflatables

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 3PM - 7PM

Join us for a fun afternoon of family entertainment!

TERM 5 & 6 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9 May	PTA BBQ Planning 1.45pm
12 May	Year 6 - 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
19 June	Kent Fire and Rescue Workshop
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.

MAY KIDS CAMP

27th - 30th May





Activities

- MULTI SPORTS
- P.E GAMES
- DODGEBALL
- BULLDOG
- FOOTBALL, TENNIS, HANDBALL AND MANY MORE!

Riverhead Infants School
10am-3pm
£20 per day
4-11 year olds

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RUN 7 MILES IN KNOLE PARK

The iconic 7-mile multi-terrain summer challenge set in spectacular Knole Park
(By kind permission of Knole Estate & The National Trust)

SUNDAY 13 JULY 2025 - 9AM

Registration Fee **£22** Per Runner

Medals for all finishers and other prizes!

Race HQ: Sevenoaks Rugby Club, TN13 3RP

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in conversation with Bobby Palmer



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Sunday 11th May 2-4 pm

Riverhead Village Hall

Refreshments—Tea, Coffee, Scones, Cake

Children's Activities

Face Painting

Music

Free Event

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Ask a Counsellor

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Ask a counsellor +

As part of Mental Health Week starting on the 12th May, we're excited to be launching "Ask a Counsellor" again - offering a **free 20-minute digital chat** with one of our qualified counsellors. This is a space where parents can talk about whatever's on their minds when it comes to their children, and our counsellors will be there to support them in the best way they can.

What: Free 20-min chat with a qualified counsellor – a space for parents to talk about anything on their minds

When: 12 - 16 May

FOR AGES 6 TO 12

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9am to 5pm
Sunday 18th May
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Adult spectator - £7.50
Child spectator - £5
(aged 4 - 16 years)
Family £20
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