



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Victory in Europe Day - 80 years

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed in red, white and blue to celebrate VE Day yesterday.

We held a **special VE Day assembly** which hopefully helped the children understand why we were celebrating VE Day 80 years on since 8th May 1945. We began by exploring a brief recap on the **events of WW2** which led to **VE Day**. We focussed on how people felt and celebrated in 1945. **We watched and listened to people's accounts of the event and in particular the story of Alan.** He was a **young boy at the time** and had the job of delivering newspapers and was up early to share the news. He noticed that people had lit bonfires in the street to celebrate, something that they had not been able to do for six years.

I also shared the **story of Queen Elizabeth II** attending a party secretly at the Ritz Hotel with her sister as a member of the public. This was something she only did once in her life but the memory of that night lasted forever.

We then looked at **how we have celebrated VE Day this week** such as the **procession and flypast** in London on Monday. A highlight was watching a **short video clip of the cockpit view** inside one of the Red Arrows.



Finally we finished the assembly by **singing *It's a long way to Tipperary*** to give the children a feeling for the type of songs that might have been sung in 1945. At lunchtime the children enjoyed a delicious **VE Day cake for pudding**. **Thank you to the kitchen team** for all their hard work icing all the cakes individually.

Please take the time to ask your child about VE Day and see what they can remember!

This Weekend

I am looking forward to going to **Brands Hatch on Sunday** with my family to watch the **British Touring Cars Event**. It is a great day out and **children under 13 go for free!**

I hope you all have a good weekend.

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 12 – 16 MAY

Due to SATS week, we have to cancel a few clubs:

- Tuesday 13/05/2025 - No Lacrosse
- Wednesday 14/05/2025—No Curling
- Wednesday 14/05/2025—No Forest School
- Thursday 15/05/2025—No Hockey Club

All other clubs are expected to run as normal.



BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have recently **expanded** both our clubs and have spaces available now and for September. If you are in need of wraparound childcare, please complete our booking form on the following [link](#).

WE HAVE EXPANDED



NO NUTS PLEASE

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.



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)**



YEAR 5 BUSHCRAFT FORM

Please can all year 5 parents ensure that they have completed our Bushcraft Parent Consent form with medical and personal information.



PTA – COMPETITION

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

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.



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>

Amherst PTA presents
PARENTS QUIZ NIGHT
Friday 16 May
STARTS 8PM
AMHERST SCHOOL
GET YOUR TEAMS READY!!
SAVE THE DATE



LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK

Amherst Choir Letter

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Ila W
3CL	Blake T
3WH	Charlotte S
4C	Ademola S
4SF	Max M
4T	Thomas P

5A	Teddy H
5HR	Ainaha A
5J	Josh E
6A	Ethan T
6MW	Joachim S
6W	Oliver K



MUSIC

Congratulations to the following children with their excellent music exam results:

Jasper F — Merit —Grade 2 Saxophone

Emily A — Distinction —Grade 1 Clarinet



TENNIS

Amherst's tennis teams have had a very successful run of competitions recently.

We had winners in several categories at Sevenoaks School's Doubles tournament last week:

- Red Girls: Marnya N & Emma S (gold)
- Red Boys: Vihaan G & Panos K (bronze medal)
- Orange Girls: Emma S & Mina J (gold)
- Green Girls: Mina J & Isabe N (gold - Coach Adam said the girls performed brilliantly to take home the winners trophy for the school in a field of 20 girls. A fantastic effort from both!)
- Green Boys: Oliver G & Nathan I (gold)



Well done to Jasper, Vihaan, Panos & Alex who took part in the Orange boys event on Saturday, the boys performed really well and were a credit to the school.



Well done Vihaan & Emma who represented the school in the Kent Youth Games schools doubles tennis event on Wednesday. After qualifying as box winners Vihaan and Emma went on to win the tournament in a well fought final against Lady Boswells finishing as school champions representing Amherst.

Well done to all of you for your hard work.

Adam Reaveley— Chipstead Place LTC

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE



Parenting in the Digital Age



Raising kids in the digital age isn't easy. Many of us are asking the same questions and facing the same pressures.

Join us for an open, supportive discussion designed to inform and empower parents and discover some of the powerful benefits of delaying smartphones and social media for children.



Tuesday 24 June Amherst Primary School 7:00pm-8:30pm

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfnc9js>



We invite you to a presentation focused on one of the most pressing topics facing families today: **social media and smartphones** in the lives of children.

The talk will be run by Regional Leader of the charitable organisation, Smartphone Free Childhood, Katherine Myatt.

This session will explore:

- The **risks and harms** of early smartphone and social media use
- The impact on **mental health, attention, and development**
- Practical strategies to **delay use** and support healthier habits

Whether your child is already asking for a phone or you're thinking ahead, this presentation will offer valuable insight and tools to help you make confident, informed decisions.



Date: Tuesday 24 June



Time: 7pm



Location: Amherst School

Please RSVP by [clicking here](#) to register your interest. Please note that this presentation is suitable for parents only and children are not invited to attend.

PTA - EVENTS TO COME

Save the date

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!

The poster features a dark green background with a yellow and green bunting banner at the top. On the left, there are colorful balloons and a butterfly. On the right, there is a sun and a bee. The Amherst PTA logo is in the top right corner. The main text reads 'AMHERST SUMMER BBQ' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, it says 'Music - Food - Games - Inflatables'. At the bottom, there is a red barbecue grill with a fire, surrounded by green trees and a butterfly. Two yellow boxes contain the event details: 'SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 3PM - 7PM' and 'JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!'.

AMHERST PTA

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

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 and Hilltop Meeting 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 - Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve
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 5.30pm - 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 7.00pm - 8.30pm
16 July	Summer Production - Evening Performance 7.00pm - 8.30pm
18 July	PTA Ice Cream Sale
18 July	Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match 5.30pm - 9.30pm
18 July	Last Day of Term 6

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the images for more information.

SEVENOAKS SWIMMING CLUB



LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS

JOIN US FOR A FREE TRIAL LESSON

WEEKEND CLASSES HELD IN LOCAL SEVENOAKS POOLS

- EXPERT AND FRIENDLY COACHES
- SAFE AND STRUCTURED LESSONS
- BOOST CONFIDENCE IN THE WATER

HIGH-QUALITY YEAR ROUND SWIMMING LESSONS TAILORED TO CHILDREN AGED 4 AND UP, RANGING FROM BEGINNERS LEARNING THEIR FIRST STROKES TO SWIMMERS ADVANCING TO PRE-COMPETITIVE LEVELS

EMAIL: MEMBERSEC@SEVENOAKSSC.ORG





SOCCER SCHOOLS

HOLIDAY COURSES

KENT

Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now for our upcoming Holiday Courses in the May Half Term by scanning the QR code or visiting our booking website and using the below course code.

chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Area	Venue	Dates
Tonbridge	The Hayesbrook School	27th May

Course Code	Ages	Cost
SS-HYB-K-40	5-12 Years	£25.00



Wings of the Morning Field, 1 London Road, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 7NS

THE EVENT WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

ATTRACTIONS

- Wrestling
- The British Lawn Mower Racing Association
- Amazing Reptiles
- Petting Farm
- The Spotty Boys
- Cookery Demo Tent
- Chain Saw Carving
- Kent Kite Flyers
- Archery
- Flying Ryan Stunts

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KIDS

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Rides
Magic
Kids Games Area
and more

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10.00AM TO 5.00PM

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WATCH SIXES LACROSSE AT BLACKHEATH RUGBY CLUB

17 & 18 MAY 2025

Witness the fastest sport on two feet at Blackheath Rugby Club!

Soon to be seen at the Olympics in 2028, enjoy both women's and men's elite level lacrosse across one weekend in May.



SCAN FOR INFO






NEW SESSION FOR GIRLS

BASKETBALL FOR GIRLS

Email info@sevenoakssuns.com for a free trial session



FRI 5:30-6:30PM **SCHOOL YEAR 2-5** **KNOLE ACADEMY**