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MESSAGE FROM MR REID



New Road Layout

I'm sure like me you have been watching with interest the new road layout that has been created by the traffic lights at the top of Witches Lane. I have a major concern that the lack of barriers and creation of a drop curb have made the area more unsafe for our children than the previous layout. The lack of a green man light higher up also makes it harder to know when to cross safely.

I will be raising my concerns with Sevenoaks District Council and would encourage you to do the same. If you share these concerns please email Nigel.williams@kent.gov.uk copied to activetravel@kent.gov.uk and Riverhead Parish council clerk@riverheadparishcouncil.gov.uk.

SATS Year 6 SATs

Well done to all children in Year 6 who completed their SATs tests this week. These are tests that all children across the country sit. The tests comprise of a Reading paper, Grammar, punctuation and spelling paper and three maths papers. The children were amazing and approached the tests with such a positive and at times almost enthusiastic attitude. I felt very proud as their headteacher observing all children keen to do their best. Thank you to Miss Wonnacott and the Year 6 teaching team for preparing the children so well and enabling the week to run smoothly.



Parenting in the Digital Age meeting

I hope you have seen further on in the newsletter promotion of our parent meeting on Tuesday 24th June 7.00pm. This will be a really informative meeting regarding children's smartphone use and how we can support them as parents. As a parent of a 15, 13 and 9 year old I know how challenging and complex this area of parenting is. I would encourage you to attend.



This summer - Amherst Presents:

We are delighted to announce that this year's summer production will be *Aladdin!*



Year 6 will have the lead parts and Years 3, 4 and 5 will be the wonderful chorus.

Our whole school summer productions are a strong tradition at Amherst which the children gain so much from. It is such a treat to hear the songs during rehearsals from my office during the final weeks of Term 6!

I hope you all have a great 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 19 – 23 MAY

Please note that the following clubs will not be on next week:

- Wednesday 21/05/2025 - No Spanish Club
- Thursday 22/05/2025—No Hockey Club
- Thursday 22/05/2025—No Year 3 & 4 Cricket Club
- Friday 23/05/2025—No Year 5 & 6 Cricket Club

All other clubs are expected to run as normal.



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.



PARKING

Parents, please consider our neighbours and children walking to school when parking at drop off or when collecting your children from school.



WINNING HOUSE – BRADBOURNE

Congratulations to Bradbourne winning this term's house points. Children are allowed to wear red on the last day of term.



LOST ITEMS— KEYS AND SCOOTER

- If you have lost a set of car keys in Riverhead Parkland, please contact the school office.
- Someone left a Micro Scooter by the crossing on Witches Lane yesterday, please contact the school office if this is yours.



YEAR 6 – AUDITIONS (MAIN AND MEDIUM PARTS)

- **If you would like to audition for a main part:**

Please choose one character to learn the lines for over the weekend and we look forward to seeing your acting performance next week. You should also learn one of the songs taught to you by Mr Clarke and be ready to perform this song next week too. This will also be on google classroom – music section.

1. Go to <https://classroom.google.com/>
2. Click the + sign in the right corner
3. Type in Class Code: Idh7i2y

- **If you would like to audition for a medium part (non-singing role):**

Please choose one character to learn the lines for over the weekend and we look forward to seeing your acting performance next week. You do not need to do a singing audition.

- **If your child has not logged on to Google Classroom before, please do the following:**

1. Log out of all Google accounts on the device—**VERY IMPORTANT**
2. Go to <https://classroom.google.com/>
3. Log in with your email address:
 - Email address: namesurname@amherst.kent.sch.uk
 - Password: [amherst2021](#) for most children
 - For late joiners (Amherst and the year your child started at Amherst i.e. [Amherst2024](#) if they started in 2024)



MERIT BADGES

Please can you return all merit badges to the school office—we are running very low at the moment. Many thanks



LUNCH MONEY

Please remember to top up your child's lunch money accounts on www.schoolgateway.com.

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Orla S
3CL	Murry S
3WH	Mila K
4C	Jasper K
4SF	Penelope N
4T	Panos K

5A	Eddie I
5HR	Luca H
5J	Ben C
6A	James K
6MW	Ben G
6W	Henry H



TAEKWONDO

Jake Rensman has taken part in the inter-clubs Taekwondo competition organised by the Fortitude Academy of Martial Arts over the weekend, and he won a gold medal in sparring as well as a bronze medal in blue belt pattern.

Congratulations Jake on this fantastic result!



TRIATHLON

Last Sunday Artie K, Jasper F, Max P, Douglas B and Xander W from 5A participated in the Sevenoaks Knight Frank Schools Triathlon 2025.

Working as a team 'Fearless 5A' swam 50m, cycled 1000m and ran 750m completing the course in 34.53 minutes and raising £380 for Restless Development, which supports thousands of young people around the

world to deliver life-changing projects in their own communities.

They did brilliantly, working as a team and persevering despite the warm temperatures.

Well done Fearless 5A!



TRIATHLON

Four children from the 3B took part in the Sevenoaks School Triathlon last Sunday, 11th May. The Amherst Tri-Titans team consisted of Sophia B, Eddie W, Lawrie G and Oliver W. They are very proud to have placed 28th out of 130 teams signed up for the year 3&4 group (50m swim, 1km bike ride, 750m run)

The results and more info please click here: [Schools Triathlon May 11th 2025](#)

Congratulations to the Amherst Tri-Titans!

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!

AMHERST PTA

AMHERST SUMMER BBQ

Music - Food - Games - Inflatables

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 3PM - 7PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!

The poster features a dark green background with yellow and green bunting at the top. A sun is in the top right, and a bee is on the right. At the bottom, there are green trees and a red charcoal grill with a fire. A butterfly is on the left. The Amherst PTA logo is in the top center.

TERM 5 & 6 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

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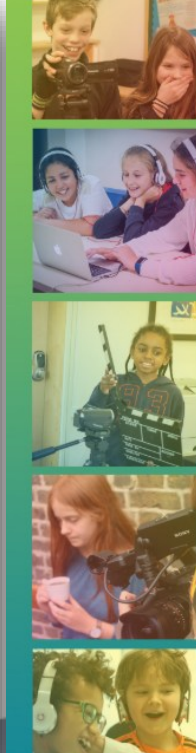
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