



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MISS JONES THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

It has been another busy week in school.



**Year 5 travelled back in time over 2500 years to visit Ancient Greece.** Throughout the day they were: competing in The Olympic Games, acting in Greek plays, tasting Greek foods and watching a Greek show. It was lovely to see them all immersed in the activities and wearing their togas for the day.



**All year groups had a very informative talk from The Kent Fire and Rescue Service.** The Year 3 & 4 children learnt the importance of having a safety plan should there ever be a fire in the house. Whilst Year 5 & 6 were taught the importance of being SMART when charging devices at home. S-safe (check the cables) M-mindful (how much is plugged in) A-awake (not overnight) R-responsible (on a hard surface) T-there (not left charging when you are not there). Please ask your children about this talk as I am sure they will be able to teach you something!

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## TRIPS



### Year 6

Mr Reid had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 on their residential trip to Hilltop last week. From everything we heard, it was a fantastic week and wonderful to observe so many children challenging themselves and trying new things, whether it was an activity, food or sharing a bedroom with friends. Thank you to all staff that attended giving up their time and leaving their families for the week. [Click here](#) to enjoy the photos.



### Year 5

On Thursday Year 5 are setting off on their one night away adventure in the BUSH! The weather looks promising, so we are excited for the trip to go ahead.

## AMHERST SUMMER BBQ



We look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer BBQ on Saturday, 28th June. It is a wonderful event celebrating the end of another highly successful school year and it gives time for families and children to relax and have fun together. We are very grateful to our wonderful and hard working PTA team. Please remember to buy your ticket in advance so the organisers have enough food and drink for the day.

## OPEN AFTERNOON



Please be reminded that we have our open afternoon on Wednesday 25th from 2.45pm to 3.30pm. Please go to your child's classroom so they have the opportunity to share their work from this term with you. You are welcome to sit outside if the weather permits.

- Entrance is through the main reception.
- Please let the class teacher know if you are leaving before 3.30pm and leave via the school gate rather than the main entrance.

## PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE



On Tuesday evening we have Katherine Myatt leading the Parenting in the Digital Age talk in the school hall. If you would like to attend, please indicate so by clicking on the following [link](#).

Enjoy your weekend and keep safe in the sun.

### Parenting in the Digital Age

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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.

# Miss Jones

# 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 23 – 27 JUNE

Last week of Clubs

**NO Cricket Club (Friday 27/06)**

All other clubs are expected to run as normal.



## PLEASE NO EARLY DROP OFF FOR CLUBS

As **we are unable to supervise children before early morning clubs begin**, please do not allow your child to come into school more than a couple of minutes before the start of those clubs.

Upon arrival, all children need to walk around the playground to the hall or club venue, and **NOT** go via reception, or to their classrooms beforehand.

Please also collect your child promptly at the end of their club. Thank you for your cooperation.



## PTA

### LEAVERS' DISCO

Secure your ticket now via [www.pta-events/amherst](http://www.pta-events/amherst)

### AMHERST SUMMER BBQ

Tickets are now on sale via

[www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta) for our end of year school celebration at the **Amherst Summer BBQ**. **Food, drinks, fete games** and **music** in the background. Plus **6 different inflatables** - all free to use once you're in through the gates. It promises to be a **FANTASTIC** afternoon to celebrate the **end of our school year!**

**\*\* Save up to 20% by purchasing tickets in advance!**



## LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK

Year 6—Aladdin Afternoon Rehearsals 23/06 and 30/06 for children in scenes 1,3 & 9.



## VACANCY

We have two teaching assistant vacancies - please [click here](#)



## ALADDIN MUSIC

Children can learn the music for Aladdin by following the steps below:

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](mailto:namesurname@amherst.kent.sch.uk)
    - Password: **Amherst** and **the year your child started** @ Amherst  
i.e. **Amherst2024** if they started in 2024
- a. Click the **+** sign in the right corner
  - b. Type in Class Code: **ldh7i2y** (small letter L)



## FUTURE DATES

25 June	Open Afternoon 2.45pm
26-27 June	Year 5 Bushcraft Trip
27 June	Clubs End
28 June	PTA Summer BBQ 3.00pm - 7.00pm
30 June	New Parent Meeting 2.00pm - 3.00pm
1 July	Year 5 Buddy Olympics
2 July	PTA Ice Cream Sale
3 July	Secondary School Transition Day
4 July	Sports Day 1.30pm - 3.30pm
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

# LET'S CELEBRATE



## STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Ruben S
3CL	Finley F
3WH	Henry N
4C	Evie H
4SF	Whole Class
4T	Alana B

5A	Jacob L
5HR	Jake R
5J	Zach B
6A	Tilly C
6MW	Sofia B
6W	Rylee H



### BALLET

Congratulations to Libby H (3B) who has successfully auditioned for a junior associate place at The Royal Ballet School. She will begin her training from September - it will take place on Saturdays in Covent Garden.

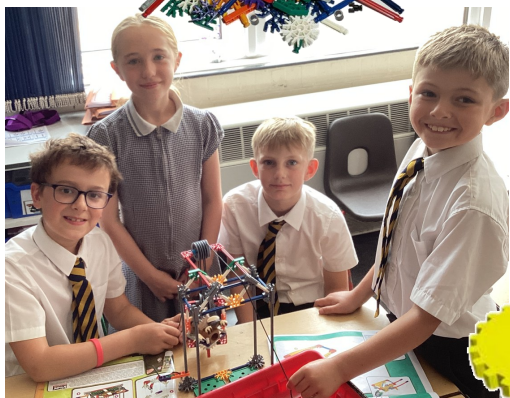


### CRICKET

On Monday our Year 5 & 6 cricket team who won the Kwik Cricket tournament on the Vine. Congratulations to Harriet S (5J), Neve L (5J), Eden G (6A), Conor B (5J), Josh P (4T), Xander W (5A), Richard L (6MW) and William C (5A)!

## YEAR 4 - DT PULLEYS & GEARS

These pictures show the children experimenting with K'nex as part of their studies into gears, pulley & levers.



# YEAR 6-HILLTOP ADVENTURE



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the images for more information.



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

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



## Drawing Competition

Draw your favourite Foal Farm animal for a chance to win a behind the scenes tour of Foal Farm

Send your entries to [commercial@foalfarm.org.uk](mailto:commercial@foalfarm.org.uk) or via post to Foal Farm, Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX  
Closing date for entries 14th July 2025

4 age categories:  
6 yrs and under  
7 to 10 yrs  
11 to 15 yrs  
16 yrs and above

Winners announced at our Country Festival on Sunday 20th July



## Football Coaching

### 1-2-1 & Group Sessions

#### YOUR Next Coach...

- Loic Lewis
- 17 years old
- Coaches both boys and girls ages 8-16
- 4 years coaching experience and academy football player

#### Personal Qualifications

Level One Coach  
UEFA C Coach  
Talent Identification Qualification  
First Aid Trained  
Valid DBS

#### Responses from current clients

"Worth every penny, enjoyed it and looked like he was developing before my eyes" - James, dad of Rueben

"Perfect! Can we book a block of 10?" - Wendy, mum of Alexander

#### Where to find me?

I am local to Sevenoaks, regularly coaching at Seal Recreation Ground and Greatness Football Pitch

Also available to travel closer to you!

#### Pricing

Taster 1-2-1 session - £25  
Regular 1-2-1 - £40  
Group session - £30  
10 session block 1-2-1 - £350

Rates charged by the hour and per person

To contact: Mobile no. 07384644648

Instagram @Loiclewis07

# MERI FESTIVAL

Join us for our inaugural Family Farm Festival celebrating live music, nature and community in the heart of Kent.

- 11-hours of non-stop, local, live music
- Epic Kent food & drink household names
- Farm fun, tractor rides, dog agility & more
- Local artisans and handmade treasures
- Unwind, create & play in the Healing village

Date: Saturday, August 30th  
Time: 12:00 - 23:00  
Location: Coakham Farm, Pootings Road, Crockham Hill, Kent, TN8 6SB

[Full agenda & Tickets Here](#)  
The more the merrier!

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SQUERRIES

@meri\_festival

## SENNOCKE CENTRE

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE

### JUNIOR SWIM SCHOOL Summer Holiday Intensive Swim Courses

WEEK 1 MONDAY 28 - THURSDAY 31 JULY	
Class (30 Mins unless stated)	Time
Level 1	09.00 & 09.30
Level 2	09.00 & 09.30
Level 3	10.00
Level 4	10.00
Level 5	10.30
Level 6 - 7 (45 mins)	10.30
Level 8 - 10 (60 mins)	11.00
Private Lessons	11.30 / 12.00
Please note the instructor is out of the water for these sessions so swimmers must be level 3 and above.	
Lessons can either be a 121 or 221 (for 221 lessons both children need to be a similar level)	

WEEK 2 MONDAY 4 - THURSDAY 7 AUGUST	
Class (30 Mins unless stated)	Time
Level 1	09.00 & 09.30
Level 2	09.00 & 09.30
Level 3 - 4	10.00
Level 5	10.00
Level 6 - 7 (45 mins)	10.30
Skills and Techniques (45 mins)	
Focus on techniques to refine swim strokes and skills - for children who want to progress to a swim club in future. Must be Level 6 and above	10.30
Private Lessons	11.30 / 12.00
Please note the instructor is out of the water for these sessions so swimmers must be level 3 and above.	
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Course Prices: Group Lesson: £43.00

Private lessons 121: £108.00

Private lessons 221: £81.00 per child

Group lessons will only be booked as a full 4 day course

FOR BOOKING ENQUIRIES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

<https://www.sennockecentre.co.uk/swim-school/> or follow the QR link

