

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6 at Amherst School.

This letter is designed to provide you with some helpful information and to outline equipment needed for Year 6. At the beginning of each term, you will receive a newsletter detailing upcoming events and an outline of what the children will be learning in the term ahead. In September, your child will receive a planner, which acts as a useful tool in home-school communication. Details of your child's homework and key future dates will be recorded in their planners as well as it serving as a Reading Record. Newsletters, spellings and homework will be uploaded to the school website.

Kent Test:

The Kent 11+ test will take place on Thursday 11th September 2025. For further information, please refer to the following website: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

To help children prepare for Year 6, they should continue to practice their times tables as well as reading regularly over the summer holidays.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 17th September at 4.45pm, during which we will share key information and you will have the opportunity to see your child's classroom and chat to their teacher. If you have any questions or queries which you would like to raise with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school office so that we can arrange an appointment.

We hope you all have a lovely relaxing holiday, and we look forward to seeing you and the children in September.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wonnacott, Miss Nicholl, Mrs Fox & Mrs Davies

Holiday Homework

We strongly encourage all children to continue reading regularly during the summer holidays, enjoying books both independently and together as a family. For our homework we are inviting children to get involved in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, a national initiative which aims to encourage children to keep up a reading habit during the break from school. This year's challenge is said to be an enchanting take on nature and the great outdoors.

Children can sign up on the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or at a local library, and you can watch an introductory video by clicking [here](#). We look forward to hearing how the children get on with this challenge.



PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

Class Based Equipment (required from the first day)

- A pencil case containing:
 - HB pencils
 - Handwriting pen (preferably either an ink pen with cartridges, or Pilot Frixion)
 - Coloured pencils
 - Coloured fineliners
 - Sharpener
 - Scissors
 - Protractor
 - Clear 30cm ruler (non-flexible and preferably with cm and mm)
 - Rubber (please avoid novelty/scented rubbers)
 - Black dry wipe pens
 - Glue sticks (please ensure these are replaced when they run out throughout the year)
- A dictionary and thesaurus



Stationery packs are available from the school at a cost of £12.00 – please order via www.schoolgateway.com.

All orders will be given to the children on the first day of school in September. They will bring it home for labelling.

Games Kit

We will inform you about which day your child has Games and Indoor PE in September, and which clothing/equipment will be required.

- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt and shorts
- White socks
- Trainers (in wet weather, clean trainers for indoor sports)
- Football or hockey boots (soft studs), shin pads, gum shields and knee-high football socks
- Navy blue school sweatshirt or Team Amherst hoodie (please order via <https://app.classlist.com> by Friday 31/07/2025) and navy-blue jogging trousers for cold weather.