



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Amherst School



MESSAGE FROM MR REID



Sports Day, District Sports and Cricket Finals

It has been a week of sporting success

for Amherst. Congratulations to Bradbourne who finally won Sports Day last Friday after 27 years! There was a sense of pride and excitement from all children, staff and parents that Bradbourne had won. Well done to all children that competed with enthusiasm and teamwork to ensure the afternoon was a great success. I was particularly impressed by the attitudes our Year 6 children demonstrated during the event and prize giving at the end. Not every child receives an award but I was delighted to see children showing a sense of pride for each others' achievements whether they had won an award or not. Well done Year 6!

On Tuesday our school cricket team competed in the Kwik Cricket County Finals in Ashford. They managed to finish in 6th place for all Kent schools which is a fantastic achievement.

On Wednesday a team of 42 children from all years competed at the Sevenoaks Sports Partnership District Sports event held at Tonbridge School. Amazing competing from all children that took part which resulted in us winning. Thank you to Mr Barratt and Mrs Wheeler and who organised and ran the event so smoothly for the Partnership. Thank you also to you as parents who supported (y)our children and cheered them on during the event.



Aladdin —Water Bottles

The children have been working so hard and are now looking forward to the performances next week. Please could we request that the children have a plastic water bottle for the performances as metal bottles are rather noisy when they fall over!



School Reports

Your child should have brought home their end of year school report today. Please check their bag if it has not already been given to you.

As we enter the last full week of term and the Aladdin performances, please help support your child through this busy period by ensuring they get a good sleep every night. It makes a huge difference to energy levels, patience and tolerance of each other!

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Reid

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NOTICES



REPORT ABSENCES

Please complete the quick [Daily Absence Form](#) on our website before 9.00am for **every day** your child is off school.

CHIPSTEAD COMMON

It has come to our attention that there is a rise in litter being left on the common after school. As a community, we all share the responsibility of keeping our neighbourhood a clean and welcoming space for everyone. Please can we remind all parents and children to use the bins provided or take any litter home with them. Thank you for your continued support in helping us care for our local environment!



LETTERS SENT

Year 6 — Hilltop 2026 deposit reminder before the end of term
 Whole School — Aladdin Final Arrangements
 Whole School — Inter-house competition 17 July—please wear PE kit



WINNING HOUSE —BRADBOURNE

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



PLEASE RETURN

Please can we ask that the following items are returned to school before we break up:



- Lunch bands
- Merit badges
- Library books
- Coloured band class reading books
- Amherst Sports kit
- Year 6 official Aladdin script books (after the production)

PTA—OUR NEW ONLINE HOME!

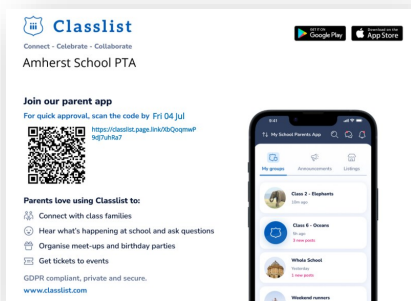
Dear Parents and Carers,

From the academic year 2025/26, the PTA has ment platforms from PTA-Events to Classlist. Many of you will already be familiar with Classlist, as it has been used successfully by Riverhead for the past few years. To join, simply search for **Amherst School** on the Classlist app or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your continued support!

The PTA Team

decided to switch event manage-



BOOK DONATIONS —Year 4

We would be grateful to receive donations of unwanted books suitable for Year 4 children. Thank you.

ALADDIN RECORDING —ORDER NOW!

Please order your digital download of the Aladdin performance on www.schoolgateway.com.

NEED NEW UNIFORM?

Horncastle, our uniform supplier offers a 5% discount during the month of July.

AMHERST SUMMER BBQ

A massive thank you to all parents and our PTA team for raising a brilliant profit of **£5,698** at this year's Summer BBQ. This money will make such a difference as we go into the next year.

FUTURE DATES



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
17 July	Inter-House Competition - Children to wear PE kit for the day
18 July	PTA Ice Cream Sale
18 July	Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match 5.30pm - 9.30pm
18 July	Last Day of Term 6

ALADDIN - FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

All children are expected to attend both evening performances.

The children should arrive at school at the following times:

- Choir (Years 3, 4 and 5) arrive no earlier than 6.45 pm
 - * Children should use the usual entrance gate to the school and go to their classroom to be registered.
 - * Year 3-5 children are to arrive in 'choir' costumes
- Year 6 arrives at 6.30 pm
 - * Change into their costumes which will be in their classrooms when they arrive.
 - * When Year 6 have changed and been registered, they should go to 5J and 6A.

Face paint (Years 3, 4 & 5)

Please inform your child's class teacher if your child cannot wear a small amount of face paint for the performances. (This will be applied at school)

Plastic water bottles for the performances please.

Parents / Guests - Audience members should enter through the main school entrance via reception.

Please have your ticket ready on your phone.

There will be a collection on the door and this year it will go towards the cost of the Aladdin production.

Parking

Riverhead Infants' School has kindly agreed to allow parking on their site.



GET READY *for* SEPTEMBER 2025

TEAM AMHERST
JOIN THE SQUAD!

Order by
31/07/25

HOODIES & PERSONALISED WATER BOTTLES

Hoodies from £22
Personalised water bottles £15

www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta

Hoodies & bottles

AMHERST JUNIOR FC

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Registrations

Open

Registration 2025 / 2026

The cost for the 2025-26 season is £60 payable in advance on registration online. We are unable to accept cash payments. Registration will open in July and close at the start of the season in September, or when the maximum number of players for each division (Juniors or Seniors) has been reached.

For further information, please check our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page.

Fee

£60.00 for the first player
£60.00 for each additional player

AJFC Football Club

Please buy your **stationery pack** by clicking on www.schoolgateway.com

The pack includes:

- a clear popper wallet
- a 30cm/300mm ruler
- a large clear pencil case
- a pair of scissors
- 5 HB pencils
- a double pencil sharpener
- a rubber
- a whiteboard pen
- a Prift stick
- a pack of 12 colouring pencils
- a pack of 10 coloured fineliners



Cost - £12.00pp

LET'S CELEBRATE



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Ed K	5A	Max P
3CL	Evie P	5HR	Imogen H
3WH	Ralph G	5J	Dexter S
4C	Evie A	6A	Matilda P-S
4SF	Sam H	6MW	Beatrix D
4T	Karolina H	6W	Joey S

DISTRICT SPORTS



Congratulations to everyone taking part in District Sports on Wednesday.

There were some outstanding performances from all the athletes and both the Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 came first in their respective relays. Their speed and baton exchanges were very impressive. A special mention must go to Cassia who showed amazing bravery and perseverance after falling in her sprint race but then picked herself up and finished the race.

As a result of all the children's strength, stamina, skill and great teamwork, Amherst won the competition. Huge congratulations to the whole team.

Many thanks to the parents for transporting and supporting the children.
Mrs Wheeler and Mr Barratt.

CRICKET



Congratulations to the school cricket team who competed on Tuesday at the Year 5 & 6 Kent Cricket County Finals held in Ashford. The team played superbly and ended in 6th place.

Well done 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)!

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

Polly, Ruby, Emily and Matilda have had a busy few weekends competing at the South East Regional, the Kent County and even up in Sheffield at the National Combo Cup with their artistic swimming squad.

The girls were delighted to pick up 2 silver medals for their 15 & under routine and have the opportunity to compete at a national level.

They took home lots of extra medals at the Kent County competition with Emily achieving bronze for grade 0 figures, Matilda silver for grade 2 figures and Polly getting both silver for grade 3 figures and gold for her duet.



SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to

BRADBOURNE



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the image for more information.



£30 per day
£120 per week

KIDS ACTIVE MATHS SUMMER CAMP

11th - 15th August & 18th - 22nd August '25
9AM - 3PM
Wrap around care available

FUN - CREATIVE SPORTS & MATHS BASED LEARNING ACTIVITIES
Nothing like school! For years 4, 5, 6 & 7
Nomads FC, Mowhurst Farm, Four Elms Road, Edenbridge
For more information and booking, please email: active@makingmathematics.co.uk

Looking to volunteer in West Kent?

Join us at the Stag Plaza in Sevenoaks
Friday 18th July, 10 am - 12 noon



Pop along to our volunteer fair and find opportunities with local good causes and charities

Scan for full details or visit:
www.imago.community/sevenoaks-volunteer-fair



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FETE DANCE
SATURDAY 12TH JULY 7PM-1AM

CHIDDINGSTONE
BW

BAR- DJ - LIVE MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS - CHARITY PIRATE HATS - FANCY DRESS
ADVANCE TICKETS: ADULT £10, CHILDREN £5

PIRATES OF THE CHIDDING STONE
BIG WEEKEND
CHIDDINGSTONE SPORTS GROUND

SUNDAY 13TH JULY 1-5PM

VILLAGE FETE

FREE ENTRANCE - TRIAL OF CAPTAIN JACK SHOW - VILLAGE GAMES - LIVE MUSIC
PUNCH & JUDY - FOOD TRUCKS - ICE CREAMS - CANDY FLOSS - BBQ - BAR - TEA TENT