



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

ALADDIN

Well done to all children, in particular Year 6, for the performances of Aladdin this week. One of my favourite times of the year is when I stand at the back of hall and watch as a proud headteacher what the children and staff have managed to achieve. The level of performance was outstanding and it was wonderful to see so many children loving being part of the production. The children performed with such confidence. It was amazing! **Thank you** to the Year 6 team, Mr Clarke and Miss Foinette for enabling the children to perform to such a high standard.

THANK YOU

It has been **another year of successes and achievements**. Teamwork and community are at the centre of that success and we could not do it without your support. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to ensure every child is successful. **Thank you to all parents** who have given staff such **generous gifts** at the end of term. Recognising their hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

GOODBYE TO YEAR 6

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils for whom today is their last day at Amherst. They have been a **brilliant cohort** and **great fun** to work with. I had the pleasure of spending a week with them on their residential trip to Hilltop and was continually impressed by their determination, kindness and support of each other. All Amherst's values have become part of who they are. I feel proud to be handing them over to secondary school knowing they are well placed to be successful. **Well done Year 6!**

CELEBRATIONS ON THE COMMON AFTER SCHOOL TODAY

Please can I **remind all children and families** to be **respectful** when celebrating the end of term on Chipstead Common. You are still **representing Amherst School**, please ensure we are noticed for the right reasons. Please could **parents make sure children are well supervised**, that **behaviour is positive**, **respect** for the common is maintained and lastly, **remember** to take home all your **litter**.

ROSE CLIFTON MEMORIAL CRICKET MATCH

End of term finishes on **Tuesday** with the **annual cricket match** (Mr Reid's team vs Year 6 parents) at Holmesdale Cricket Club starting at 5.30pm. **You are all welcome to attend** - the cricket club will be running a bar and BBQ so food and drinks will be available.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

I hope you have a **super summer break** and thank you for all your continued support. We look forward to kicking off another great year on Wednesday 3rd September.

Mr Reid



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NOTICES



LETTERS SENT

Please click below for all the information you need for your child's start of term next year:

[Pre-Year 3 letter](#)

[Pre-Year 4 letter](#)

[Pre-Year 5 letter](#)

[Pre-Year 6 letter](#)



ALADDIN RECORDING — ORDER NOW!

Please order your digital copy of the Amherst School Aladdin performance on www.schoolgateway.com. We have a limited number left, please order ASAP.



PLEASE RETURN

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

Lunch bands

Library books

Amherst Sports kit

Merit badges

Coloured band class reading books

Year 6 official Aladdin script books (after the production)



NEED NEW UNIFORM?

Our uniform supplier Horncastles offers a 5% discount during the month of July.



FUTURE DATES

01-Sep	Inset Day
02-Sep	Inset Day
03-Sep	Term Starts
11-Sep	Kent Test
16-Sep	Meet the Teacher (Yr 3 - 4.00pm & Yr 4 - 4.45pm)
17-Sep	Meet the Teacher (Yr 5 - 4.00pm & Yr 6 - 4.45pm)
22-Sep	Clubs start

GET READY SEPTEMBER 2025

TEAM AMHERST
JOIN THE SQUAD!

HOODIES & PERSONALISED WATER BOTTLES

Hoodies from £22
Personalised water bottles £15

www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta

Hoodies & bottles

AMHERST JUNIOR FC

HOME NEWS PHOTOS & VIDEOS REGISTRATIONS FAQS CONTACTS

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

Register Today

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 Pritt stick
- a pack of 12 colour pencils
- a pack of 10 colour fine-liners

Packs will be given to children on the first day of the new school year.



£12.00pp

LET'S CELEBRATE

Congratulations to the following children on their recent music exam results:

Grade 1 recorder Philip L: Merit

Grade 2 piano Henry W: Pass

Grade 3 piano Prakruti H: Merit

Grade 4 violin Nell C: Merit

Initial Piano Sammy F: Distinction

Initial Piano William R: Merit



WE WON GOLD!

WE

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WE EARNED THE

GOLD

2024/25 SCHOOL GAMES MARK

At Amherst we pride ourselves on the wide range of sports we offer as part of our curriculum and through clubs. As a result, we are proud to have achieved our **Gold Your School Games Mark** which recognises our dedication to sport within our school.

Thank you to the children, parents and staff who enable sport to be such a success at Amherst School.

MUSIC



Hillview Festival of the Arts

Last Friday the Amherst Choir performed in the beautiful surroundings of Tonbridge Castle as part of a festival organised by Hillview School. Our Year 3/4 choir sang *Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines* and *Sir Duke*, while the Year 5/6 choir performed *Poppa Piccolino* and *When I'm Older*. We were delighted to win both our Upper Key Stage 2 classes for 'Best Choir'.

Congratulations also to Hester (3CL) for receiving a **special commendation** in the art competition for her beautiful work.

Many teachers and organisers praised the **excellent standard** of the children's **singing**. Well done, everyone!

DANCE

Congratulations to Elle (5A) who competed in her first Irish Dancing Feis last weekend (Feis is Gaelic for "Festival").

Elle competed with 16 other girls in her age group for South East England and was judged on 5 different dances, 4 with her 'soft shoes' and 1 with her 'heavy shoes'.

She did remarkably well for her very first championships and showed a lot of **determination** and **great sportsmanship**! She received medals for 4 of the 5 dances and her highest finishing place was 6th. Well done Elle.

ALADDIN



Aladdin



GET READY FOR 2025-2026

Please click on the links below to find a letter from your child's new teachers containing all the information you need for the start of the new academic year.

The letters include information on:

- Holiday reading schemes
- PE
- Class based equipment.
- Meet the teacher dates, and more ...



[Pre-Year 3 letter](#)

[Pre-Year 4 letter](#)

[Pre-Year 5 letter](#)

[Pre-Year 6 letter](#)

PE TIMETABLE

Term 1 – PE Timetable 2025/26

Indoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12	5CS Gymnastics	6DT Dance		3WH Yoga	
1.35 – 2.30	5A Gymnastics	6N Dance		3FB Yoga	4SL Dance
2.30 – 3.25	5J Gymnastics	6A Dance	4HR Dance	3B Yoga	4C Dance

Outdoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12			3FB Handball (coach)		
1.30 – 2.30		4C Hockey	3WH Handball (coach)	5A Hockey	6N Football
2.30 – 3.30		4HR Hockey	3B Handball (coach)	5J Hockey	6A Tag Rugby
2.00 – 3.00 (Extra class)		4SL Football		5CS Tag Rugby	6DT Hockey

PTA CHAIR'S UPDATE

Dear all,

As we close our first year as a new PTA team, the main words in my head are

'Thank you!'

Thank you for everything you have all done to make our events a success.

Thank you to Will for being an excellent treasurer - we will miss you.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this fantastic team.

I am absolutely thrilled with our events and our profits this year. We should clear £40,000 this year, which is incredible.

This means we have been able to support Mr Reid and the school in the IT upgrade, Pantomime coaches, purchasing new lockers which will be ready for the children to use in September, and our most recent approval - 4 new electronic screens meaning all classrooms will have access to these, plus rehoming a current screen into a music room.

We've had super attendance and engagement with our meetings and the various sub-committees this year, and I am now asking for a little bit more! At our October AGM, we will be voting in the lead team for 25/26. That can be Natasha, Amanda and myself again, or it can be new volunteers! If you would like to be Chair, Vice, Secretary or Treasurer, please do get in touch for a chat about what it entails.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

14th September - Riverhead Carnival. We run a chocolate tombola!

Have a wonderful summer,

Lydia

Amherst PTA Chair



COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are planning to move home, please consider listing your property with Knight

Knight Frank Promotion!



Amherst PTA partnered with Knight Frank who sponsored the Summer BBQ.

If you are selling your home and list it with Knight Frank, they will donate £500 to Amherst School for every home they sell!




For more information, click on the pictures

AMHERST JUNIOR FC 2025-26 SEASON

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Amherst Junior Football Club ('AJFC') is a parent/volunteer run club supported by but run independently from Amherst School. Running since 1972, AJFC welcomes boys and girls of all abilities, giving them the chance to play regular football matches in a fun and inclusive environment.

Through the season we run a mixture of friendly/training sessions and competitive matches. All children will play each match with their team in our internal leagues and cup tournaments. Games are competitive with trophies and medals to be won, but played in the right spirit as "one club".

All sessions are held during term time on Saturday mornings on Chipstead Common. The emphasis is on children having fun and developing their skills through playing, rather than extensive training sessions.

The success of the club is thanks to all the volunteer parents who give their time to coach the children so if you would like to be involved do get in touch!

- ✓ Junior League (Years 2 - 4)
- ✓ Senior League (Years 5 & 6)
- ✓ Mixed ability girls and boys
- ✓ £60 fee for the whole season (September 2025 - Easter 2026)
- ✓ No mid week training
- ✓ No away games
- ✓ All children play every week

**REGISTER NOW AT
AMHERSTFC.CO.UK**



For more information check the FAQ Section on the website or get in touch: amherstfc@gmail.com

SUMMER WORKSHOP

Sevenoaks School of Dance




Book our Summer Workshop for a fun, creative, and friendly day! Our workshop features Street Dance, Musical Theatre, Singing and even some Crafty fun and Games.

Come Dance, Create, and Make New Friends this Summer!

Riverhead Infant School, Worships Hills, Sevenoaks, TN13 2AS

Amherst School, Witches Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 2AX

£100 - 4 Days
£30 per Day

Boys & Girls
Aged 4 - 11 Years
28th - 31st July & 26th - 29th August
10am - 3pm

For more information or to book, please contact:
Amy Walker amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk



SOCCER SCHOOLS

HOLIDAY COURSES

KENT

Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. We have a 2 day course running across the Summer at the following venue in Kent:

Book now by scanning the QR code or by using the below website.

Venue	Date	Course Code
Hayesbrook School Tonbridge, TN9 2PH	28th Aug - 29th Aug	SS-HYB-K-41

Timings	Ages	Costs
10.00-15.00	School Year 1-8	£50.00

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JULY FOOTBALL CAMP

Boys & Girls
Reception - Year 6

Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th
10:30am - 3:00pm
£30 per day

Chipstead Recreation Ground

To sign up visit:
www.chipsteadfc.co.uk

Become a LEVEL 2 SWIMMING TEACHER

STA LEVEL 2 Award in Teaching Swimming

The first step to becoming a qualified swimming teacher with the Swimming Teachers Association (STA)

- 11th-15th August 2025
- The New Beacon School, Sevenoaks
- 3 days online / 2 days face to face
- £425

Enroll Now

Contact: Hello@swimtutor.co.uk
Swimtutor.co.uk



Non swimmers, Beginners and Improvers needed for a Swimming teacher's training course running on 14th and 15th August at the New Beacon in Sevenoaks.

Swimming lessons running 1.00pm until 4.00pm - cost £8

To book please contact Sarah Knight on sarahknight1970@yahoo.co.uk or Hello@swimtutor.co.uk



COUNTRY FESTIVAL 2025

SUNDAY 20th JULY 11am to 5pm

JOIN US AT OUR
BIGGEST FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR

- Arena acts
- Dog show
- Beer tent
- Live music
- Inflatables
- Children's activities
- Hot food
- Tearoom
- Variety of stalls

Please bring cash, including small change




Admission:
CASH only
£15 per car (up to 4 people)
On foot: Family £15 (up to 4 people)
Adult £5
Child £2.50 (3-17)

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