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## Welcome BACK to SCHOOL



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### MESSAGE FROM MR REID

#### WELCOME

Welcome to all our new children and families in Year 3 and in other year groups too. The children have had an excellent first week and we have been so impressed how quickly Year 3 children have begun to learn the new routines. The children have done especially well with the wet weather we experienced during the first two days, which can have an impact on establishing new routines. Luckily today has been a little brighter.

One of my favourite moments of the year is observing our wonderful Year 6 buddies welcoming and looking after Year 3s on their first morning. Year 6 have embraced the role of being

buddies with enthusiasm and kindness. It makes such a difference on the first day to feel welcomed and part of the school community straight away.

Our new children have worked hard this week to adapt to their new surroundings and it has been great to hear so much positive feedback already. It can be daunting and at times overwhelming when you start at a new school so don't be surprised if your child is very tired tonight or at times a little grumpy!

#### THE SCHOOL & PTA

Over the holidays much work was completed to maintain and improve the school site and environment. A lot of this work goes unseen but is vital to the smooth running of the school. Thank you to the PTA who funded (£17,000) the replacement of all school lockers. The previous ones had become very tired and broken. It is wonderful to start the new year with every classroom and corridor looking so smart.

Thank you to Mrs Wicks (School Business Manager) and Mr Hucks (Site Manager) and his team for working hard during the summer holidays.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

*Mr Reid*

### MEET THE TEACHER

There is a 'Meet the Teacher' session in the coming weeks for you to gain further information about your child's learning and routines for each year group.

Tuesday 16th September

- Year 3 at 4.00pm
- Year 4 at 4.45pm

Wednesday 17th September

- Year 5 at 4.00pm
- Year 6 at 4.45pm

We look forward to seeing you there!!

### OUR NEW LOCKERS



# NOTICES



## Attendance **REPORT ABSENCES**

Please complete the quick [Daily Absence Form](#) on our website before 9.00am for **every day** your child is off school. Please also use the form for medical appointments, holiday requests and school visits.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



## LIBRARY – SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We had a note from Sevenoaks Library asking all pupils to please complete the Summer Reader Challenge as it finishes soon!

**Mandy from Sevenoaks Library says:**

*'I am really pleased to say, your School is progressing well this year, but to be in with a chance to win the Sevenoaks Libraries District Schools Trophy, we need as many pupils as possible to complete the Summer Reading Challenge and visit the library to update their records.'*



## BREAKFAST CLUB SPACES AVAILABLE

We have spaces available if you are interested. Please complete our [booking form](#).



## SCHOOL LUNCH

Please [click here](#) to view this term's menu. You should please pay for your child's school meals in **ADVANCE** (either weekly or termly).

Please make payment via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). Costs for the new term are as follows: Daily - £ 2.85 / Weekly - £ 14.25 / Term 1 - £ 91.20 (32 days) / Term 2 - £ 111.15 (39 days) / Term 1 & 2 - £ 202.35



## PARKING

Please be considerate towards our neighbours when you drop children off in the morning and collect them at the end of the day. Thank you for your support.



## SCHOOL CAR PARK

For safety reasons, please note that the car park is only for staff and disabled use. If you are running late and need to drop your child off, please park on the road.



## TABLE TENNIS SQUAD – TRIALS (YR 4-6)

Table Tennis Squad (coached by Janet and David Field) runs on **Tuesday evenings from 3.30pm - 5.00pm** in the school hall.

Trials are being held **Wednesday 10/09/25 and Thursday 18/09/25 3.30pm - 5.00pm** and are open to **Years 4 - 6 including children that are already in the squad**. Children should please [sign up at reception](#) and only need to **attend ONE afternoon**. Please come dressed in PE kit and trainers and bring a water bottle and snack.



## DOGS

Please remember not to bring dogs onto the school site. Many thanks for your support.



## CONSENT

Please remember to provide the following consents on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) if you have not yet:

[Walking Home](#) / [Photo](#) / [Parent Drivers](#) / [Emergency Medical Consent](#) / [Local Visits](#)



## PARENT READERS / VOLUNTEERS

Please indicate on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) if you or any grandparent are interested in reading with our children.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10-Sep	Table Tennis Trials - Hall
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)
18-Sep	Table Tennis Trials - Hall
22-Sep	Clubs start
23-Sep	Year 6 - National Child Measurement Programme
24-Sep	Year 6 - Secondary Application Meeting (no childcare) - 7.00 - 8.00pm
30-Sep	Year 5 - Science Space Show
02-Oct	School Photos
02-Oct	National Poetry Day
09-Oct	Harvest Festival
13-Oct	Year 3 - Rocks Day Workshop
14-Oct	Year 3 - Rocks Day Workshop
15-Oct	Year 3 - Rocks Day Workshop
16-Oct	LAST DAY OF TERM
17-Oct	INSET DAY

# PARENT TEACHER Association



Happy new term everyone and welcome to all of our new families!

## THE TEAM

Please can we introduce you to our lead team for 2025—2026. Together with our class representatives please know that 'TEAM AMHERST' is in good hands!



Lydia Sage, Chair  
amherst-chair@outlook.com



Amanda Pearce, Secretary  
Newsletter and marketing  
amherst-secretary@outlook.com



Natasha Liow, Vice-Chair  
amherst-events@outlook.com

## NEW TREASURER

We are this term **looking for a new treasurer**. Experience in accounting or this sort of role is helpful! Please do chat to Natasha, Amanda or myself - or the school office if you would like to find out more!!!

## FIRST MEETING

We are so excited to **invite you all to our first meeting of the term—7 October 2025 at 20.00—21.00pm**. This will not only be our AGM but will also be an overview of the year ahead and the start of discussions for our Christmas Bazaar. If you love Christmas or have a super idea, please do get in touch as we would love to have you on board and make this the best Christmas yet for our children.

# Riverhead Carnival

## CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA STALL

For the first event of the year, we are joining the fun on Chipstead Common on **Sunday 14 September**.

We will be hosting a stall and are looking for donations of chocolate and sweets. You will find a box in the school lobby for donations - please give generously.

**Chocolate always sells out—lol!**

**\*\*Just a reminder:**

*Please remember to avoid any donations with nuts.*

**please help**

**RIVERHEAD  
CARNIVAL**

**Sunday 14th September  
12pm to 4.30pm**

CHIPSTEAD COMMON, WITCHES LANE  
TN13 2AQ

**FREE ENTRY**

**JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!**

- inflatables •
- scouts BBQ •
- ale & pimms tent •
- craft gin and prosecco •
- live band & DJ •
- dog show •
- arena display •
- egg throwing comp •
- market stalls •
- and much more!

Sponsored/Supported by: The Bullfinch pub, Frank's Barbers, Sevenoaks Animal Feeds, Spot Van Hire, Fairseat Farm Eggs, The Kings Head pub & Cottage Farm Butchers  
Organised by 3rd Sevenoaks Scout Group. For information visit  
www.3rdsevenoaks.org.uk or email 3rdsevenoaksfundraising@gmail.com

Thank you all, can't wait to fundraise with you!

Lydia & The PTA Lead Team  
Amherst PTA Chair

# CLUBS ZONE



Your child will be coming home with a paper copy of the Autumn & Spring Clubs list today.

Here are a few notes to guide you when you look at the list.

You will see from the list that we are in the fortunate position of being able to offer a wide range of clubs.

Please discuss with your child which clubs they would like to join.

- To sign up, please complete the online form by **MIDDAY – Monday 8 September 2025**
- Clubs start week commencing **22 September 2025** and end **28 November 2025**, with the exception of a few.

## CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

There will be a limited number of children per club.

Once we finalise the club lists, we will **confirm your child's place via an email** from the office towards the end of next week.

## PARENT HELP NEEDED

For the clubs below to run, we welcome offers of parental help. Please indicate your availability on the booking form:

- Chess (Monday)
- Girls Football (Thursday)
- Hockey Drivers (Thursday)
- Beginner Cross Country (Tuesday)
- Cross Country (Friday)

## COMPLETE THE CLUBS FORM ONLINE

Please [click here](#) to tell us which clubs your child would like to attend.

## CANCELLING CLUBS

There may be occasions when a club has to be cancelled at short notice but generally, we will give as much notice as possible of cancellation. Similarly, should your child not be able to attend on a particular day, your child should please notify the teacher in charge of the club.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS @ AMHERST SCHOOL

AUTUMN AND SPRING CLUBS LIST (winter & indoor clubs)		SUMMER CLUBS LIST (summer & outside clubs)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Sign up</li> <li>• Clubs list sent to parent by mid-September</li> <li>• Parents sign children up via the <a href="#">Clubs booking form</a></li> <li>• Club allocations are communicated for:</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Sign up</li> <li>• Clubs list sent to parents before Easter</li> <li>• Parents sign children up via the <a href="#">Clubs booking form</a></li> <li>• Club allocations are communicated for:</li> </ul>
<b>AUTUMN</b> (Term 1 and 2) Starts 4th week of term to end November	<b>SPRING</b> (Term 3 and 4) Starts 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of term to <u>mid March</u>	<b>SUMMER</b> (Term 5 and 6) Starts 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of term to end of June
<b>CHESS CLUB EXAMPLE:</b> 80 children chose Chess as 1 <sup>st</sup> choice club in September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 30 children were allocated a place in Autumn (T 1&amp;2)</li> <li>○ 30 children were allocated a place in Spring (T 3&amp;4)</li> <li>○ The rest will go on the waiting list for when a space opens up</li> </ul>		<b>ATHLETICS CLUB EXAMPLE:</b> 60 children chose Athletics as 1 <sup>st</sup> choice club in March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 30 children were allocated a place in 5<sup>th</sup> Half term</li> <li>○ 30 children were allocated a place in 6<sup>th</sup> Half term</li> <li>○ The rest will go on the waiting list for when a space opens up</li> </ul>
<b>END OF DECEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminders for Autumn club attendance coming to an end are sent out</li> <li>• Reminders for Spring term attendance from January are sent out</li> <li>• <b>MINI SIGN UP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For clubs with changes or with open spaces</li> <li>○ Those clubs already allocated in September will be blacked out on the updated clubs list.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The booking form will show only the open and available spaces</li> </ul>		

CLUBS EXPLAINED

# SCHOOL RUN ...

## A Peaceful School Run



If mornings feel stressful, it's not because your children "won't just get on with it." Most of the time, they can't because their emotional cup is empty. And when we push harder, things usually get more difficult, not easier.

We can help our children by focusing on connection and emotional regulation first. When we top up our children's emotional cup, getting dressed, eating breakfast and finding shoes start to flow more smoothly.

In this free workshop, I'll share simple ways to fill your and your child's emotional cup, so school mornings feel lighter, more peaceful, and more connected.

Join me to discover how to set the tone for the day ahead.



**Where:** Online, via Zoom  
**When:**  
[Scan the QR code to register](#)

This workshop will be delivered by Una Archer, MSc. She uses a tried and tested attachment-informed framework to help parents feel more confident and navigate the challenges of parenting in a more connected and peaceful way. To find out more, visit [www.helpyourchildthrive.co.uk](http://www.helpyourchildthrive.co.uk)

# COMMUNITY



**WE MAKE FOOTBALLERS SEVENOAKS**

**CLAIM YOUR FREE SESSION**



**ACCESSIBLE, SKILL BASED FOOTBALL FOR 4-12 YEAR OLDS**



**MIXED GROUP SESSIONS BUILT AROUND OUR PROVEN COACHING METHOD, DESIGNED TO HELP EVERY PLAYER IMPROVE - WHATEVER THEIR LEVEL.**



**ALL YEAR TRAINING**



**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**



**TOP FACILITIES!**



**FOR EVERY JOURNEY**

**GET IN TOUCH**

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 📷 @wmfsevenoaks  
 📍 We Make Footballers Sevenoaks

**LOCATIONS**

Sevenoaks  
 West Heath School  
 Leisure Centre

**TRUSTED BY OVER 100,000 PARENTS**



**Bessels Green**  
 PARKING CENTRE

## JOIN US FOR OUR FREE COMMUNITY FUN DAY

**SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2:00PM TO 4:30PM BESSELS GREEN**



**LIVE MUSIC**



**HOOK A DUCK**



**FACE PAINTING**

**COCONUT SHY**



**GLADIATOR DUEL**



**BOUNCY ASSAULT COURSE**



**VINTAGE TEA ROOM**



**SWEETS IN A JAR**



**FIRE ENGINE**



**BISCUIT ICING**

**AND MUCH MORE...**



**AJFC 2025/26 YEARS 2-6 PLAYERS WANTED**



Registration for the 2025/26 season is now live and we are looking for players across all age groups from years 2-6 to participate.

Amherst Juniors is a welcoming club for boys and girls of all abilities to come and enjoy playing football locally with friends.

The first session is on September 6<sup>th</sup> and cost for the season is only £60 per child.

Please use the following link to register <https://www.amherstfc.co.uk/registrations.html>

We are also looking for parent coaches to help run the sessions and we look forward to seeing you all for the start of a new season soon.



## SEVENOAKS RUGBY CLUB'S GIRLS ACTIVITY DAY!

COME ALONG FOR A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON OF CRAFT ACTIVITIES AND RUGBY SKILLS!

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE BY SIGNING UP USING THE QR CODE BELOW



SEVENOAKS RUGBY CLUB, PLYMOUTH DRIVE, TN13 3RP | SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER | 14:00-16:00 | FOR U8 TO U14 GIRLS

### Vacancy for Councillor at Riverhead Parish Council

Are you passionate about Riverhead or looking for a way to give something back to the community?

Riverhead Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor – a rewarding role that allows you to make a real difference locally.

Councillors have the opportunity to be involved in key areas of local decision-making and may be appointed to serve on the following:

**Committees:** Planning | Finance | Standing

**Sub-Committees:** Highways | Village Hall | Parkland | Community | Open Spaces

Interested?

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to learn more, please contact:

✉ [clerk@riverheadparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@riverheadparishcouncil.gov.uk)

☎ 01732 461278

Further information is also available on our website:

🌐 [www.riverheadparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.riverheadparishcouncil.gov.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you!

## BENNETT MEMORIAL DIOCESAN SCHOOL



SEMPER TENAX: HOPE, WISDOM, LOVE

### BELIEVING IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Bennett is a Church of England school with a record of providing outstanding education, rooted in tradition and preparing young people for the future. Our distinctive Christian identity and ethos inform our approach to living and learning. We are academically highly successful and we set great store by the formation of character and values.

### ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

Outstanding teaching and impressive results are at the heart of Bennett's success. We are rightly renowned for the excellent results Bennett students achieve at GCSE and A Level. This is because our teachers are experts in their subjects, and because we expect hard work, exemplary behaviour and a positive approach at all times.

### TEACHING FOR SUCCESS

At Bennett teaching is rigorous and demanding. It is relevant and engaging, with high expectations in class and at home.

### CARING AND THRIVING

As a Christian school, we place particular emphasis on caring and supporting young people as they grow up.

### TAKING PART AND ENJOYING

Learning outside the classroom is a central part of Bennett life. Music and sport, travel and adventure, all play an important role in the life of Bennett students.

### BENNETT SIXTH FORM

The vast majority of Bennett students choose to move into the Bennett Sixth Form after GCSE. Our large and vibrant Sixth Form is characterised by an atmosphere of aspiration and excellence.

### OPEN EVENINGS

Tuesday 24th September  
 Thursday 26th September  
 Wednesday 2nd October

For open evening booking details and how to apply please check the school website [www.bennettmemorial.co.uk](http://www.bennettmemorial.co.uk)



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