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*School Values*

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

The children have completed their **first full week of term** with enthusiasm and commitment. It has been great to see the early excitement of starting back at school continuing.

At this time of year I spend some **time in every classroom** over the coming weeks **to see how the children have settled**. It is an opportunity to see how the children are **progressing** and **observe** classroom practice.

### YEAR 6

**Well done to all children** that sat the Kent Test yesterday. I'm sure they are relieved it is over!

### SCHOOL VALUES

At Amherst School we have six school values that underpin all we do. Each value is linked to a school term and are as follows:

#### Term 1 - Trust

We will act responsibly and honestly to earn the trust of each other at Amherst School.

#### Term 2 - Kindness

We will treat everybody and everything with care and respect at Amherst School

#### Term 3 - Determination

We will work hard to do our best even when things are difficult

#### Term 4 - Politeness

We will be well-mannered and courteous towards everyone at Amherst School

#### Term 5 - Fairness

We will treat everyone as our equal at Amherst School

#### Term 6 - Cooperation

We will work together to include each other as a team at Amherst School.

## PTA

The PTA are in **urgent need of a new treasurer** (thank you to Mr Penry for all his hard work during the last year). Without this role filled, the PTA is unable to operate. If you have any interest in this role, please contact the PTA - see page 4 for contact details.

I hope you all have a great weekend and enjoy the Riverhead Carnival on Sunday if you are going.

*Mr Reid*

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- TRUST**
- KINDNESS**
- DETERMINATION**
- POLITENESS**
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- COOPERATION**



## PSHE ASSEMBLIES

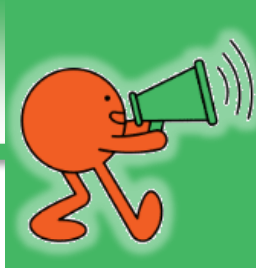
Our PSHE curriculum and assemblies are also linked to the school values.

We believe **our values can be taught** rather than accepting that some people are, for example, only kind because of their personality or life experiences.

One of the **greatest gifts** we can give our children is understanding the importance and impact of **kindness**.

When I speak to the children and ask them which value do they think is the most important, Kindness and Fairness are always at the top.

# 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.



## FOOTBALL SQUAD TRIALS – YEAR 5 & 6

Children are to sign up with Mr Barratt for football trials next week.  
 Monday—Year 5 @ 12.20pm  
 Tuesday—Year 6 @ 12.20pm  
 Children taking part should ask to go to lunch early.



## 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.



## 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 on **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](#). Please come dressed in PE kit and trainers and bring a water bottle and snack.



## LETTERS SENT

Year 3—Intended Learning  
 Year 6—Young Voices coach and consent



## TERM DATES

We have published the term dates for 2026-2027 on our website, please [click here](#) to view it.



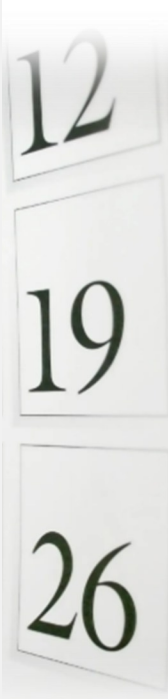
## CLUB ZONE— SEE NEXT PAGE

We still have spaces in some of our clubs—see the list on the next page. If your child is interested in joining, please [click here](#) to complete our clubs booking form.



## WASPS

There is high level of wasp activity in our school hedge. The pest control team visited today and confirmed there is no nest requiring treatment. They are however very angry at the moment, so do take care when you walk past.



# FUTURE DATES

15-Sep	Football Squad Trials - Year 5 - 12.20pm
16-Sep	Football Squad Trials - Year 6 - 12.20pm
16-Sep	Meet the Teacher (yr 3 - 4.00pm / yr 4 - 4.45pm) - <i>childcare in ICT suite</i>
17-Sep	Meet the Teacher (yr 5 - 4.00pm / yr 6 - 4.45pm) - <i>childcare in ICT suite</i>
18-Sep	Table Tennis Squad Trials - Hall
22-Sep	Clubs start
23-Sep	Year 6 - National Child Measurement Programme
24-Sep	Year 6 - Secondary Application Meeting - 7.00 - 8.00pm - <i>no childcare</i>
30-Sep	Year 5 - Science Space Show
02-Oct	School Photos
02-Oct	National Poetry Day
09-Oct	Harvest Festival
13-15 Oct	Year 3 - Rocks Day Workshop
16-Oct	LAST DAY OF TERM
17-Oct	INSET DAY
HALF TERM	
27-Oct	INSET DAY
28-Oct	TERM STARTS
31-Oct	Flu Immunisations - whole school
12-Nov	Year 6 - Historic Workshops: WW2 Workshop
14-Nov	World Diabetes Day - Wear Something Blue - £1
14-Nov	Open Afternoon - 2.45 - 3.30pm
17-19 Nov	Book Fair - 3.30 - 4.15pm
25-Nov	Parent Consultations
27-Nov	Parent Consultations
28-Nov	Clubs End
01-Dec	Whole School Pantomime
05-Dec	Year 4 - Christmas Production - Dress Rehearsal - 9.30 - 10.30am
06-Dec	PTA Bazaar - 12.00 - 15.00pm
08-Dec	Year 4 - Christmas Production - Matinee Performance - 2.00 - 3.00pm
09-Dec	Year 4 - Christmas Production - Evening Performance - 6.00 - 7.00pm
15-Dec	Carol Service rehearsal - 1.30 - 3.30pm
15-Dec	Whole School - Carol Service - 6.00pm
17-Dec	Christmas Lunch - 12.00 - 2.00pm
19-Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM

# LET'S CELEBRATE



## STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Suri G	5A	Karolina H
3FB	Constance A	5CS	Theo P
3WH	Nathan L	5J	Sam H
4C	Izzy W	6A	Oli A
4HR	Elliott H	6DT	Thea-Rose L
4SL	Poppy S	6N	Maddock M

## CLUBS ZONE



Thank you to all parents who have completed our clubs booking form.

### OPEN SPACES

We still have spaces in the following clubs if your child wants to join an extra-curricular club:

- Little Musketeers - 4 spaces
- Year 3 Table Tennis - 4 Spaces
- Year 4 Table Tennis - 7 Spaces
- Hockey Club - 4 Spaces
- Year 5-6 Spanish - 5 Spaces
- Year 4 Spanish - 3 Spaces
- Year 3 French - 4 Spaces
- Year 3 Spanish - 3 Spaces

### CONFIRMATION OF PLACES




Our clubs lists are almost finalised. Once done, we will **confirm your child's place via an email**. Clubs start on 22 September 2025.

### PARENT HELP NEEDED

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

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

### 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>o 30 children were allocated a place in Autumn (T 1&amp;2)</li> <li>o 30 children were allocated a place in Spring (T 3&amp;4)</li> <li>o 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>o 30 children were allocated a place in 5<sup>th</sup> Half term</li> <li>o 30 children were allocated a place in 6<sup>th</sup> Half term</li> <li>o 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>• MINI SIGN UP                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o For clubs with changes or with open spaces</li> <li>o 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>o The booking form will show only the open and available spaces</li> </ul>		

CLUBS EXPLAINED

We hope your children had a fantastic first full week at school!



## OUR ONLINE HOME - CLASSLIST

At the end of last year the PTA announced that from this academic year (2025/26) we have decided to switch event management 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.

### Why have we made the switch?

- Improved user experience – Classlist offers a user-friendly app and supports Apple Pay and Google Pay.
- Lower platform fees – Just 1.5% compared to 3.95% with PTA-Events.
- Simpler admin tools – Easier event creation and dynamic event check-ins.

Thank you to those who have already signed up. However, there are still a large number of parents yet to join us. Please can we urge you to sign up ASAP as you will need to use Classlist for all future transactions. To join, simply search for Amherst School on the Classlist app or scan the QR code.

**Classlist**  
Connect - Celebrate - Collaborate  
Amherst School PTA

Join our parent app  
For quick approval, scan the code by Fri 04 Jul

<https://classlist.page.link/XbQoQmWP9dj7uHra7>

Parents love using Classlist to:

- Connect with class families
- Hear what's happening at school and ask questions
- Organise meet-ups and birthday parties
- Get tickets to events

GDPR compliant, private and secure.  
[www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com)

GET IT ON Google Play | Download on the App Store

## NEW TREASURER—URGENT!

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

## FIRST MEETING

Don't forget our first meeting currently scheduled for 7 October 2025 / 8.00 - 9.00pm.

## THIS SUNDAY!

Come and support us please ...



**RIVERHEAD CARNIVAL**  
**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

Amherst PTA will be holding a chocolate tombola stall to raise money for Amherst School.

Any donations of chocolates or sweets, big or small, will be greatly appreciated – **BUT NO NUTS PLS!**

Collection boxes will be outside the school office.  
Thank you for your support!

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Your PTA Lead Team

# COMMUNITY



## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

We offer face-to-face and online support for parents/carers including...

- Webinars covering a range of topics
- Face-to-face workshops
- Therapy services - speech & language therapy, occupational therapy, counselling
- Outreach support such as de-escalation techniques to be used at home
- Help parents and carers support children with school anxiety



Scan the QR code for more information on our website



If you would like any further information please email:

[rmsolutions@r-i-t.org](mailto:rmsolutions@r-i-t.org)



## HOLIDAY COURSE

### OCTOBER HALF TERM



Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now by scanning the QR code or using the below website and course code.

Course Code	Venue	Date
SS-LA-K-2	Leigh Academy TN9 2PH	21st-22nd October
Timings	Age	Cost
10.00-15.00	School Year 1-8	£72.00

[chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)



WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & OFFER TAX-FREE CHILDCARE!

# MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILD CARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4-14

## OCTOBER CAMP 2025

AT ALL LOCATIONS - CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES

**WALL CLIMBING**

**FANCY DRESS**

**KIDS FAVOURITE**

**INFLATABLE FOOT DARTS**

**ANIMAL WORKSHOP**

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT ESSEX, KENT & SURREY THIS OCTOBER

CHECK WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS & DATES

**BOOK ONLINE NOW!**

**[WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET](http://WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET)**

OR CALL 0333 012 4378

### 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.

## THE HISTORY FESTIVAL

AT HEVER CASTLE

FLASH SALE

# ALL TICKETS £17

AND STUDENTS GO FREE

OFFER AVAILABLE UNTIL **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ENTHRALLED BY **13 BRILLIANT SPEAKERS** IN OUR UNFORGETTABLE SETTING

# BOOK NOW

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

HEVERFESTIVAL.CO.UK