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# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### A25 Pedestrian Crossing

I would like to start by **thanking Riverhead Parish Council** for all their efforts to successfully get the railings reinstated by the traffic lights. I think as a whole community we were alarmed at the changes that were made to accommodate the new cycle way. I understand a high level 'green man' will also be added. Thank you to everybody who raised their concerns which has enabled a much safer option to be installed.

### Clubs

**Our clubs timetable begins next week** and I would like to thank staff in advance who are giving up their time to run a club. Our **extra-curricular programme is a key part of life at Amherst School** and gives the children an opportunity to experience an activity

that might be new for them. This may spark an interest that lasts for many years and has a positive impact on their life. One of my favourite times of the week is playing the trumpet in the school orchestra after school on Fridays. I find it a relaxing way to end the week and it provides 45 minutes to decompress from all the challenges the week may have held before the weekend begins. A very therapeutic way to end the week!

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## Meet the Teacher

**It was great to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week.** Hopefully it provided the chance for you to find out about the routines, curriculum and expectations for your child this year. I am pleased you also had the chance to visit your child's classroom. Now you can visualise where they are each day which I think is important. **Open Afternoon** (Friday 14th November 2.45pm) is an opportunity for your child to share their work which they will have completed since September. Children are always immensely proud of their achievements and love having the chance to share. **Parents' Evening** is later in November and offers the chance for you to discuss your child's progress in more detail. I hope the combination of these three events over the coming months enable you to feel well informed about your child's experience at Amherst.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher earlier if there is something that needs discussing prior to Parent's Evening.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

*Mr Reid*

*New Date*



## Year 6 Secondary School Application Meeting

Tuesday  
23 September 2025  
7.00—8.00pm

*(unfortunately no childcare available)*

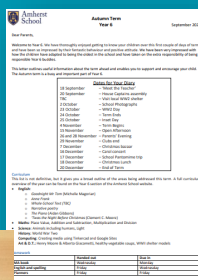
We will make the information available afterwards.

## BE INFORMED

### Autumn Year Group Letters

Please click on the links below for info on Curriculum, Trips, Homework and more

- [Year 3 Letter](#)      [Year 4 Letter](#)
- [Year 5 Letter](#)      [Year 6 Letter](#)



## Meet the Teacher

### PRESENTATIONS

- [Year 3](#)      [Year 4](#)      [Year 5](#)      [Year 6](#)

# 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.

## PARENT READERS – MORE PLEASE!

Thank you to those of you who offered to help our children by listening to them while they read to you. We are still looking for more helpers for the following classes:

**4G 4SL 5A 5CS 6A 6N 6DT**

## 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.

## LETTERS SENT

- Whole School —Flu Vaccination Letter
- Whole School—Parent Governor Election
- Year 5—Bug Hotel for RE Letter
- Year 5—Space Workshop
- Year 6—Young Voices coach and consent

## FLU VACCINATIONS – WHOLE SCHOOL

This year’s flu vaccinations will be administered in school on **31 October 2025**. The online consent form must be submitted before **4pm on 28 October 2025**. If you wish to decline the vaccination, please still complete the form to indicate this.

## YEAR 6 – YOUNG VOICES

Please remember to complete your booking form and payment for the coach, t-shirt packs and tickets on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and via the [order form](#) here.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have the school photographers in on **2nd October 2025**. Please can all children come dressed in **winter uniform**. Many thanks.

## ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are **seeking two new parent governors** to join the Amherst governing board. Please see the letter sent about it earlier in the week. **Closing date for nominations is 3rd October 2025.**

## PTA

Please note that the PTA’s dates have now been included in the list below.

22-Sep	Clubs start
23-Sep	Year 6 - National Child Measurement Programme
23-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
07-Oct	PTA AGM Meeting - 7.00pm @ the Bullfinch Pub
09-Oct	Harvest Festival
10-Oct	PTA: Cake & Hot Dog Sale - 3.30pm
10-Oct	PTA: Quiz Night
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
31-Oct	PTA: Meeting @ Bullfinch Meeting
07-Nov	PTA: Comedy Night - 8.00pm
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
12-Dec	PTA: Cake & Hot Dog Sale - 3.30pm
15-Dec	Carol Service rehearsal - 1.30 - 3.30pm
15-Dec	Whole School - Carol Service - 6.00pm
16-Dec	PTA: Secrets Room at school
17-Dec	Christmas Lunch - 12.00 - 2.00pm
19-Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM

**FUTURE DATES**

**VOTE FOR GOVERNOR GOVERNOR GOVERNOR GOVERNOR GOVERNOR**

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# LET'S CELEBRATE



## THEATRE

Alf K (5A) recently achieved a high merit in his Grade 2 Music Theatre Exam. Congratulations Alf!

## PTA

Thank you so much for your **chocolate donations** and to those who **volunteered** their time to run the stall at the Riverhead Carnival. We took over **£500** which is a great start to our fundraising year!!

Our upcoming meeting is on the **7th October at 7pm in the Bullfinch Pub** and it would be brilliant to see lots of you there! Many hands make light work, and we will be starting to discuss our Christmas bazaar - which definitely takes many hands— 'Find your inner elf'!

See you at the meeting - or at our comedy night in November.

Your PTA Team

## TEAM AMHERST

AMHERST PTA HOSTS -

# STAND UP COMEDY NIGHT

FEATURING 3 ACTS PRESENTED BY OUT OF BOUNDS COMEDY CLUB

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

DOORS OPEN: 7.30PM  
SHOW: 8PM - 10.30PM  
VENUE: AMHERST SCHOOL

BAR DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

TICKETS £15 AVAILABLE ON CLASSLIST SHORTLY

## CALLING ALL AMHERST PARENTS & CARERS

**DO YOU WORK FOR A COMPANY THAT OFFERS MATCH FUNDING?**

The PTA is looking for match funding opportunities. All you need to do is ask your employer if they offer match funding and fill out a form the PTA can help with.

For more info email: [amherst-treasurer@outlook.com](mailto:amherst-treasurer@outlook.com)

## CLUBS ZONE



### NEW LITTLE MUSKETEERS CLUB—YEAR 3

Following an inspirational talk from Olympic fencer and Musketeers Founding Director **James Beevers** at one of this week's assemblies, we are writing to all Year 3 parents to ask if their child would be interested in signing up for a Wednesday morning Musketeers club at 8.00am. The charge for each session would be £6.00.

For more Musketeers information please click on the following [link](#). To show your interest, please complete the [following form](#).



### OPEN SPACES

We still have spaces in the following clubs if your child wants to join an extra-curricular club. Please complete our [booking form](#) to apply for these places:

- Little Musketeers - 3 spaces
- Year 4 Table Tennis - 6 Spaces
- Year 5-6 Spanish - 4 Spaces
- Year 3 French - 4 Spaces
- Year 3 Table Tennis - 6 Spaces
- Hockey Club - 6 Spaces
- Year 4 Spanish - 2 Spaces
- Year 3 Spanish - 4 Spaces

# Peaceful School Run



Are you struggling to get your child into school in the mornings?

We have been lucky enough to be offered a workshop exclusively for Amherst parents and carers to support this.

You'll leave the workshop with **practical steps** to make your school runs more peaceful and more connected. The 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.

Online workshop for Amherst School parents  
Tuesday October 7, 1.30 - 2.30 pm

Please click on the image below to register for the workshop:



[Get workshop access details and updates](#)

## What other parents said about this workshop

*"I got some good ideas at the workshop, mainly about starting small. This workshop felt like a secure, welcoming forum."*

*"I was feeling guilty about repeating myself every morning. If I were to implement one idea from this workshop, it would be to put more focus on reconnecting after I get angry and shout. I feel more relaxed about managing our mornings now."*

*"The biggest challenge for me is working with my child to help her feel emotionally regulated about going to school. I worry that she will become more anxious or her self-esteem will be affected. If I were to implement one idea from this workshop, it would be writing a list of what we need to do together with her so that she can feel she has more control. I feel more positive about our mornings now."*

*"It is challenging to deal with ADHD, distractions and nagging. I was feeling frustrated with myself and my son. I was relieved that others have similar issues. I would recommend this workshop - the information was useful, and helpful to hear about others' experiences."*

Presented by:  
 Rotary Beckenham, Rotary Bromley Borough,  
 Rotary Bromley Game Changers, Chislehurst Rotary,  
 Rotary Langley Park, Rotary Orpington Crofton,  
 Rotary Orpington E-Club, Rotary West Wickham

**Rotary South East**



Carol Anne Wells  
Piano



Mark Underwood  
Flute



Fake a Chance on Me  
ABBA Tribute



Opus Sax



Bromley Youth Chamber Orchestra

## Rotary Gala Concert

Classical Favourites and ABBA Tribute  
 Friday 10th October 2025, 7pm  
 Langley Park Centre for the Performing Arts  
 Langley Park School for Boys, South Eden Park Road, Beckenham BR3 3BP

**Tickets:**  
 Advance Booking  
 Adults £20, 18 years and under - £15  
 After 18th September:  
 Adults - £25, 18 years and under - £20

Book Online:  
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All proceeds to St Christopher's Hospice, Bromley Youth Music Trust,  
 Bromley Football Club Community Trust  
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 Licensed bar. Free parking at the venue.

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## Annual Open Meeting

16th October 2025 - 7.00pm  
 St Mary's Church Hall Kippington  
 TN13 2LL

All welcome, do join us for an interesting evening!

Guest Presentation:  
**Reflect, Connect, Communicate:  
 Strengthening Relationship  
 Dynamics**

Lindsay Schofield, Consultant Psychotherapist

Lindsay is a Consultant Psychotherapist with a private practice in Surrey. For over two decades, she has provided treatment and support to individuals, couples, and professionals, helping with a wide range of emotional and mental health challenges. Her approach is relational, it is important to her that each person feels heard and understood. In partnership with her clients and supervisees, she seeks to help make sense of their challenges, to identify goals, and then to purposefully integrate information and skills to help them make the changes they want and need.

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## SEVENOAKS EAST TO WEST LAUNCH CYCLE

Saturday 11 October 2025

The event begins at 12.30pm at the Sevenoaks Education Campus (home to Trinity School, The Weald of Kent and Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys) with a free cycle repair workshop, run by The Bike Warehouse in Sevenoaks, free police bike marking and information stalls.

An opening ceremony will take place at 1.15pm before two group bike rides led by the police take cyclists along the route to Brittain's Commons. The rides set off at 1.30pm and 2pm and are expected to take about half an hour.

A Batch 18 coffee van (charges apply) will be waiting for cyclists at Brittain's Common along with a free cycling goodie bag giveaway, subject to availability.

The free bike repair workshop, police bike marking and stalls will be available until 1.45pm. Events at Brittain's Common will continue until 2.45pm.



## Family Stir-up Sunday

Sunday 23 November | 10am-12pm

### Parent-and-child cooking workshop

Make a traditional, organic Christmas pudding with your child, guided by our chef

Stir the pudding, make a wish and take it home to mature - plus tick a job off your Christmas 'to do' list!

Drinks and festive treats included



## SHOWTIME PRESENTS... K-POP DEMON HUNTERS

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# HOLIDAY COURSES

## KENT

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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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# Born to Perform

## STAGE SCHOOL PRESENTS...

# HALF TERM HALLOWEEN

- POTION PUTTY WORKSHOP
- PUMPKIN TEALIGHT WORKSHOP
- GHOULISH FACE PAINTING
- TRICK OR TREAT SCAVENGER HUNT
- END OF COURSE SHOWCASE

A THREE DAY HALLOWEEN THEMED PERFORMING ARTS CAMP: 20TH-22ND OF OCTOBER AT SEVENOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL, TN13 3LB.  
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LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

WEDNESDAY

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The Musical, The Musical, The Musical

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

HOCUS POCUS

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

Snapshot to send to parents & Carers (for sharing with poster attached):

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