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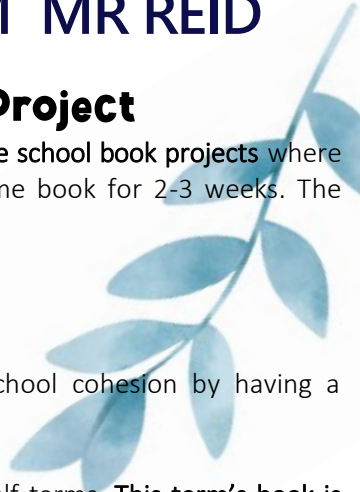
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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Whole School Book Project

Twice a year we complete our whole school book projects where each year group works on the same book for 2-3 weeks. The objectives of the projects are:

- Create high quality writing
- Create high quality art
- Develop a love of books
- Create a feeling of whole school cohesion by having a shared objective



We complete the projects after the October and February half-terms. **This term's book is *Leaf* by Sandra Dieckmann.**

*When a polar bear washes up on the edge of the wild wood, the other animals fear and avoid him. Then one day, they watch as he attempts something incredible...*

The author cleverly weaves together some difficult themes such as the **environment, inclusion, diversity** and **prejudice**. Although a simple children's tale the book is a great starting point for discussion and exploration around some of those themes. I'm sure the children are going to really enjoy the English and Art lessons that the book will inspire after half term.

Another benefit of the projects is that **we try and use a new book each time** so it is fresh and exciting for children and staff.

**It is one of my favourite times of the year** when the projects are taking place. They create a **buzz of excitement and anticipation**. I look forward to seeing the children's writing and art that will be displayed in the hall, corridors and classrooms after half term. Displays should be up for parent's evening in November so please take the opportunity to have a look.

Best wishes for a good weekend.

## Mr Reid



## SANDRA DIECKMANN

Sandra Dieckmann is an illustrator, author and maker.



Her work is deeply inspired by all that's weird and wonderful in nature, drifting, thoughts and dreams. She is best known for her colourful and patterned, often intricate renderings but works in a multitude of media, from analogue to digital.

# 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.



## CLUBS

Week beginning - 13 October 2025:

- **No Hockey Club - Thursday, 16 October 2025**
- **ALL CLUBS** should be running as **normal**.



## LETTERS SENT

Whole School— Supporting Amherst School Financially  
Year 3 — [Intended Learning](#)  
Class 3FB— Homework update



## 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.



## WELLIES

Please note that **after half term**, children must have wellies to be allowed to go on the field.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

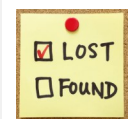
If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. If you haven't purchased photographs from us previously you will need to contact the school directly for the website photo code.

The **online cut-off date for orders** to be placed for free postage back to the school is **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**.



## WINNING HOUSE— AMHERST

Congratulations to Amherst winning this term's house points. Children are allowed to wear green on Thursday—the last day of term.



## LOST & FOUND

We have two wallets in the office that we believe were left at previous school events such as the Summer BBQ. If you have lost a wallet, please pop into the school office.

# HARVEST FESTIVAL



Thank you to everybody who donated food for our Harvest Festival which was held yesterday. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated — together, we've helped make a real difference in our community.

A big thank you also to the parent volunteers Mrs Bates, Mr & Mrs Comer, Ms Lyon, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Lavelle who transported all the donations to the Loaves and Fishes foodbank. Your time and help is much appreciated!



# LET'S CELEBRATE



## STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Zac P
3FB	Sophia B
3WH	Grace W
4C	Elise K
4HR	Rafe K
4SL	Andy G

5A	Alana B
5CS	Marcus P
5J	Lara S
6A	Felix S
6DT	Oliver B
6N	William W-E

## RUGBY

On Monday 6th October, a team of children from Year 4 participated in the Sevenoaks School Partnership Rugby Festival at Sevenoaks Rugby Club.

Most of the children had never played a tag rugby match before, so this was a great experience for them to play and also be coached by Sevenoaks Rugby Club coaches. The children played 3 games in the large schools league. They won 3-1 against Anthony Roper and won 4-1 against Seal. The match against Lady Boswell's was so close and the team narrowly missed out on winning as the result was 5-4. This meant Amherst came second overall.

The team then played 2 friendly matches against St Katharine's and Otford and Amherst won both games. The children's progress in each match was incredible and their rugby skills developed brilliantly during the festival.

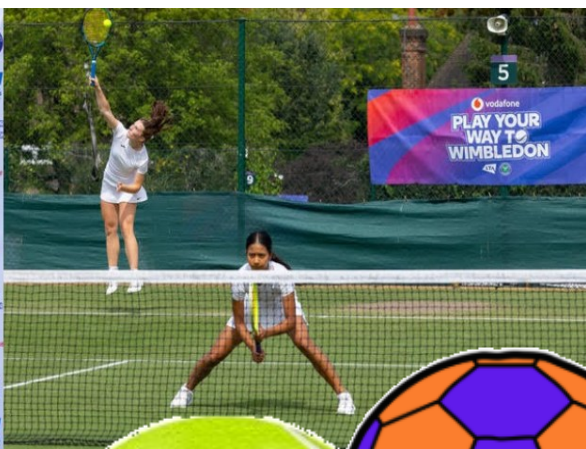
Huge congratulations to Leo H-M, Henry N, Lawrie G, Rafe K, Charlie B, Cassia D, Ella C, Hester M, Elliott H and Libby H. Many thanks to all the parents for transporting and supporting the children. Mrs Wheeler



## TENNIS

Former Amherst pupil Alice Moffatt had a very successful summer with her tennis to be crowned 18U Doubles 'Play Your Way to Wimbledon' National champion along with her partner Anisha. The event took place on the grass courts at Wimbledon in August with a total of 13000 players entering the competition from around the country!

She then went on to win 4 County titles in the Kent County Championships making her the 2025 County champion for the 18U Girls Singles, 16U Girls Singles, 18U Girls Doubles and the Open Women's Doubles. Alice's ranking now moves to 42 in the country for 16U's. Alice still trains full time at Chipstead Place LTC with her coach Adam and was a valuable part of the Amherst school tennis teams throughout her time at the school!





- 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

# TICKETS NOW ON SALE

### Term 2 – PE Timetable

#### Indoor PE sessions

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

#### Outdoor PE sessions

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



# FUTURE DATES



#### CALENDAR DATES 2025-2026

13-Oct	Year 3 - 3WH- Rocks Day Workshop
14-Oct	Year 3 - 3B - Rocks Day Workshop
15-Oct	Year 3 - 3FB - 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
14-Nov	Children in Need Cake Sale
14-Nov	PTA: Uniform and Christmas Jumper Sale
17-19 Nov	Book Fair - 3.30 - 4.15pm
18-Nov	Year 4 Trip - Battle Abbey
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: Elfridges Pop-up Shop at school
17-Dec	Christmas Lunch - 12.00 - 2.00pm
19-Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM
CHRISTMAS	



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## SPOOKY NINJA ADVENTURES LEGO® CAMP

Join your favourite Niniago heroes as they take on a special Halloween mission! In this workshop, young builders will create epic Ninja-inspired builds with a spooky twist!

**£40\* | 5-12 YRS**  
\*Includes NEW Lego® mini figure or Lego® set to take home

21ST OCTOBER - BIDBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL  
22ND OCTOBER - SEVENOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
23RD OCTOBER - KINGS HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE  
31ST OCTOBER - LOOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

**10AM - 3PM**

We Learn. 😊 We Build. 😊 We Play. 😊

BOOK VIA WEBSITE check out all our camp themes and locations on our website and BOOK TODAY!

www.bricks4kidz.uk/kent | 07814 371279 | ccobb@bricks4kidz.uk

## OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP

Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of October

9:00-12:00 ages 5-10  
14:30-17:30 ages 11-16

All standards welcome & rackets can be provided if required!

£85 for club member for one week  
£95 for non members for one week  
Individual days available upon request  
10% early bird discount if you book before the 6<sup>th</sup> of October

Contact adam@artennis.co.uk



## Halloween Workshop

Sevenoaks School of Dance

Book our Halloween 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 Halloween!

For more information or to book, please contact: phoebe@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - £30 Per Day  
10am - 3pm  
Boys & Girls  
Aged 4 - 11 Years  
Amherst School,  
Witches Lane,  
Sevenoaks,  
TN13 2AX



## FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

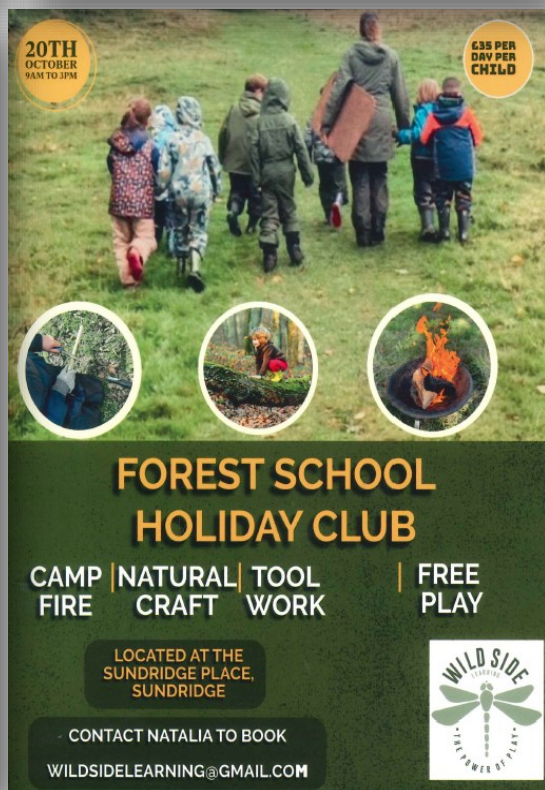
20TH OCTOBER 9AM TO 3PM

£35 PER DAY PER CHILD

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**FREE**

Opening of the  
**SEVENOAKS**  
Walking, wheeling and cycling route



Join us on Saturday 11 October 2025 for an afternoon of free, family activities!

- Sevenoaks Education Campus at 157 Seal Hollow Road TN13 3SP
- 12.30pm to 1.45pm - cycle repair workshop (run by The Bike Warehouse), bike marking and information stalls
  - 1.30pm and 2pm - 30-minute cycle rides to Brittain's Common

- Brittain's Common (by Brittain's Lane)
- 1.45pm to 2.45pm - cycling goodie bag giveaway\* and coffee van\*\*
- \*subject to availability \*\*charges apply

Find out more at [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/wcc](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/wcc) or call 01732 227000.

