



CONTENTS

Message from Mr Reid
PAGE 1

Notices
PAGE 2

Let's Celebrate
Children in Need
PAGE 3

PTA & Future Dates
PAGE 4

Science & WWII
PAGES 5

Community Events
PAGES 6

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

I hope you all have had a **good half term break** and are ready for the start of Term 2. I survived two days of mountain biking with my children in Wales. One day at Forest of Dean and one day at Bike Park Wales. My 15 year old son pushed me to my limit. I kept telling myself it was good to get out of my comfort zone!

Kindness

This term's school value is kindness which the children all agree is one of our **most important values**. The **impact of kindness** should **not be underestimated** to provide support and encouragement. I firmly believe **you can teach kindness** rather than thinking that some people are kind and some people are unkind.

The accompanying school rule to this term's value is:

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

As part of our PSHE curriculum every class will have a **weekly lesson** on kindness this term. *Being kind to ourselves* is also an element that will be studied. As part of this term's value we will be **supporting Anti-Bullying week** which is the week beginning 10th November by having an **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 10th November**. This is a long standing campaign with the idea of wearing odd socks with your school uniform that day to recognise that **we are all different but the same**. **Odd Socks Day** is designed to **be fun!** It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and **celebrate their individuality** and what makes us all unique. I will lead an assembly that day on the same topic.



Road Safety

Due to the busy nature of the roads outside our school and it getting darker earlier, we have organised a **Road Safety assembly on Monday 3rd November**. This will be led by David Williams, Safer Road User Officer, from the Kent Road Safety and Active Travel team. Hopefully it will **highlight to the children the importance of road safety** and equip them with the skills to keep safe.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Reid

REMEMBER TO WEAR

10 November
Anti-Bullying Week
Odd Socks Day

14 November
World Diabetes Day
14 NOV Day
Wear something blue for £1.00

Buy a Poppy
Support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

2025
Children will have the opportunity to buy a poppy at school.

SALE: 03/11 - 11/11

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. The form should also be used for medical appointments, holiday requests and school visits.



CLUBS

Week beginning - 3 November 2025:
ALL clubs should be running as normal.



SPORT KIT

Please can all SPORT PE KIT (used for sporting tournaments) be returned to the school office straight after a tournament / match. Please make sure to hand it to an adult and not just leave it on the reception desk. Thank you.



CHILDREN IN NEED – CAKE SALE

We would appreciate **MANY donations** of **cupcakes, bought cakes, homemade cakes** (ANY REALLY) for our **Children in Need Cake Sale** on **14 November 2025**. We have children in school with serious nut allergies. If they eat nuts or for some, are near them, they could get very sick. Please can you ensure that any donations made are nut free. THANK YOU!



LUNCH MONEY

We hope the children have enjoyed the first week of our **NEW MENU!** Please can we remind you to make payment for school lunches via www.schoolgateway.com.

Costs for the new term are as follows:

Daily - £ 2.85 / Weekly - £ 14.25 / Term 2 - £ 111.15 (39 days)

If you would like to change your child's meal pattern, please [click here](#).



LETTERS SENT

Year 3 — [Intended Learning](#)

Year 4 — [Battle Abbey Trip](#)



GIFT AID

If you have made any donations to the school recently and would like to gift aid these donations, please complete our Gift Aid Form by [clicking here](#).



VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a catering assistant for 5 days per week, term time only, working 10.30am- 2.30pm. Please apply via www.kent-teach.com.

ADMISSIONS

YEAR 6 PARENT– St GREGORY'S & TRINITY SCHOOL

This is just a reminder that if you have a child in Year 6 and have listed either of these schools below as one of your secondary school choices, the school might require you to complete a supplementary information form.

- **Trinity School Sevenoaks**
<https://trinitysevenoaks.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Supplementary-Information-Form-2026-intake-FINAL.pdf?t=1761822196?ts=1761822196>
- **St Gregory's Catholic School**
<https://stgregoryscatholic.applicaa.com/sif>

Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions
Opens Monday 1 September 2025 and closes at midnight on Friday 31 October 2025

For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, Transferring to Secondary school in September 2026

What to do	
Choose a school	Apply for a school place
<p>It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.</p> <p>Read the Guide to Secondary Admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.</p> <p>You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.</p>	<p>A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Monday 1 September 2025 and closes at midnight on Friday 31 October 2025</p> <p>If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use those login details.</p> <p>You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.</p> <p>You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.</p>
<p>Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.</p>	<p>On offer day (Monday 2 March 2026) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 16 March 2026.</p> <p>If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.</p>
Key dates	
Monday 1 st September 2025	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Friday 31 st October 2025	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentsecondaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 2 nd March 2026	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15 th March 2026	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Monday 30 th March 2026	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Admission to Primary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
Opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026

For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, Transferring to Primary school in September 2026

What to do	
Choose a school	Apply for a school place
<p>It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.</p> <p>Read the guide to Primary Admissions at: www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.</p> <p>You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.</p>	<p>A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026.</p> <p>You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.</p> <p>You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.</p>
<p>Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.</p>	<p>On offer day (Thursday 16 April 2026) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Thursday 30 April 2026.</p> <p>A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.</p> <p>If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.</p>
Key dates	
Friday 7 November 2025	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Thursday 15 January 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentprimaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Thursday 16 April 2026	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Thursday 30 April 2026	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

LET'S CELEBRATE



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Kit S	5A	Elizabeth K
3FB	Conrad R	5CS	Hugo B
3WH	Ella C	5J	Veera N
4C	Freddy D'A	6A	Conor B
4HR	Alex T	6DT	Tom O
4SL	Iris L	6N	Seb H



TENNIS

Congratulations to Oliver G (6N) who has been selected as part of the Kent County tennis team in the 11U division.

CHILDREN IN NEED

14 November



Art Competition RULES



- Art must be **freehand** and not printed on outlined sheets.
- Children can use any medium.
- Your artwork must have a Pudsey Bear in it somewhere.

3.30pm
AFTER SCHOOL

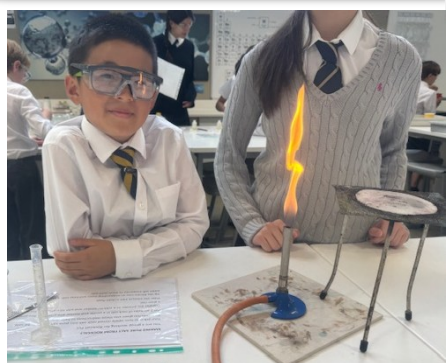
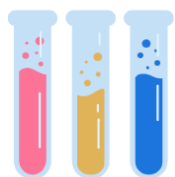
We will **appreciate donations of cake** in support of CIN. Please drop donations off in reception.

... AND REMEMBER TO BRING
CASH - 50p and £1.00

Cake Sale



SEVENOAKS SCIENCE



Year 6 are loving their science sessions at Sevenoaks School, experimenting with all kinds of fun and fascinating science!



WWII SHELTER VISIT



LUNCHTIME FUN!



PTA & OTHER



OUT OF BOUNDS
COMEDY.CO.UK
Friday 7 November 2025
Amherst School PTA
Comedy Night
Witches lane TN13 2AX

18+ Tickets **£15** from **Classlist**

Headline Act
Howard Read is best known for being one half (and the other half), of Big Howard, Little Howard, the world's first human cartoon double-act. International EMMY winner, 2 x BAFTA nominated, Fringe Award winner & BBC New Comedy Award winner to name a few. As a stand-up he is brilliantly off the wall. Totally silly, songs and jokes and stupidity. He wrote, animated, and starred in three series of his own cartoon: Little Howard, and now writes for Danger Mouse, Horrible Histories, Furchester Hotel and many more.
"Incredibly, achingly funny" **Daily Mail**
"Breaking boundaries in stand-up comedy" **Independent**

Comperce
James Beatty is an Essex based comedian with a cheeky but charming comedy style, winning over audiences with his big smile and warm energy. James is known for his friendly audience interactions and sharp wit. His charming nature and solid material have already elevated him up the comedy ranks, securing gigs at some of the most prestigious venues in the country.
"Funnist Dude I've Ever Seen In My Life" **Gerard Butler**
"One of the best stand ups I've ever seen." **Neg Dupree**

Richard Morton's bounding stage presence, catchy songs and material covering real life situations & quick fire gags has made him a true circuit favourite. On TV he has appeared on countless shows including **Never mind the Buzzcocks** and **Jack Dee's Saturday Night** show.
"Comic genius" - **The Daily Express**
"His hilarious songs give musical comedy a good name" - **The Guardian**

Prakash Jiradhun is a UK Stand-up comedian & Edinburgh "So You Think You're Funny" finalist. Most of his hour Prakash brings everyone together with laughter whilst pointing out differences between various cultures in a hilariously blunt but beautifully curated thanner.
Prakash is a comedic force to be reckoned with.

Doors Show 7.30pm 8.00pm
Well stocked Bar!

Caution: this performance will contain some adult humour as well as occasional bad language. ADULTS ONLY!
Management Disclaimer: Please note - that while we make every effort, shows can change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances and commitments of artists

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Please click here for the [Guest checkout link](#)



ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE
With the support of **Andy and Socks**

This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025

Odd Socks Day
Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

#OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek #PowerForGood

The theme of this year's National Anti-Bullying Week is "Power for Good" which encourages everyone to use their influence to promote kindness and support others in preventing bullying. Throughout the school, we will be using our PSHE lessons to consider and discuss this important topic. The week begins with Odd Socks Day which celebrates what makes us all unique and different.

Amherst invites everyone to wear "odd socks" in recognition of the importance of respecting each other's individuality.

FUTURE DATES



CALENDAR DATES 2025-2026		** Red dates added this week
07-Nov	PTA: Comedy Night - 8.00pm	
10-Nov	Odd Socks Day	
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 & Art Competition	
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	Year 5 Victorian Day - Dress Up	
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 - 3.00pm	
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		

COMMUNITY



OXFORD
BROOKES
UNIVERSITY

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

We're looking for children aged 5-9 to take part in a fun online study.

What is this about?

We want to learn how kids choose what to focus on and how they tackle fun little challenges.

What's involved?

A 40-minute online video call that you and your child will join.

Your child will solve a computerised puzzle task and answer some questions.

The study is playful and designed to be engaging for children.



Want your child to become an honorary scientist?

See the link below or scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.

Prize draw

To show our gratitude, all families who take part will be entered into a prize draw to win one of two £50 Amazon vouchers.

The research has been reviewed and approved by the University Research Ethics Committee, Oxford Brookes University [UREC registration number: 241858].



https://brookeshls.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cumFaXxh66Rd0Dc

SEVENOAKS PCN

Newsletter for Parents



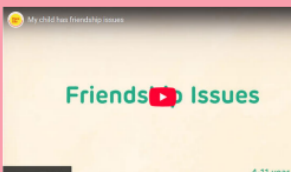
Theme: Relationships

How to support your child's relationships

- Encourage playdates
- Role playing
- Read books about friendship
- Role playing
- Create opportunities for social interaction
- Model positive behaviour
- Teach empathy
- Encourage group activities (sports team, clubs)
- Discuss relationship qualities
- Provide positive feedback
- Help with conflict resolution

Click on the icons below to direct you to helpful resources

[Parentkind](#)



[Friends & Issues](#)



SEVENOAKS PCN

Newsletter for Parents



Theme: Relationships

Click below for more information for parents and teens on relationships

- **Are they really your friend? 15 signs that suggest otherwise.** [Ditchthelabel.org](https://ditchthelabel.org)
- **How to feel confident saying no when you're feeling pressured:** <https://moodspark.org.uk/peer-pressure/>
- **Friendship guide for young people:** https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-10/friendship-guide-for-young-people_0...
- **Mood Spark:** <https://moodspark.org.uk/relationships/>

Welcome to MoodSpark

A space created by young people for young people to help navigate and learn about emotions.



STONEPITTS CHRISTMAS TREES

Stonepitts Farm, Watery Lane, Seal Chart, TN15 0ER

We are once again approaching the Christmas Season.

Donations to schools

As in previous years, we would once again like to offer a £2.00 donation to your School for every Christmas Tree bought by families and staff. Please produce proof of this newsletter article when buying a tree and this will count towards the final donation to the school.

Supporting Charities

We will also make a donation per tree sold to Demelza Hospice Care for Children.