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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Whole School Book Update

The children have worked incredibly hard over the last four weeks completing another very successful whole school book project. *Leaf* by Sandra Dieckmann has inspired the children to produce some superb creative writing and artwork.

It is one of my favourite moments of the school year when the book project displays start to appear in the hall and surrounding corridors. I am always so impressed by the pride and effort that the children and staff have put into the project. One of the many benefits of this collaborative style of work is that children are interested in each other's work across the year groups. I think it is vital that children are inspired and

motivated by their own peer group, showing each other what is possible with hard work. It is important for younger children to be exposed to what they will achieve when they reach Year 6. Positive peer pressure is what sustains a school's culture.



World Diabetes Day and Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously last Friday. It was a great opportunity to raise awareness and understanding regarding diabetes. Hopefully everybody is now more informed.

Open Afternoon

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending Open Afternoon last Friday. It was certainly a busy afternoon and there was a great buzz of excitement as the children shared their work with you. We deliberately time Open Afternoon prior to Parents' Evening (which is next week) so hopefully you feel up to date with your child's progress. It also gives you an opportunity to spend some time in school gaining a stronger sense of what they day is like. Children are not always that forthcoming when you ask them what they did today!



Beauty and the Beast

We are really looking forward to starting the festive season with our annual pantomime (in school) performance on Monday, 1st December. There will be two performances, one for Years 3/4 and one for Years 5/6. We are definitely starting Christmas early this year!

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Reid

17 December
Please book your
child's lunch by
Wednesday.



Christmas Lunch

Thank you

for supporting our Charity Fundraising efforts. As a school we raised a phenomenal £1000.00+ for the two charities below:



We raised **£473.50**



We raised **£695.85**

NOTICES



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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – BOOK YOUR CHILD'S MEAL

Please can you make sure to inform us of your child's meal preference for the Christmas Lunch, NO LATER than Wednesday 26/11/2025. In the comments box on www.schoolgateway.com, please indicate if your child would like a:

- Main Meal
- Vegetarian/Vegan Meal
- Packed Lunch (sent in from home)

LAST WEEK OF CLUBS **Week beginning - 24 November 2025:**

- **WEDNESDAY (26/11)**—an extra Amherst Choir Rehearsal @ 8.15am in the Hall
- **CANCELLED CLUBS:** Hockey club, Girls Football, Amherst Choir (all Thursday)
- **ALL other clubs** should be running as **normal**.

LETTERS SENT

Year 3 — [Intended Learning](#)
Training Choir - Christmas Performance

AMHERST CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

It is just over **2 weeks** until the XMAS bazaar!! Monday is the start of our donations collection fortnight and we are asking for donations of the following items:

- **Chocolate or sweets (NO NUTS PLS) Bottles (any variety)**
- **Toiletries Mystery bags (2x bags sent home with children today)**
- **NEW and unused Jellycat or Squishmallows for our new kids raffle**
- **Any other soft toys in good condition for our new games stall**

Donations should be brought to the reception area and placed in the labelled boxes
Raffle tickets are also coming home today.

There will be 2 x books of raffles in each envelope and tickets are £1 each. We have over **35 prizes** this year including **18 luxury hampers** as well as **many donations from local retailers!**
Please return envelopes with cash & completed stubs to the office (in the box provided or silver post box—lobby). Any unwanted tickets can be returned in the envelopes too.

VACANCIES

We are advertising various positions:
Midday Supervisory Assistant and Breakfast Club Assistant
Please see more information on www.kent-teach.com.

YEAR 6 – HILLTOP RESIDENTIAL

Please be reminded that the 3rd instalment of £120.00 is due at the end of November.
Payments should please be made via www.schoolgateway.com.

1 DECEMBER

NATIONAL SELF CARE WEEK: 17– 23 NOV

INTER HOUSE DAY

TEACHERS ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF :

- bubble wrap
- polystyrene packing cubes
- cereal boxes
- plastic bottles

If children can bring it into their classes in a plastic bag that would be ideal.

Please bring donations to school by 1 December 2025

SEVENOAKS PCN

Newsletter for Parents



Theme: Self-care week



Click for more info.
Self-care isn't one size fits all.

It's simply taking moments for yourself so you can feel more grounded, especially when life feels overwhelming. For some, it might be a warm bath or a quiet moment; for others, it could be doing an activity that lifts their mood, or making sure they eat and sleep well during stressful times.

At its heart, self-care means paying attention to how you're feeling and giving yourself what you need

It's less about what you do and more about how it helps you

See the next pages for tips on how to look after your mind & body

Self-care isn't one thing - it's your thing



LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Aeryn H-B
3FB	Eleanor M
3WH	Zachary P-S
4C	Harriet S
4HR	Wren J
4SL	Tamara H

5A	Leo S
5CS	Sammy F
5J	Holly C
6A	Harriet S
6DT	Ernie M
6N	Arthur W



TENNIS

Congratulations to Murray S (4HR) who has been selected for the Kent County Tennis Academy.



DISNEY PERFORMANCE

The following girls had the experience of a lifetime performing on stage at Disneyland Paris over the October half term. All three auditioned in December last year through Disneyland Paris Performing Arts events and were successful, they performed a variety of dances during a 20 minute showcase. Congratulations to: Penelope N (5J), Lyla B (6DT) and Phoebe B (5J).



PIANO

Henry C (5J) had his first Suzuki Piano Graduation concert at the Royal Academy of Music on Sunday 16th November.

He played a Minuet by Bach and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, both playing and listening to the other students' performances!

Well done Henry!



GIRLS FOOTBALL

On Thursday, the girls football team took part in a tournament in Tonbridge. Teams played in groups and the top three in each group advanced to the cup. Amherst came second in their group, and advanced to the knock-out stages for the cup. We drew the quarter-finals, which meant we had to do penalties as a

tie-breaker. Winning the penalties put us into the semi-finals. Unfortunately we lost against Langton Green School. The girls played fantastic football considering they have never played together before and came joint third out of fifteen schools. Well done to Madeleine K (6DT), Rosa K (6DT), Imogen H (5J), Evie A (5CS), Rose M (5A) and Edie S (6N)!



FOOTBALL

On Tuesday the Amherst football squad took part in a match against Anthony Roper Primary School. Despite going 1-0 down early in the game, Amherst showed some fantastic attacking football, determination and perseverance throughout the match and ended up comfortably winning 6-2! There

were several impressive team goals scored by a variety of players and it was a pleasure to watch the team represent Amherst so superbly. Congratulations to Charlie (5CS), Jamie (5CS), George (5A), Zach G (6A), William W-E (6N), Tobias (6N), Maddock (6N), Max L (6N), Max P (6DT).

Mr Barratt

YEAR 4 BATTLE ABBEY

Step into England's story

Year 4 visited Battle Abbey this week and learned more about 1066 AND THE NORMAN CONQUEST.



FUTURE DATES

CALENDAR DATES 2025-2026		** Red dates added this week
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 (Christmas Jumper with uniform)	
19-Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM	
CHRISTMAS		



BAZAAR COUNTDOWN!

Join us as we fluff up our Christmas feathers for the biggest fundraiser of the year!

We hope you will **join us** as we try to raise money for the school. Ways to get involved:

- donate
- bake
- buy raffle tickets
- help on a stall or just join us on the day!



We are also still looking for **match funders**. If you work for a company that offers match funding, or if you are not sure how to find out, please get in touch with the PTA:

amherst-treasurer@outlook.com

AMHERST PTA XMAS TIMETABLE NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2025	
Key events & dates	
Fri 21 st Nov	Uniform and Xmas jumper sale
Fri 21 st Nov	Raffle tickets and Mystery bags sent home with children
24 Nov - 4 Dec	Donations fortnight - Chocolates, Mystery bags, Bottles, Toiletries/stocking fillers
Fri 5 th Dec	Hampers to be dropped off at school
Fri 5 th Dec	Amherst Festive Bake-Off
Sat 6 th Dec	Christmas Bazaar! ★
Fri 12 th Dec	Cake and Hotdog Sale
Tues 16 th Dec	Elfridges Pop-up Shop



Christmas Bazaar Donations

We will be collecting donations for the Amherst Christmas bazaar from Mon 24th Nov to Thurs 4th Dec. There will be large labelled boxes in the reception area for your donations.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Chocolates & Sweets for the chocolate tombola

(big or small, bags or bars...it doesn't matter!) Please **NO NUTS** or choccies containing alcohol!



Toiletries - For the new lucky dip stall, we are asking for ANY new & unused stocking filler items for men or women which could include toiletries, pamper products, candles, miniature spirits....or any other small stocking fillers!

Mystery Bags

- One of our most popular stalls at the Bazaar. Each child will be sent home with **2 bags** to be filled with small gifts and/or treats (max 5/bag). Please try to recycle toys/gifts that your kids may no longer want rather than purchasing all new.



Some ideas: Toiletries (bath bombs, lip balms, lip gloss); Fun stationary (pencils, rubbers, little note pads, stickers etc...); Games or small toys; A sweet treat (Haribo, wrapped sweets, NO NUTS PLS)

Bottles for bottle tombola - ANY sort!

A variety of both alcohol & non-alcoholic would be great!



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