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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Whole School Book Project

I hope you had the opportunity to see the wonderful whole school book project displays when attending parents' evening this week. The children and staff have worked so hard to make this project such a success. The quality of writing and artwork from each year group has been superb. Themes have included:

- Year 3 - Story writing of a lost polar bear told from the bear's perspective.
- Year 4 - Writing a letter home from the polar bear's perspective
- Year 5 - Story writing with a moral from a range of different animals' perspective
- Year 6 - *Misunderstood* animals, writing from an animal's perspective regarding not fitting in and wanting to belong and be accepted

Please [click here](#) to see the galleries of the children's work. Every child's work from the project is on display whether in their classroom or in the hall and surrounding corridors.



### Parents' Evening



It was great to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. I hope the meeting, even though it is quite brief, gave you the opportunity to feel up to date regarding your child's progress, general engagement and happiness at school. I had the easy job of welcoming parents and directing them to the hall, while keeping an eye in the children in the IT Suite. Thank you to the many parents that passed on positive feedback regarding their child's experience at Amherst. The nature of busy lives is that we often only communicate with school if there is an issue, so it was great to hear examples of many children doing well. It makes it all worth it!

### Parent Questionnaire



At this time of year we complete our annual parent questionnaire. Hopefully, after Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening, you are well informed to complete the questionnaire. We really value and appreciate your feedback both positive and with areas we could improve.

I can't quite believe it is the 1st December on Monday!

We are looking forward to our annual Pantomime as we'll be ringing in our festive season celebrations!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Reid

See you there



## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES



If you have a child in more than one year group, please complete a questionnaire for each year. Please click on the correct year group below to access the questionnaire:

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

# 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.



## CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED

The following clubs have one final session next week - week beginning 1 December 2025:

- TUESDAY — Cross Country 'Santa Run' & French Club
- WEDNESDAY — Art Club & Chess Tutoring
- THURSDAY & FRIDAY — No Choir Rehearsals



## LETTERS SENT

Year 3 — [Intended Learning](#)

Year 4 — Christmas Variety Show (Featuring The Polar Express)



## AMHERST CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**1 WEEK** until our XMAS bazaar!! Thank you for all your donations, please can we remind you that we need MORE 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** a reminder to return all tickets this week please

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 in the lobby).

**Decorate a BISCUIT** – We welcome donations of **plain** Christmas shaped biscuits and **plain fairy cakes** for children to decorate at the bazaar.



## READING VOLUNTEERS

Year 4 - Readers cancelled **from today** for the **rest of the term**

Year 3, 5 and 6 - Last week of Readers—**final day Friday 5 December.**

**Thank you so much** for your wonderful support in nurturing our children's reading journey this year. The time you dedicated to them is truly invaluable. We look forward to welcoming you back in January with all volunteers back from **5th January 2026.**



## VACANCIES

We are advertising various positions:

Midday Supervisory Assistant and Breakfast Club Assistant

Please see more information on [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com).

1 DECEMBER

When SHOPPING  
for Christmas



## 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.

Scan the QR code to visit our cause page



Support us through  
easyfundraising

## SUPPORT AMHERST EVERY TIME YOU SHOP ONLINE



All you need to do is:

1. Scan the above QR code and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Amherst School PTA at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

Please bring donations to school by 1 December 2025





# CLUBS



Your child will be coming home with a paper copy of the Spring Clubs list today.

If you have previously requested a Spring term club place (in September), you should have received an email in the last week, confirming your child's participation.

- There is a limited number of spaces still available. Don't miss out on the opportunity for your child to join in on the fun and learning!
- To sign up, please complete the online form by **latest Monday 1st December at 12.00pm.**
- Clubs start week commencing **12 January 2026** and end **20th March 2026.**



## CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

Once we finalise the club lists, we will confirm your child's place via an email from the office.

## TO BOOK— COMPLETE THE CLUBS FORM ONLINE

Please [click here](#) to tell us which clubs your child would like to attend.

## 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 mid March	<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>○ 30 children were allocated a place in Autumn (T 1&amp;2)</li> <li>○ 30 children were allocated a place in Spring (T 3&amp;4)</li> <li>○ 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>○ 30 children were allocated a place in 5<sup>th</sup> Half term</li> <li>○ 30 children were allocated a place in 6<sup>th</sup> Half term</li> <li>○ The rest will go on the waiting list for when a space opens up</li> </ul> 

# FUTURE DATES

CALENDAR DATES 2025-2026		** Red dates added this week
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	
11-Dec	<b>Interhouse Competition</b>	
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 at St Mary's Church, Riverhead	
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		





# LET'S CELEBRATE

## STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Theo G
3FB	Leila A
3WH	Mikkel P
4C	Zachary W
4HR	Ethan C
4SL	Cassia D

5A	Josh P
5CS	Emily F
5J	Jasper D
6A	Valentina C-G
6DT	Emmie M
6N	Kitty G



## SCOUTS

Suri G (3B) has been awarded the Andrew Wood trophy from the Broadmead colony of 3rd Sevenoaks Scouts for Beaver of the Year. The award is given to a Beaver who has embodied the spirit of scouting over the year, by being polite, trying their best, and being kind, considerate and helpful. Well done Suri!



## MUSIC

Congratulations to the following children with their outstanding music exam results:

- Prakruti H (6N) grade 2 flute Distinction
- Zoe M ( 5J) grade 1 piano Merit
- Anthony M (4SL) grade 2 piano Merit
- Albie A (4C) grade 1 piano exam Merit



## TENNIS

Over the past weekend, Murray and his tennis partner from Chipstead Tennis Club, won the Under 8 Kent Division of the National League Championships. They won all their singles and doubles matches. Congratulations to you both!



## CHESS

Having had a wonderful time at the chess tournament, Mrs Way would like to say a big thank you to our amazing chess squad for their exemplary behaviour. They were an absolute credit to Amherst School. Amherst Team A won the tournament with Team B in brilliant support.

Congratulations to:

Vihaan G (5A), Henry V (5A), Philip L (5CS), Theo P (5CS), Marcus P

(5CS), Bertie D-L (5J), Linus B (6A), Zach G (6A), Jasper F (6DT), Will H (6DT), Eddie (6DT), Adhyan S (6DT), Jake R (6N).

# BAZAAR COUNTDOWN!

## ONE WEEK TO GO!!

Thank you for all the fantastic donations this week.

To make it the **best event for children** we are looking for **MORE of everything please!**

- **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**
- **Any other soft toys** in good condition
- **Plain Christmas shaped biscuits / Plain fairy cakes**

**Amherst Christmas Bazaar**  
**SAT 6 DECEMBER**  
**12PM -3PM**  
**Free Entry!**

**Amherst Festive Bake-off**  
**FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER**  
**PRIZES FOR EACH YEAR**

**CALLING ALL AMHERST BAKERS!**  
 Start the festive season by whipping up some sweet treats in support of Amherst School. There will be PRIZES for the most festive cake as well as prizes for the star bakers in each year group. Please bring your delicious creations to the school office on the morning of Friday 5th December. Winners to be announced in assembly! Any baked creations can be donated to the Bazaar cake stall. **GOOD LUCK BAKERS!**

**AMHERST PTA XMAS TIMETABLE**  
**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2025**  
**Key events & dates**

Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Uniform and Xmas jumper sale
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Hampers to be dropped off at school
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Amherst Festive Bake-Off
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Bazaar! ★
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Cake and Hotdog Sale
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Elfridges Pop-up Shop

**THIS YEAR'S PRIZE IS A NINTENDO SWITCH 2, MAKE SURE TO BUY YOUR KEYS SOON—DON'T MISS OUT KEYS WILL BE SOLD AFTER SCHOOL NEXT WEEK & AT THE BAZAAR!**

**PRIZE-IN-A-BOX**  
**PURCHASE A KEY & SEE IF IT UNLOCKS THE BOX...**  
 How it all works:

- Purchase a Key(s) for your chance to win
- If your key unlocks the box....you win the PRIZE!
- We will be testing the keys towards the end of the bazaar & will make an announcement of the winning key!

**£5 per key**

**PRIZE-IN-A-BOX**  
 This year's prize is a Nintendo Switch 2 Console! Valued at over £380

**£5 PER KEY**

**WE HAVE FANTASTIC PRIZES - DO NOT FORGET TO RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS**

**TICKETS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE ON CLASSLISTS**

**2025 Christmas Raffle**  
**18 LUXURY HAMPERS**  
**LEGO MCLAREN F1 (WORTH £150)**  
**£30 GIFT VOUCHER FOR HARVEYS MENSWEAR**  
**£30 GIFT VOUCHER FOR HORNCASTLES**  
**£20 GIFT VOUCHER FOR POLHILL**  
**£20 GIFT VOUCHER - BULLFINCH PUB**  
**FAMILY CINEMA PASS TO THE STAG**  
**BOTTLE OF PROSECCO**  
**BEER GIFT SELECTION**  
**GIFTS FROM THE DANISH COLLECTION,**  
**OAKWOOD BEAUTY & THE CHOCOLATE SHOP**  
**PLUS MANY MORE PRIZES...**

**ELFRIDGES**  
**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP**

It's one of our favourite Christmas activities—watching big eyes filled with love and the spirit of Christmas Giving as they choose the best gift for the special adults in their lives.

**TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER**

**ALL CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART DURING SCHOOL TIME, CHOOSING TWO GIFTS THAT WILL BE WRAPPED, LABELLED AND TAKEN HOME TO BE SQUIRRELED AWAY UNDER THEIR CHRISTMAS TREE!**

**£5 PER CHILD FOR TWO GIFTS**

**PLEASE VISIT CLASSLIST TO BUY TICKETS**

# COMMUNITY

## FREE PARENTING CLINIC



### PARENT WELLBEING

When you're Talked out and Touched Out

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00pm

Online via Zoom

The session will be recorded and shared with all who register.

#### ARE YOU:

- Running on empty?
- Do you find yourself craving just five minutes of quiet because everyone wants your attention, your energy, your last nerve?
- Is being "talked out and touched out" leaving you snappy, overwhelmed, or simply worn thin?

Then this free 30-minute online clinic is for you.

Booking: <https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>  
OR [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com)

By the time December rolls in, most parents are running on the emotional equivalent of the last Quality Street in the tin. Everyone needs something from you, all the time: a cuddle, a chat, a lift, a decision, a snack, a miracle... and meanwhile your own tank is clanging on empty.

This clinic is your pause button.

- A breather.
- A space to reset before the festive chaos sweeps you up like a rogue tinsel tornado.

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic. This online session is all about parent wellbeing, protecting your bandwidth, and finding small but powerful ways to fill your own cup again.

## FREE Parenting Clinics



September 22nd, 12.00 pm

### Boundaries

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 12.00 pm

### Emotions

November 17th, 12.00 pm

### Friendships

December 8th, 12.00 pm

### Parent Wellbeing

[www.anisalewis.com](http://www.anisalewis.com)

To book: <https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic> or email: [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com)

## Conexus Tuition

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#### Where are we?

Riverhead Village Hall, Amherst Hill, Sevenoaks.

Sundays 11:00am - 1:00pm

1hr 11+ Prep, Literacy or Maths: £25



THE MONTREAL ESTATE

## Fresh Christmas Trees

Sevenoaks, Kent

Join us on the Estate to choose your perfect tree. Fresh, fragrant and sustainably raised right here on our Christmas Tree plantation.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
9.30am to 1.30pm\*  
\*closes at 2.30pm

You can choose from Nordmann Fir, Fraser Fir and Blue Spruce trees ranging from 3ft to 7ft with prices from £8.50 per foot.

Book your space and pay a £25 refundable deposit towards the cost of your tree.

#### Location

Goathurst Common, Ide Hill, Kent, TN14

(full address details available at time of booking)

Book now: [themontrealstate.co.uk/events](http://themontrealstate.co.uk/events)



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CHRISTIAN REVIVAL CHURCH PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December | 10:50am & 4:50pm

JOIN US FOR A HEARTWARMING CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE, COMPLETE WITH FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS AND A WELCOMING, FAMILY-FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. PARENTS WITH BABIES ARE WARMLY INVITED, AND FULL KIDS' FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.



## SEVENOAKS

Seal Hollow Rd,  
Sevenoaks TN13 3SL

CRC

bricks  
4 kidz

## LEGO CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS



22nd December - Bidborough Village Hall

23rd December - Kings Hill Community Centre

9.30am - 12pm

\*includes NEW LEGO® set or mini figure to take home

[www.bricks4kidz.uk/kent](http://www.bricks4kidz.uk/kent)

Bring a drink & snack (NUT-FREE)

£25\*

Book online via website 5-12 yrs / Drop & Go

## THE 'ADVENT' ADVENTURE ... WITH PUPPETS!!!

Android, Tablets & iPhones

Season 3

# Lights Camera Action!

I could be this year's star!

That only leaves 5 minutes!



**FREE!**  
**This Christmas!**  
The fun and exciting advent calendar continues!

## THE 'ADVENT' ADVENTURE ... WITH PUPPETS!!!

Android, Tablets & iPhones

App Store Google Play



Behind the scenes of the project

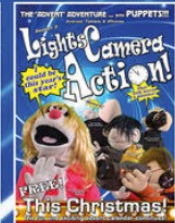
# THE ADVENT PUPPET CALENDAR APP



The school's website with games!

This Advent project sees the story of St Peter's in the Water Primary School (in the UK) over three years in the form of an online Advent calendar. We follow the teachers and children in the school as they face a very different Christmas each year.

Season 1: What is the real nativity story? So many children do not know.  
Season 2: The core beliefs of the school are examined. All are on their toes!  
Season 3: Pain from the past meets sacrifice, forgiveness and a new start.  
This project seeks to show the relevance of Christmas, with examples from the Bible and what it could mean to put this into practise. It is fun, entertaining and relevant to the GenZ as a starting point to faith. Why not use this project as part of your church's Christmas events - it's free. Please email in for leaflets that can be given out to families you interact with, or look on the website for more details.  
email: [enquiries@thatadventpuppetcalendar.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thatadventpuppetcalendar.co.uk)



## Christmas Workshop

Sevenoaks School of Dance

Book our Christmas 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 Christmas!

For more information or to book, please contact: [phoebe@sevenoaksdance.co.uk](mailto:phoebe@sevenoaksdance.co.uk)

22nd & 23rd December - £30 Per Day

10am - 3pm

Boys & Girls

Aged 4 - 11 Years

Amherst School,

Witches Lane,

Sevenoaks,

TN13 2AX



7OAKS MULTI SPORT'S

# SPORTY WINTER CAMP



RIVERHEAD INFANTS SCHOOL  
£20 PER DAY

DECEMBER  
22/12, 23/12,  
29/12 & 30/12  
FROM 10AM-3PM

Activities include: Football, Tennis, Dodgeball, Bench Ball, Bench Football, Parachute games, Mini Olympics, Music games and many more

Contact Amanda for more information:

07584 419283

[www.7oaksmultisports.co.uk](http://www.7oaksmultisports.co.uk)

CHILDREN  
AGED  
3-11

