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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID Christmas Bazaar

Thank you so much to the PTA team, Class Reps and all parents who worked hard to make Saturday's Bazaar such a success. It had a **great atmosphere** and **was well attended**. Thank you to all parents for **being so generous in their donations and support**. Funds raised this year will support **upgrading the school's wifi**, which is over 10 years old and becoming incompatible with modern devices.

## Year 4 Christmas Variety Show (featuring the Polar Express)

Congratulations to all children and staff in Year 4 for two fantastic performances

this week. I was so proud to watch the children perform with such confidence and enjoyment. The children have made so much progress since the beginning of Year 3 regarding their maturity and independence, two important skills that need to be developed as they move through the school. We all left each performance with our spirits lifted and feeling very Christmassy!



## Christmas Events Carol Service on Monday

As we enter the final week there are many Christmas events to look forward to. The Carol Service on Monday at St. Mary's is a highlight. If you have not attended before, I would encourage you to do so. It is a version of lessons and carols with six Year 6 children giving readings, alternating with carols sung. The school **choir will also perform**. It is very much a service rather than the style of a school show - **you sit as a family** with your children as part of the congregation.

I hope you all have a good weekend.



*Mr Reid*



## Christmas Events Last week

- 15 December  
Carol Service—6.00pm @ St Mary's Riverhead—Everyone welcome
- 16 December  
PTA's Elfridge's Pop-up Shop  
1.30—3.30pm
- 17 December  
Christmas Lunch—Christmas jumpers to be worn!
- 18 December  
Amherst & Training Choirs singing at Trafalgar Square

## 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.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL INITIATIVE – TABLE MANNERS

Next term our school value is **politeness**.

As part of this value the **school council** would like to have a focus on **our manners in the school dining hall**. The things the midday supervisors and kitchen staff will be praising the children for are:

- children using a **knife and fork** to cut up and eat their food
- keeping their **mouths closed** whilst eating
- **talking quietly** to the people around them
- and trying to **reduce waste** by eating the food on their plates.

We would really appreciate your support with this by encouraging all of the above at any mealtime opportunities over the Christmas holidays. Good table manners are lifelong skills and something we wish to foster at Amherst.



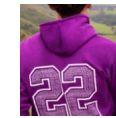
## LETTERS SENT

Year 3 — [Intended Learning](#)



## WINNING HOUSE – KNOLE

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



## YEAR 6 – LEAVERS HOODIES

The online shop for ordering the 2026 Leavers' Hoodies is now open, here are the details of how to place an order:

Website: <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

Our School Unique ID is: **J05564YR626**

Order deadline: **15/1/2026**

There will only be one order; you will not be able to place orders after **15/01/2026**.

All orders will be delivered direct to school and will be given out to the children by the year 6 staff during the Spring Term.



## 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.



## PTA – ELFRIDGES

Please ensure your child has a ticket for this event. For tickets, please follow the link:

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1382881042>

**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

**Classlist**  
Connect - Celebrate - Collaborate

**Join our parent app**  
Amherst School PTA

For quick approval, scan the code by Thu 18 Dec

You can also copy this link:  
<https://app.classlist.com/s/E0KF1A>

**Parents love Classlist to:**

- Connect with class families
- Organise meet-ups and birthday parties
- Hear what's happening at school and ask questions
- Get tickets to events

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

# INTERHOUSE COMPETITION



This Thursday all children in the school took part in our termly Interhouse tournament which involved Football, Tag Rugby and Handball in Years 5 and 6 and Football, Handball and Benchball in Years 3 and 4. All the children really impressed us with their sportsmanship and enthusiasm both whilst playing and supporting from the sidelines.

Well done to **Bradbourne** for winning overall, with **Knole** coming second and **Wolfe** and **Amherst** tying in third place.



## FUTURE DATES

CALENDAR DATES 2025-2026		** Red dates added this week
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	Interhouse Competition	
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)	
18-Dec	Amherst and Training Choirs - singing at Trafalgar Square	
19-Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM	



# LET'S CELEBRATE

## STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Hallie H
3FB	Grace H
3WH	Nevaeh-Rose K
4C	All of year 4
4HR	All of year 4
4SL	All of year 4

5A	Alice R
5CS	Lily M
5J	William W
6A	Zach G
6DT	Eloise P
6N	Greg A



### HOCKEY

What an experience for William W-E (6N) and Maddie K (6DT) who represented Sevenoaks Hockey Club at an International Hockey tournament in Barcelona - Real Club de Polo de Barcelona Hockey Tournament 2025. Their teams played well but unfortunately did not lift trophies this year. Well done to you both!



### MUSIC

Congratulations to Billie-Jean S (6N) who passed her grade 3 flute exam.



### TABLE TENNIS

We are very happy to report that the A team qualified for the next stage of the Schools competition in Worthing on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026. They were runners up in the U11 Boys category and put on a fantastic performance. The B team got through to the finals of the Consolation event and finished third in a three way play-off. Big smiles all around. The boys behaved impeccably and were an absolute credit to Amherst School.



# TERM 3 PE TIME TABLE

#### Indoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12			4HR Gym		5A Yoga
1.35 – 2.30	6A Indoor Athletics (coach)	6DT Indoor Athletics (coach)	4C Gym	3WH Fitness (coach)	5CS Yoga
2.30 – 3.25	3B Fitness (coach)	6N Indoor Athletics (coach)	4SL Gym	3FB Fitness (coach)	5J Yoga

#### Outdoor PE sessions

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



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to each and everyone for supporting our Christmas Bazaar.

Your time, effort and enthusiasm have not gone unnoticed.

With your help, our children rang in the Christmas season with fun and games, and in the process we raised a substantial amount of money for the school (amount to be confirmed).



# COMMUNITY



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KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

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NERF GAMES

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OR CALL 0333 012 4378

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**KENT LIFE**

*celebrate their mums,  
or those like a mum,  
this Mother's Day  
by writing them a poem*

Kent Life Magazine is inviting children across Kent to celebrate their mums this Mother's Day by writing a poem for them. In March's issue we will be publishing the poems so the whole of Kent can see just how special, the county's mums are. *If your child hasn't submitted their Mother's Day poem yet, it's not too late.*

Simply email their poem to [KentLifePoet@newsquest.co.uk](mailto:KentLifePoet@newsquest.co.uk) no later than January 19, 2026

All entries must include the child's first name, age, and school. Don't forget to pick up your copy from February 20th.



Some see the 'label' of a Young Carer as a negative and have many ideas as to what this would be mean for them and the family, so let us give you some reassurance.

A Young Carer is a child aged 5-18yrs who provides a form of care, supervision or emotional support, usually to a family member who may have:

- A long-term health condition, illness or frailty
- Physical disability
- Neurodevelopmental disorder
- Poor mental health
- Substance misuse issue

Please follow this link to learn more

<https://carers.org/downloads/yc-parent-resource.pdf>

If you feel your child meets the criteria please email [senco@amherst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:senco@amherst.kent.sch.uk) and ask for Miss Watson to make a referral.



**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.

FIND YOUR  
PERFECT  
CHRISTMAS  
TREE  
TODAY!