

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Crazy Hair Day

We are so pleased with the success of today's Crazy Hair Day PTA Fundraiser, which brought laughter, colour, and creativity to every classroom. When the PTA approached me with the idea of a crazy hair day my instinct was to say no but then I thought that lots of children would really enjoy it. Very much out of my comfort zone! The children arrived proudly showing off everything from glittery spikes to wild rainbow braids. Thank you to the PTA, Crazy Hair Day turned out to be a joyful celebration!



HIGHLIGHTS

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Community Events

REMINDERS

- 23 Feb - Term Starts
- 23 Feb - Yr 6 Young Voices
- 23 Feb - Year 3 Resilience Show - Shooting Stars
- 27 Feb - PTA 2nd Hand Uniform / Fancy Dress Sale



The Amazing Generation

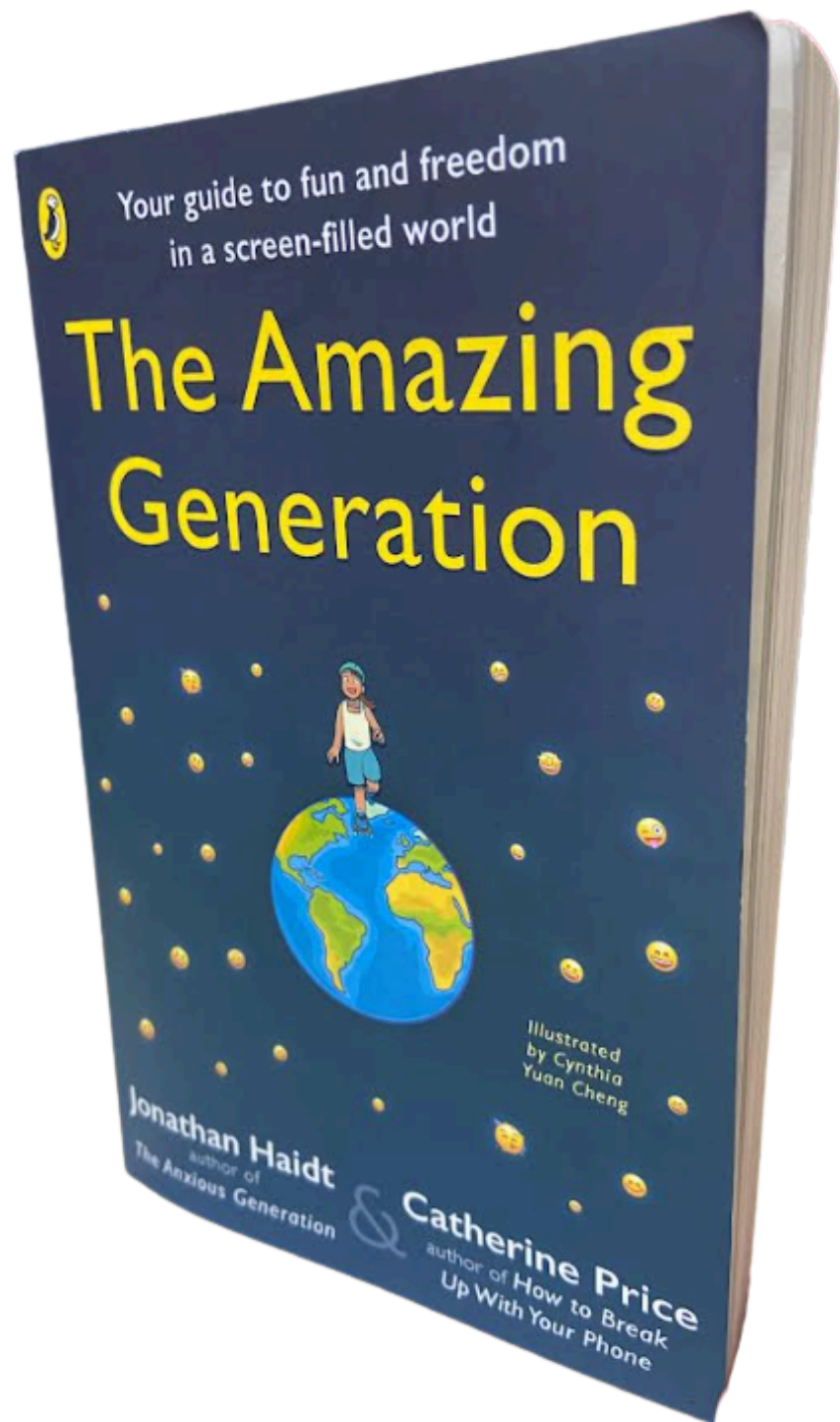
I was recently given a copy of the book *The Amazing Generation* by Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price. You may recognise Jonathan Haidt as the author of the very influential book *The Anxious Generation*. I would encourage you to get a copy as it is a book that is designed to be read by children.

The focus of the book is:

Use technology as a tool. Don't let technology use you! Tech companies want you to believe that smartphones and social media can help you live a life full of friendship, freedom and fun. But here's the truth: smartphones and social media are designed to be addictive, and often leave people feeling, lonely trapped and unhappy.

Inside this book you'll find surprising facts about how technology affects your brain, stories and advice from real teens and young adults, and tips for how to use tech in ways that help you.

Learn how to be your most confident and adventurous self. Learn how to be amazing.

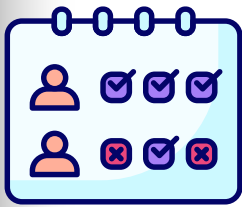


The children have worked really hard this term.

I hope you all get the chance to have a break over half term.

We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed (and hopefully healthy) on Monday 23rd February.

Mr Reid



REPORT ABSENCE - 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 23 FEBRUARY 2026

- **CHESS CLUB 23/02 = cancelled**
- **ALL other clubs** should be running as normal.



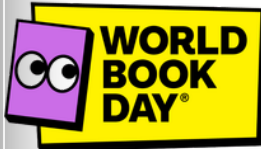
LETTERS SENT

- Year 3 - [Intended Learning](#)
- Year 4 & 5 - Swimming letter
- Whole School - Desk offer letter



AMHERST MUSIC CONCERT

The Amherst Music Concert will take place on **Tuesday 31st March at 6.00pm**. If your child learns an instrument outside school and plays to Grade 2 standard or above, they are very welcome to take part. Please sign up by completing [this form](#). We're looking forward to another fantastic evening of music and hope to see many of our talented pupils performing!



5 March 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026 is here! Celebrate the magic of reading, dive into a new adventure, and don't forget—it's Dress Up Day! Come dressed as your favorite book character and join the fun!



VACANCIES

Please [click here](#) to look at our current vacancies: We are looking for a Teaching Assistant to work on Thursday and Friday - there is no flexibility on days.

RECYCLING OLD SCHOOL DESKS – HALF TERM

We are giving our old school desks a second life this half term. Parents are invited to make a donation via SchoolGateway and collect a desk on Wednesday 18/02/2026 (9.00am - 2.00pm). First come, first served.

Desk dimensions: H= 65cm, W = 110cm, D = 45cm



CALENDAR DATES 2026

**** Red dates added this week**

23-Feb	START OF TERM
23-Feb	Year 3 Resilience Show - Shooting Stars
23-Feb	Year 6 - Young Voices 2026
27-Feb	PTA Fancy Dress Costume / 2nd Hand Uniform Sale - 3.30pm
03-Mar	PTA Meeting - 7.00 - 8.00pm (at school)
05-Mar	World Book Day - Children to dress up as favourite character.
09-Mar	Year 5 - Rainforest Roadshow (workshop at school)
10-Mar	Science Day
11 - 13 Mar	Year 3 - Roman Day
13-Mar	Open Afternoon - 2.45pm
16-Mar	Year 6 - Trip to Parliament
17 - 23 Mar	Neurodiversity Week
20-Mar	Red Nose Day
20-Mar	PTA - Cake Sale
20-Mar	Clubs End
23-Mar	Year 6 Dance Troupe - Love 2 Dance Show @ the Stag Theatre
24-Mar	Parent Consultations
25-Mar	BUDDY: Riverhead Shared Books and Playtime
26-Mar	Parent Consultations
30-Mar	Year 3 - Easter Production Dress Rehearsal - 2.00pm - 3.00pm
31-Mar	Year 3 - Easter Production - 2.00pm - 3.00pm
31-Mar	Amherst Music Festival - 6.00pm
02-Apr	LAST DAY OF TERM
EASTER	

Term 4 – PE Timetable 2025/26

Indoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10			3WH Gymnastics		
11 – 12					
1.35 – 2.30	5CS Indoor Athletics (Coach)	5A Indoor Athletics (Coach)	3FB Gymnastics	4SL Indoor Athletics (Coach)	
2.30 – 3.25	4HR Indoor Athletics (Coach)	5J Indoor Athletics (Coach)	3B Gymnastics	4C Indoor Athletics (Coach)	

Outdoor PE sessions (playground)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12			6DT Handball		
1.30 – 2.30 (Playground)		4SL Netball	6A Handball	5A Netball	5J Netball
2.30 – 3.30 (Playground)		4C Netball	6N Handball	3B Netball	5CS Netball
1.30 – 2.30 (Field)	6A Lacrosse	4HR Football		3WH Tag Rugby	3FB Football
2.30 – 3.30 (Field)	6DT Lacrosse				6N Lacrosse



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Pavan N
3FB	Ferdi R-S
3WH	Imogen F
4C	Heidi W
4HR	Juliette R
4SL	Brandon T

5A	Eliza O'H
5CS	Georgina N
5J	Phoebe B
6A	Eloise C
6DT	Teddy H
6N	Eddy M-M



TABLE TENNIS

The team of Oliver G, Tobias W, Max L and Jake R down to Worthing Bohunt School on Saturday to compete in the English Schools Under 11 event. Amherst were drawn against the reigning National champions, St Andrew's Primary, and St John's Primary. The team did very well but unfortunately did not come out on top. There was some excellent play from all the boys throughout and they should rightly be proud of their achievement in reaching that stage of the competition.

NETBALL

On Thursday, our netball teams set off for a tournament at Walthamstow Hall. With super shooting skills from the GS and GA and very defensive actions from GK and GD both teams were highly competitive and won four of their first round games. In the final match, both our teams played against each other. While in school the girls are friends in the classroom, on the court they all played so competitively to win. The final result was a 2-2 draw: demonstrating the skills of both teams. The girls were treated to a match tea at the end of the tournament. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to support us.

The teams were:

* Frankie, Isla, Lyla, Neve, Billie-Jean, Mina, Eirene and Kitty.

* Harriet, Alice, Valentina, Ella, Eloise, Emily and Elissa.



YEAR 3 PARENTS' TIMES TABLE WORKSHOP



HELPING YOUR CHILD BUILD STRONG
NUMERACY SKILLS

LET'S WORK TOGETHER – SCHOOL & HOME PARTNERSHIP

We warmly invite all Year 3 parents and carers to join us for an engaging Maths Workshop focused on supporting your child's key numeracy skills with a particular focus on times table skills.

By working together, school and home can help children feel confident, capable, and positive about maths in everyday life.

You will then be invited to join your child in their classroom to play some maths games with them.

🕒 9:00 - 10:00AM

📅 19 MARCH
THURSDAY

📍 Starting in the **School Hall** then to your child's classroom to try out some maths games in action with them.

WHAT WILL WE EXPLORE

- ✦ Key numeracy skills taught in school
- 📌 Simple ways to support maths learning at home
- ➗ How children develop number sense and problem-solving skills
- ✖ Practical maths strategies used in the classroom to teach times tables

WHY ATTEND?

- ✓ Learn easy, practical activities to try at home
- ✓ Build confidence in supporting your child's maths learning
- ✓ Strengthen the school-home partnership
- ✓ Help make maths fun, meaningful, and enjoyable



MATHS IS EVERYWHERE

No calculators or textbooks needed – just everyday moments and a little curiosity!

Everyone is welcome – no specialist maths knowledge required.

- 🌟 We look forward to working together to support your child's learning and success in maths!

COFFEE MORNING

Meet our Mental Health Support Practitioner

Meet our Mental Health Support Practitioner
from The Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team.

- During the session, she will explain her role within the school and support they can offer.
- This invaluable support is available for parents and carers and children.

Where: Amherst School.

When: 4th March 9am

Refreshments provided.





CONCERT OF FAVOURITE MUSIC

Join us for an evening of favourite music with Simon Proctor and the Heart of Kent Orchestra – featuring the Queen Piano Concerto & the world premiere of the Coldplay Piano Concerto.

Saturday April 25

Invicta Grammar School Maidstone, ME14 5DS

Doors 5:30pm Starts 6:00pm

BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY

Adult: £15
Child: £5
Family: £35

Save 20% when booking for 10 or more!

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Treat yourself to timeless classics and crowd-pleasing favourites played by the Heart of Kent Orchestra, conducted by Derek Carden, and performances by the Invicta Chamber Choir, the Numama Choir, Mark Underwood on Flute and solo pianists Oliver Poole and Simon Proctor.

Now in its 11th year, this is a much loved hospice event for all the family.

Don't miss this unforgettable night of music featuring:

- Coldplay Piano Concerto (World Premiere)
- Queen Piano Concerto
- In The Hall Of The Mountain King
- Star Wars
- Also Sprach Zarathusa
- Sabre Dance
- Pink Panther
- Waltzing Matilda
- Jai Ho

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