

## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Politeness

This term's school value is **politeness**. The accompanying school rule to this value states:

**We will be well-mannered and courteous towards everyone at Amherst School.**

In assembly next week I will be exploring with the children **how we can put politeness into action**. These actions go far further than just the usual saying of please and thank you to be a polite person. **Research has shown** that polite people exhibit many of the following behaviours:

- They can admit when they're wrong
- They make others feel comfortable
- They have polite body language
- They don't interrupt
- They disagree without anger
- They don't gossip
- They listen more than they speak
- They don't take joy in others' mistakes

We recognise that many children do all of the above every day without being prompted. A misconception can often be that those children do it effortlessly.

To **celebrate and reward** those children, Miss Jones, for this term only, will be holding a weekly **hot chocolate and biscuit meeting** on Wednesdays with one child from each class who is demonstrating politeness consistently.

We are deliberately focussing on those children who might sometimes go unnoticed.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Mr Reid's Message

Notices

Future Dates

PTA

Let's Celebrate

Sense & Support

Community Events

## REMINDERS

**5 Mar** - PTA Meeting 7pm

**5 Mar** - World Book Day

**7 Mar** - Amherst Choir -

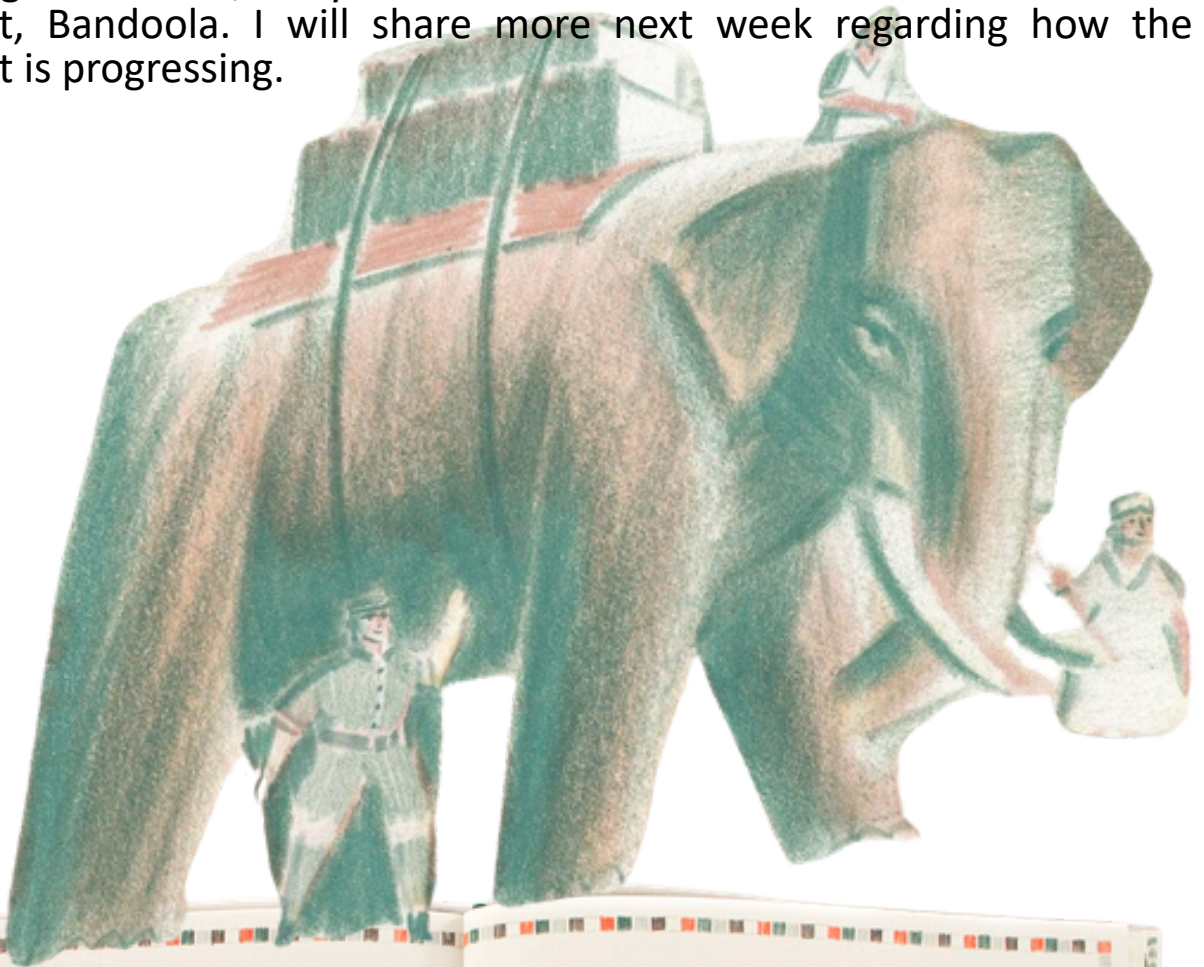
Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival

**9 Mar** - Year 5 Rainforest Workshop



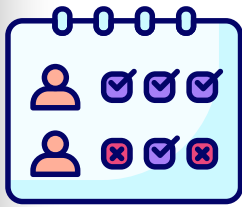
# Bandoola

If you get a chance, ask your child about this term's whole school book project, Bandoola. I will share more next week regarding how the project is progressing.



I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Reid



**REPORT ABSENCE** - Please [click here](#) to 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.



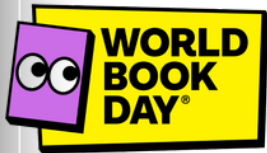
**CLUBS — WEEK beginning 2 March 2026**

ALL clubs should be running as normal.



**LETTERS SENT**

- Year 3 - [Intended Learning](#)
- Year 3 - Roman Day Letter
- Year 6 - Parliament Trip Letter



5 March 2026

**WORLD BOOK DAY 2026** is nearly here!

Celebrate the magic of reading, dive into a new adventure, and don't forget—it's Dress Up Day! Come dressed as your favourite book character and join in the fun!



**LUNCH MONEY**

Please remember to top up your child's lunch money accounts on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) .



**STATIONERY**

Please can you check with your child if they need to **replenish** any of their personal stationery in class. Most children need a **glue stick** at the moment.



**NUT FREE SNACKS / FRUIT**

Please can you ensure your children bring in healthy snacks to school. No chocolate, crisps, cereal bars, biscuits. Thank you.



**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Please click on the subscribe button to add school dates to your personal calendar. Please click here [Amherst School Calendar](#)



**PARKING**

Parents, please consider our neighbours and children walking to school when parking at drop off or when collecting your children from school.

| CALENDAR DATES 2026 |   | ** Red dates added this week |
|---------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 05-Mar              | PTA Meeting - 7.00 - 8.00pm (at school) - All parents welcome!  |                              |
| 05-Mar              | World Book Day - Children to dress up as favourite character.   |                              |
| 07-Mar              | Amherst Choir - Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival                   |                              |
| 09-Mar              | Year 5 - Rainforest Roadshow (workshop at school)               |                              |
| 10-Mar              | Science Week - Parent Panel: 'Curiosity: What's your Question?' |                              |
| 11-Mar              | 3B - Roman Day (Dress up)                                       |                              |
| 12-Mar              | 3WH - Roman Day (Dress up)                                      |                              |
| 13-Mar              | 3FB - Roman Day (Dress up)                                      |                              |
| 13-Mar              | Open Afternoon - 2.45pm   |                              |
| 16-Mar              | Year 6 - Trip to Parliament                                     |                              |
| 17 - 23 Mar         | Neurodiversity Week   |                              |
| 19-Mar              | Year 3 Parents Workshop - Times Tables                          |                              |
| 20-Mar              | Red Nose Day  |                              |
| 20-Mar              | PTA - Cake Sale & Hot Dog Sale                                  |                              |
| 20-Mar              | Clubs End   |                              |
| 23-Mar              | Year 6 Dance Troupe - Love 2 Dance Show @ the Stag Theatre      |                              |
| 24-Mar              | Parent Consultations  |                              |
| 25-Mar              | Year 3 - Sensational Science Workshop                           |                              |
| 25-Mar              | Buddy Meeting (Year 5 & 2): 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 - 8.00pm                        |                              |
| 01-Apr              | Easter Egg Treasure Hunt  |                              |
| 02-Apr              | LAST DAY OF TERM  |                              |
| EASTER              |   |                              |



AMHERST SCHOOL

# EASTER CHALLENGE

1 APRIL

# WELCOME TO TERM 4!

We hope everyone had a brilliant break.

Please see the key PTA dates for this term in our new termly flyer. We do hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for the PTA meeting on Thursday 5th March at the new (and hopefully, improved!) time of 7pm.

Wishing you all a wonderful term.

Your PTA Team

**TEAM AMHERST**  
**TERM 4 - PTA EVENTS**  
**CALENDAR**

|                                |                   |                                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | <b>3.30pm</b>     | <b>Fancy dress/uniform sale</b> |
| <b>Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | <b>7pm</b>        | <b>PTA meeting</b>              |
| <b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> | <b>3.30pm</b>     | <b>Cake/hotdog Sale</b>         |
| <b>Wed 1st Apr</b>             | <b>School Day</b> | <b>Easter egg treasure hunt</b> |

**PTA Meeting**  
5 March  
7 - 8pm @ school

ALL ARE WELCOME

Year 6 Leavers'  
**DISCO PARTY**

Tickets £10  
Buy via your class reps

Friday 10th July | 5.30-7.30PM  
St Mary, Kippington, Kippington Rd, TN13 2LL

The Amherst School's PTA

Click here for contributions to 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform or general donations

PLEASE VISIT **Classlist** FOR TICKETS / DONATIONS!

## STAR OF THE WEEK

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| <b>3B</b>  | Jasmine K   |
| <b>3FB</b> | Sofia D     |
| <b>3WH</b> | Florence P  |
| <b>4C</b>  | Gabriella P |
| <b>4HR</b> | Amelia D    |
| <b>4SL</b> | Eddie S     |

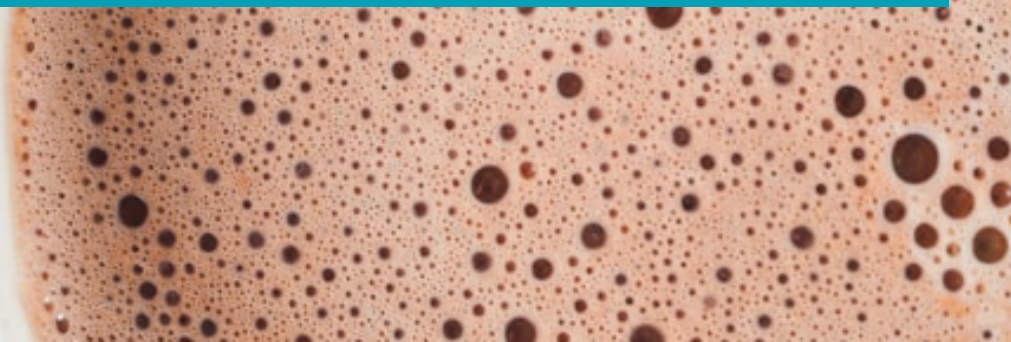
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| <b>5A</b>  | Thomas P      |
| <b>5CS</b> | Tommy M       |
| <b>5J</b>  | Lara H        |
| <b>6A</b>  | Raphael H     |
| <b>6DT</b> | Lyla B        |
| <b>6N</b>  | Billie-Jean S |



## HOT CHOCOLATE with MISS JONES

To celebrate their superb manners all of the time these children had hot chocolate and a biscuit with Miss Jones on Wednesday. One child from each class was selected by their own teacher in recognition for always displaying this term's value. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk with others from across the school and praise them for being excellent role models.

This week the children chosen were: Kitty, Emmi, Brooke, Rose, Sam, Sarah-Louise, Gracie, Nevaeh, Ffionn, Jasmine and Azaria.



## Community Parent Space

An opportunity to meet with your school's linked Educational Psychologist, Claudia Stevens

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - 10-11:30 at Crockham Hill School (TN8 6RP)  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 9-10:30 at Edenbridge School (TN8 5AB)  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 9:15-10:45 at Knole Academy, The Place (TN13 3LE)

To ask questions about our service

Share ideas about how we could help children in your school

Help us to shape an offer for parents

### Schools within Sevenoaks community

- Amherst School
- Chevening (St Botolph's) CEP School
- Chiddingstone CE School
- Churchill CEP School
- Crockham Hill CEP School
- Edenbridge Primary School
- Four Elms Primary School
- Hever CEP School
- Ide Hill CEP School
- Knole Academy
- Riverhead Infants' School
- St Katharine's Knockholt CEP School
- St Lawrence CEP School
- Sundridge & Brasted CEP School
- Valance School

Please scan QR code to confirm attendance



## 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.

### 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!

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.

# 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: 4<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Refreshments provided.



# HELP SHAPE OUR COMMUNITY

 Riverhead Parish Council values your feedback on the local area. 

If you have a spare 5 minutes, please consider filling out the **survey** by using the QR code below. We want to hear your views on **all aspects of life in Riverhead.**



If you require paper copies, please visit:

- Riverhead Village Hall Clerk's Office
- Riverhead Library
- Londis



Paper copies can be returned to any of these locations.

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until 30th April**



Please click on the images for more information.

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