

## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### World Book Day

It was wonderful to see so many **fantastic costumes for World Book Day**. We were lucky with the weather and the children really enjoyed the change in routine. Thank you to Mrs Adams and Mrs Archer for organising the event. Hopefully the day helped remind us how fun and important reading is.

### Smartphone Secondary School Update

You may have read the press release that **Tunbridge Wells Secondary Schools have jointly agreed to be Smartphone free** from September 2026. Children in Year 7 from 2026 will not be allowed to bring a smartphone to school. This approach will then be phased to Years 7 and 8 in 2027 and Years 7, 8 and 9 in 2028. This is excellent news and a powerful example of how parents and schools can take action to improve children's lives immediately rather than waiting for government policy to change. The following schools have released the joint agreement:

- The Skinners' Kent Academy
- Bennett Memorial School
- St. Gregory's Catholic School
- The Skinners' School
- Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School
- Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys

### School Kitchen

**Congratulations to the kitchen team** for being awarded and retaining five stars (the highest award) after their Environmental Health inspection yesterday. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and skilled team that produce wonderful food for children and staff every day.



A reminder that it is Open Afternoon on Friday 13th March 2.45pm (next Friday). I hope you all have a good weekend and that the sunshine continues.

*Mr Reid*

## HIGHLIGHTS

Mr Reid's Message

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PTA

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Let's Celebrate

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Community Events

## REMINDERS

**9 Mar** - Yr 5 Rainforest Day

**10 Mar** - Science Day Panel

**11 Mar** - 3B Roman Day

**12 Mar** - 3WH Roman Day

**13 Mar** - 3FB Roman Day

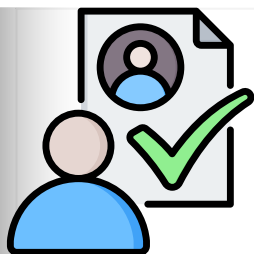
**13 Mar** - Open Afternoon



23rd Edition

6 March

2026



**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 9 March 2026**

ALL clubs should be running as normal.



### **LETTERS SENT**

· Year 3 - [Intended Learning](#)



### **MERIT BADGES**

Please can you return all merit badges to the school office - we are running very low on badges.



### **NUT FREE SNACKS / FRUIT**

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



### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 24 March from 3.40 to 8.00pm and Thursday 26 March from 3.40 to 6.30pm.

Bookings open on Monday 9 March at 4.30pm and close on Thursday 12 March at 1.30pm. Please log into [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and enter the event code for your child's class to book your 10-minute slot.



### **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

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	Easter Bonnet Day - Buddy Visit: Year 2 comes to visit Year 5
02-Apr	LAST DAY OF TERM
EASTER	



## Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in school

### Understanding Sleep and Autism

Monday 9th March 12:30-13:30pm

\*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child's sleeping patterns? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding sleeping patterns and autism. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please [ctrl + click the link below](#) or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Autism and Sleep | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

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We look forward to meeting you.

## Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

### Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

10/03/2026 - 4pm-6pm

\*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.

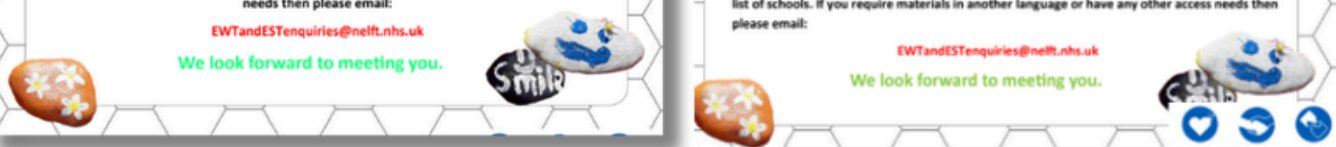
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## STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>3B</b>	Henry L
<b>3FB</b>	Ollie B
<b>3WH</b>	Elena-Rose B
<b>4C</b>	Sophia B
<b>4HR</b>	Belle T
<b>4SL</b>	Mila K

<b>5A</b>	Ella J
<b>5CS</b>	Nelly S
<b>5J</b>	Marnya N
<b>6A</b>	Josh E
<b>6DT</b>	Aria G
<b>6N</b>	Oliver G



## HOT CHOCOLATE with MISS JONES

This term we are celebrating children who have superb manners all of the time. As a reward, the children enjoyed hot chocolate and a biscuit with Miss Jones on Wednesday. Congratulations to you all!



## HOCKEY

Well done to the school hockey team who competed in a tournament on Wednesday. The team played superbly winning every game in the group stage. After the quarter final ended 1-1 they were very unlucky to lose on penalty shuffles. Congratulations to Xander W, Jacob L, William W-E, Matthias L-G, Marnya N, Zach G, Jasper K and Oliver B.



## MUSIC

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

Japser F - Piano Grade 3, Merit

Emma S - Piano Grade 3, Pass

William C - Piano Grade 1, Distinction

WORLD BOOK DAY - 5 March 2026



# BOOK PRIZE WINNERS - Homework Challenge

Congratulations to the children who won the Amherst World Book Day Challenge this week. Well done to you all!



## BOOK TOKENS

Children should have come home with a book token yesterday. Please [click here](#) to see how you can spend it.

Introducing our brilliant selection of £1/€1.50 books for 2026

<p>Beginning</p>	<p>Beginning</p>	<p>Beginning</p>	<p>Beginning</p>
<p><b>Peppa Pig: One Big Family</b> Published by Penguin Random House UK</p>	<p><b>Un I TI ac Un I FI</b> Written By Anairin Karadog Illustrated by Matt Abbott Published by Gwasg Roly Publications Wales only</p>	<p><b>The Big Bang</b> Written By Rose Ayling-Ellis, in collaboration with Kate Blackburn Illustrated by Paddy Donnelly Published by DK</p>	<p><b>Rita agus an tEachtrán</b> Written By Máire Zapf Illustrated by Andrew Whitson Published by An tSraithaid Mhór Ireland only</p>
<p>Early</p>	<p>Early</p>	<p>Early</p>	<p>Early</p>
<p><b>Unicorn Academy: My Secret Unicorn Diary</b> Published by Noisy Crow</p>	<p><b>Funny FACTopia!</b> By Christopher Lloyd &amp; Kate Olesin Illustrated by Andy Smith Published by What on Earth!</p>	<p><b>Pablo and Splash: The Castle Quest</b> By Sheena Dempsey Published by Boomburry</p>	<p><b>Pia's Pet Club: Iguana Escape</b> Written By Serena Patel Illustrated by Emma McCann Published by Usborne Publishing</p>
<p>Fluent</p>	<p>Fluent</p>	<p>Fluent</p>	<p>Fluent</p>

**2026 £1/€1.50 books**

We're so excited to share the World Book Day 2026 £1/€1.50 books with you. From laugh-out-loud tales to magical mysteries, there's something here for everyone.

With your £1/€1.50 book token

# MANDARIN ASSEMBLY - 27 Feb

It was a joy to attend our Chinese New Year assembly led by Mrs Gibbins and the Mandarin Club.



# FLUTE ASSEMBLY - 24 Feb

Joanna Marsh, a flautist with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, led our assembly and performed the most beautiful all time favourite classic pieces. We all loved listening to her!



# ORCHESTRA ASSEMBLY - 13 Feb

Our fabulous school orchestra performed in front of the whole school and played a variety of music - from Shrimp Circus to 'Hoe Down', an American folk dance.



TRIPS - YEAR 6 in the O2!



# YOUNG VOICES

The largest children's  
choir in the world!

