

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Bandoola Update

The children have really enjoyed the most recent whole school book project *Bandoola* by William Grill. Hopefully your child has shared with you some knowledge of the story but a quick summary of the book would be:

This moving and true story, reimagined by the award-winning William Grill, shows the majesty of Myanmar's forests, mountains and most importantly its elephants. It tells an epic story that reminds us of the enduring bond between humans and animals and why we must protect them.

It has been great to see over the last three weeks the high levels of enthusiasm and the fantastic writing and art work produced by all year groups.

Year 3 have completed collages of elephants and written diary entries capturing the journey Bandoola makes.

Year 4 have created chalk pastel pictures of Bandoola and elephants reflected in water. They have written a description of the journey taken.

Year 5 have used chalk pastels to create a jungle scene and completed pencil sketches of elephants. They have written a monologue from Bandoola's perspective.

Year 6 have used acrylics on canvas to create images of an elephant. They have written a magazine article about the legacy of Bandoola.

I hope you enjoyed the **Open Afternoon today**. The children were really excited to share their work and school with you.

Good luck to the netball and football teams that play in the Sevenoaks Partnership Tournament tomorrow morning.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Reid

HIGHLIGHTS

Mr Reid's Message

Notices

Future Dates

PTA

Let's Celebrate

Sense & Support

Community Events

REMINDERS

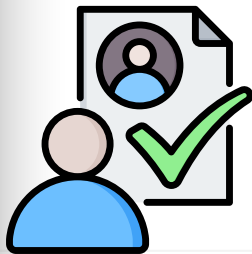
16 Mar - Yr 6 Parliament Trip

19 Mar - Yr 3 Parent Times Tables Workshop

20 Mar - PTA Cake Sale

20 Mar - Clubs End





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 16 March 2026

The following Clubs are not running this week:

- **Lego** (Mon) / **Chess** (Wed) / **Guinea Pig & Choir** (Thu) / **Storytime** (Fri)
- **ALL other clubs** should be running as normal.



LETTERS SENT

- Year 3 - **Intended Learning**
- Year 3 - Easter Production Information
- Year 5 - Local Church Visit
- Year 5 & 6 - Junior Maths Challenge Letter
- Year 6 - Love to Dance Final letter
- Amherst Choir - termly update



NUT FREE SNACKS / FRUIT

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



YOUR CLASS PHOTOGRAPH IS READY!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the Class School Photographs are ready to view using the website photocode below. The website is <https://www.getphotos.co.uk>

Classname Photocode

3B	99c-7e1-2219
3FB	876-795-f258
3WH	8a1-69c-5979
4C	090-b88-f26c
4HR	785-c12-df4c
4SL	405-3be-ea8c
5A	513-4e8-91fd
5CS	f6d-4ec-e485
5J	720-364-600f
6A	b29-5a2-2012
6DT	a2b-1b4-f7ab
6N	7b4-895-361e

CALENDAR DATES 2026		** Red dates added this week
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	Year 5 - Local Trip to Bessels Green Baptist Church	
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		



TEAM AMHERST - YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are desperately seeking match funders.

If you, or one of your family, work for a private sector company, PLEASE take just a couple of minutes to read the flyer below and send our example email to your employer to see if they offer a match funding scheme.

Last year, match funding raised over £10,000 and as a result a new set of iPads has just hit the classrooms. Thank you to all of those parents and carers that contributed.

This year, the PTA (through your generous donations) has already funded replacement desks and chairs for every child in year 3... if we have enough match funders in place for our forthcoming events, we can replicate this for the next year group for 'FREE'! It would be fantastic if every child had a new desk and chair by the end of the school year!

Match funding makes a HUGE difference... so please, send that one quick email to see if your company can support our school.

Thank you



The flyer features a yellow and black polka-dot border. At the top left, the word 'AMHERST' is written in bold black letters on a yellow background. In the top right corner is the Amherst PTA logo, a blue shield with a white star and the letters 'PTA'. The main text 'Your School Needs YOU' is written in a large, black, cursive font, with 'YOU' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, a black silhouette of a hand pointing towards the viewer is positioned between the letters 'O' and 'U'. The text 'We are urgently looking for match funders to help us raise funds for Amherst' is written in a black, sans-serif font. Below this, the question 'CAN YOU HELP?' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'Contact us:' is written in a black, sans-serif font, followed by the email address 'amherst-treasurer@outlook.com' in a black, sans-serif font on a yellow background.

AMHERST

Your School Needs YOU

We are urgently looking for match funders to help us raise funds for Amherst

CAN YOU HELP?

Contact us:
amherst-treasurer@outlook.com

Match Funding



Has a HUGE impact on our fundraising ability



Your company can match the funds raised - and we DOUBLE our money!!!



Step 1: Ask your employer if they offer match funding



Step 2: Get in touch with the PTA amherst-treasurer@outlook.com



Step 3: Volunteer at one of Amherst PTA's fundraising events

Example wording:

Dear HR

Do you offer match funding or another incentivised giving programme? The PTA of my child's school is a registered UK charity and raises funds to enrich the educational provision of the children. They are looking for match funding opportunities and I would like to support them.

On Tuesday we welcomed our Scientist Parents who kindly volunteered to answer the children's questions. Our Panel answered questions from Year 3 & 4 first followed by Year 5 & 6. There were some brilliant questions:

What would happen if there was a solar eclipse everyday?

How does Earth move without us feeling it?

Why do octopuses need more than one heart?

Why is the sea blue?

If someone is born deaf, what language do they think in?

How do heavy ships float?

Why is the earth round?



Thank you to all our panel for sharing their time and knowledge!

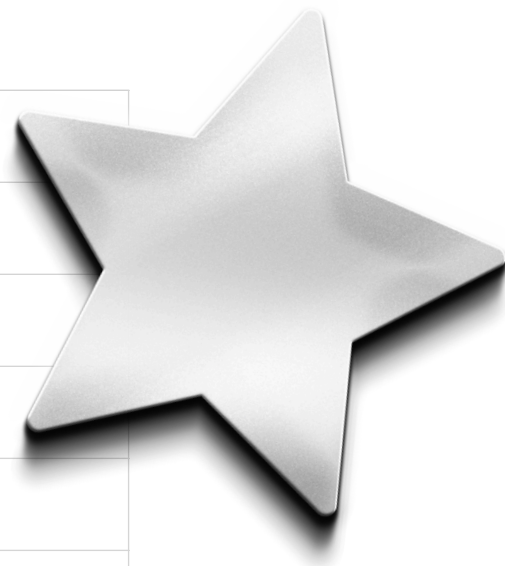
CURIOSITY: What is your question?



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Grace H
3FB	Rory H
3WH	Max H
4C	Hugo H
4HR	Lola T
4SL	Ollie W

5A	Kitty I
5CS	Max L
5J	Esme D
6A	Ben C
6DT	Max P
6N	Prakruti H



AMHERST CHOIR

Last Saturday, the Amherst Choir competed in the Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival at Kent College, singing Double Trouble from John Williams' score to Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban before changing mood for a fun rendition of Irving Berlin's Puttin' on the Ritz, most famously sung by Fred Astaire. The children not only won the overall Children's Choir class but also received

excellent comments from the adjudicator. You can hear these pieces at our annual Music Concert in the School Hall on Tuesday 31st March at 6.00pm, to which all families are most welcome.



BRASS PERFORMANCE - 10 March

Our **brass teacher Mr Fasham** led an assembly to Year 3 children earlier this week, demonstrating the trombone, trumpet, euphonium and tenor horn, and even using a garden hose to show how the instruments produce sound! Mr Fasham is a busy **working musician**, having played on the soundtracks for films including **Paddington 2** and **Johnny English Strikes Again**. If your child would like to sign up for lessons or a short 'taster session', Mr Fasham may be contacted at ian@littleturret.co.uk

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
- X 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!



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Understanding Neurodiversity
24/03/2026 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Do you have questions about neurodiversity? Maybe you would like to build on your understanding of children's different ways of experiencing the world. 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 neurodiversity. 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:

[Understanding Neurodiversity | 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:

EWTandESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.



23 MARCH

12.00 TO 12.30PM

HOSTED ON ZOOM

Come live or catch the replay

So often, what we label as "behaviour" is actually communication, unmet needs, or a child pushing back because they feel powerless.

In this month's Free Parenting Clinic, we're zooming in on power struggles:

- What's really going on underneath the outburst?
- Why did that escalate so fast?
- And how to step out of the tug of war without giving in or giving up.

I'll share practical, realistic strategies you can start using straight away to reduce conflict, support emotional regulation, and bring more calm back into family life.

Join Anisa Lewis, Parenting Coach, for a relaxed, supportive 30-minute online talk, designed for busy parents who want tools that actually work in real family life.

Book your free place here:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>

or email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link.



PARENTING CLINIC

POWER STRUGGLES

If you're constantly locked in stand offs with your child.

If everyday requests turn into arguments.

If you find yourself repeating the same thing louder and louder and still not being heard.

You're not alone. And you're not doing it wrong.



Anisa Lewis
Parenting Coach

EASTER CAMPS

Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club
TN13 2RJ

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April
Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th April

9:00-12:00 ages 5-10
14:30-17:30 ages 11-16

£85 for Club Member for the Week
£95 for Non Members for the Week
Individual Days Available Upon Request
10% early bird discount if you book
before the 18th of March


All standards welcome & rackets
can be provided if required.

Contact
adam@artennis.co.uk
to book by scanning the
QR code




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THE HILARIOUS **JAMIE RIDING** KAREN THE MAM'S **LEWIS DENNY**



THE LITTLE MERMAID

DIVE INTO A WORLD OF MAGIC AND ADVENTURE
EASTER PANTO 2026

WANNA PERFORM IN THE SHOW AT YOUR LOCAL THEATRE
We are looking for boys and girls to star with us in this magical tale of The Little Mermaid
Book your place now at www.enchantedworkshops.co.uk

Please click on the images for more information.

Wednesday 8 April - 2pm & 6pm

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OUR AMAZING CAMPS NOW AT RADNOR HOUSE SEVENOAKS

4-13 YEAR OLDS



ABOUT OUR CAMPS!

Our Ofsted registered camps are packed with 50 fun-filled activities each week to keep the kids entertained, safe and happy during the school holidays!

TIMINGS & DISCOUNTS

- Standard day at camp, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Extended hours, 8am-9:30am, 4:30pm-6pm
- Sibling discounts available
- Discounts available for full week bookings

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

- Book with childcare vouchers, Tax free childcare, Bright Horizons & CGPS
- Mega Inflatable Day on Wednesday 8th April
- Nerf Day on Friday 10th April

CAMP DATES

7th April 2026 - 17th April 2026



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CAMPS



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