

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Parliament Trip

I had the privilege of joining Year 6 on their trip to the Houses of Parliament on Monday. Each year I always feel slightly worried about taking 96 children on the train up to London and then walking to Westminster from Charing Cross. Each year I am impressed with how superb the children are and feel so proud to be their headteacher. This year was no exception. Highlights for me were:

- Observing children being considerate to other passengers on the train
- The children's excitement as we approached London on the train - 'Look there's The Shard!'
- Great questions asked during the tour showing they have learnt so much about democracy already. Well done Year 6 teaching team!
- A good walking pace (the day involved a lot of walking)
- Observing children playing Uno on the train
- Listening to a conversation about why children's dogs had their names
- Confident happy children

Thank you to Mrs Adams and the Year 6 team for organising such a valuable learning experience for the children. (Photos on Page 2)

Open Afternoon

It was great to see so many parents / grandparents / carers attending Open Afternoon last Friday. There was a great buzz across the school with children enthusiastically and proudly sharing their work.

Maths Parent Workshop

Thank you to Miss Jones and Mrs Barratt who delivered an excellent maths workshop for parents on Thursday. Feedback has been incredibly positive and we've had several requests for a similar workshop on English. (Photos on Page 2)

Reminder

Please be reminded that the Spring Clubs end this week.

I hope you all have a great weekend. I encourage you to get out in the sunshine!

Mr Reid

HIGHLIGHTS

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23 Mar - Love to Dance

24 Mar - Parent Consultations

25 Mar - Yr3 - Science Workshop

25 Mar - Yr 5 & 2 Buddy Meeting

26 Mar - Parent Consultations

25th Edition
20 March
2026



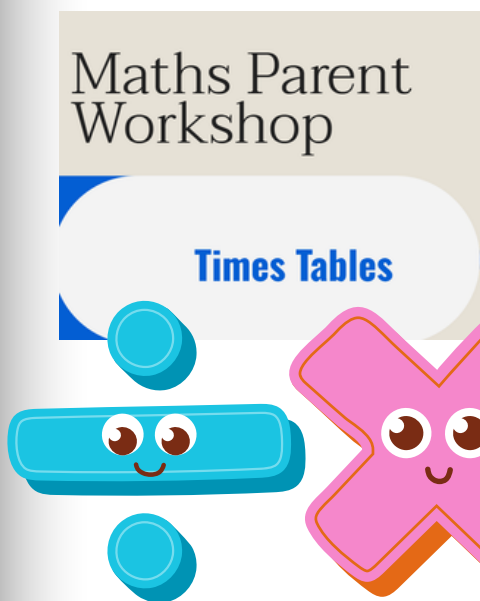
Parents,

Thank you for attending our **Year 3 Times Tables Workshop** on Thursday.

We hope you found the session helpful and informative. To access the presentation slides, please [click here](#).

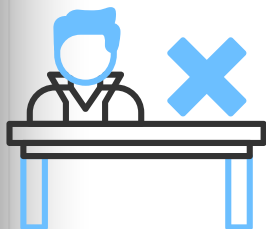
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Barratt & Miss Jones



Year 6 had a fantastic day on Monday visiting the UK Parliament. They learned how Parliament works and how laws are made. It was a memorable experience that brought their learning to life.





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 FINISHED — WEEK beginning 23 March 2026

ALL clubs are now finished, with the exception of a few:

Chess (Mon) / Amherst Choir (Wed - 8.15am), French Yr3 (Thurs) / Training Choir (Fri) & Orchestra (Fri)



LETTERS SENT

- Year 3 - [Intended Learning](#)
- Whole School - Meningococcal Disease



YEAR 6 HILLTOP PAYMENT DUE

Please be reminded that the 5th instalment of £120.00 is due at the end of March. Payments should please be made via www.schoolgateway.com.



YOUR CLASS PHOTOGRAPH IS READY!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the Class School Photographs are ready to view using the website photocode sent via email to order from the following website: <https://www.getphotos.co.uk>

PLEASE NOTE: the cut-off date to order the photos with free delivery back to the school is TODAY, 20th March at midnight.



SENSE and SUPPORT - Online Parent Workshops!

Parenting Clinic - Power Struggles

23/03/2026 - 12.00 - 12.30pm - To book - please [click here](#)

Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026: 10.30 - 12.30pm - To book - please [click here](#)



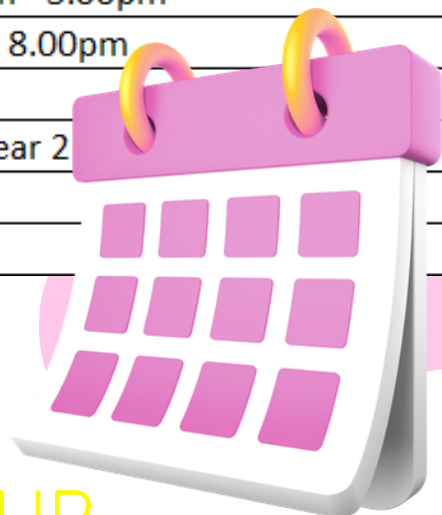
REMINDERS

- Please bring **merit badges** back to school.
- Please check your if your child needs any **glue in school**.
- Please remember to send in **healthy snacks** for children.
- Please remember to think of our neighbours when **parking around school**.

CALENDAR DATES 2026

** Red dates added this week

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
02-Apr	LAST DAY OF TERM
EASTER	



SUMMER TERM SIGN-UP

Your child will be coming home with a **paper copy** of the **Summer Clubs** today.

- Don't miss out on the opportunity for your child to join in on the fun and learning!
- To sign up, please complete the online form by latest **Monday 22nd March at 12.00pm.**
- Clubs start week commencing 27 April 2026 and end 26 June 2026.

CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

Once we finalise the club registers, we will confirm your child's place via an email from the office.

TO BOOK— COMPLETE THE CLUBS FORM ONLINE

Please [click here](#) to tell us which clubs your child would like to attend.

AMHERST SCHOOL CLUBS
Summer 2026

Club	Yr Group	Leader	Cost	Spaces	Time	Venue
Monday						
Little Musketeers	All years	Andrew & James Beevers	£6.00 x 7 sessions = £42.00	24	8.00 - 8.45am	Hall
French	Yr 3	RécréLingo	£9.90 x 6 sessions = £59.40 + £22.50 if you require the book	15	8.15 - 8.45am	Cabin
Football	Yr 6	Mr Barratt & Mr Hafford-Robson		20	12.30 - 1.15pm	Field
Trash to Treasure	Yr 3 & 4	Mrs Carver		20	12.45 - 1.20pm	SCS
Street Dance	All years	Sevenoaks School of Dance	£8.00 x 7 sessions = £56.00	20	3.30 - 4.15pm	Hall
Chess	All years	Mrs Adams		32	3.30 - 4.15pm	Year 6 Classes
Athletics	Yr 5 & 6	Mr Church & Mrs Mais		40	3.30 - 4.30pm	Field
Netball	Yr 5	Miss Jones & Mrs Manby		24	3.30 - 4.30pm	Playground

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Eric R
3FB	Lucy C
3WH	Johannes W
4C	Agnes McK
4HR	Xavi d P
4SL	Bobby C

5A	Bo D
5CS	Charlie G
5J	Jonah R
6A	Neve L
6DT	Rosa K
6N	Jonny G



NETBALL

On Saturday, our netball team took part in the Sevenoaks Schools' Partnership Netball Tournament. There were 11 teams playing and Amherst was drawn in a box against: St Katherine's, St John's, Kemsing and St Thomas' in the first round. Our first match against Kemsing was very competitive and we lost 4-3. We then found our rhythm and in our next match against St John's the goals kept coming. We won with a convincing 10-0 score. The third match saw us play St Katherine's which we won 12-0 and our last match was against St Thomas' which we also won 12-0. This meant we came second in our box and had to play Sevenoaks Primary in the third-fourth place play offs. Our team was fiercely competitive with excellent defence and attack and we secured the win 7-1. This meant we finished third in the tournament. Every player is rotated in every game which means that they all get the chance to play GS, GA, C, GK and GD. They are an incredibly versatile team and have a great skill set in preparation for secondary school and club netball. It has been a real pleasure to see them progress throughout the season and coach them.

Thanks to all the parents who came and supported us from the side lines.

Congratulations to our team of: Henry W, Neve L, Harriet S, Elissa B, Ethan H, Eloise P, Ella AO, Valentina CG.

Miss Jones



FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the football squad on an incredibly successful week! It started off on Tuesday, where we played three league games one after the other. We kicked off with a comfortable 4-0 against Edenbridge, followed by a confident 2-0 win against Antony Roper. In the last game against Sevenoaks Primary, we were undone by a great goalkeeping performance, frustratingly losing 2-1. This means with two games left, the league title is likely to go down to the wire!

On Saturday the team played again, in a tournament Amherst hasn't won for 6 years! We got through our group without playing our best, beating St. Thomas', Kemsing and Shoreham. In the semi-final, we played Antony Roper, where the team did brilliantly to keep their cool, with the match 0-0 at full time. A goal in extra-time, and some heroic defending, saw us through to the final. The final gave us a chance for revenge against Sevenoaks Primary, with the team saving their best performance until last, running out as 2-0 winners. Some excellent goals from Max L proved to be the difference maker over the morning.

Well done to the team!

Mr. H-R and Mr. Barratt



BASKETBALL

On Wednesday a team of Year 6 children participated in a basketball competition at Sevenoaks School. It was the first time the children had played as a team and many of them had very little experience of this sport.

However, the team's determination was incredible and their skills progressed enormously with every game they played. Each player displayed brilliant team work and stamina.

Huge congratulations to Rosa K, Lyla B, Evie M, Adele E, Ollie P, Oliver G, Mattie L-G, Jasper B and Ernie M.

Many thanks to the parents for transporting and supporting the children.

Mrs Wheeler



JOSEPH

And the AMAZING Technicolor DREAMCOAT

YOUTH GROUP PRODUCTION

LYRICS BY TIM RICE MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

An amateur youth group production by arrangement with LW Entertainment Ltd

7TH - 9TH MAY 2026
THE STAG THEATRE- SEVENOAKS
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Bat & Ball SPORTS **ANNUAL CRICKET SHOW**

20% OFF ALL CRICKET
2 DAYS ONLY

Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th March 2026
9.00am - 8.00PM

AT OUR HIGH STREET STORE:
10, LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS, TN13 1AJ

FOAL FARM Animal Rescue **EASTER EGG HUNT**

28th March - 12th April 2026
 Open daily (except Tuesday) from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Pick up your entry form from reception
 Find the animals in the Easter Egg pictures
 Collect your chocolate prize from the Tea Room
 No booking required

£5 per entry

Foal Farm Animal Rescue
 Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk

THE MONTREAL ESTATE

Spring Family Fun Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
 IDE HILL, SEVENOAKS

Experience the magic of Spring at the Montreal Estate and enjoy a day packed with free activities for the whole family.

- Animal corner
- Tractor rides
- Gun dog demonstration
- Chipping demonstration
- Conservation talk
- Chainsaw carving
- Farmer agility course
- Family fun games

Saturday 18th April, 10:30am - 4:30pm
 Penn Farm, Penn Lane, Ide Hill, TN14 6BG
www.themontrealstate.co.uk/events

Scan for Tickets
 £25/car



Please click on the images for more information.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY & WRAPAROUND CLUBS

EASTER HOLIDAYS 7TH - 17TH APRIL

ST. JOHNS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Easter Workshop

Sevenoaks School of Dance

Book our Easter Workshop for a fun, creative, and friendly day!

Our workshop features Street Dance, Musical Theatre, Singing and even some Crafty fun and Games.

Come Dance, Create, and Make New Friends this Easter!

For more information or to book, please contact:
phoebe@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

7th & 8th April - £30 per Day
10am - 3pm
Boys & Girls
Aged 4 - 11 Years
Amherst School,
Witches Lane,
Sevenoaks,
TN13 2AX



family competition

Enter at Prize Draws on our home page - good luck!

Quiz Trails

A great activity for the Easter Holidays!

We're a Mum and two daughters team creating educational, history based fun Kent Quiz Trails!

They live up a healthy family walk!

FREE TO ENTER!

WIN

We've teamed up with What's On In Kent to give away a 'Best of Kent Explorer Adventure Pack'!

Top Prize: One lucky winner will win a wicker picnic hamper with plates, cutlery and glasses, one each of the Quiz Trails short stories books, 5 Quiz Trails of your choice and lots of sweet treats!

Three runner-up winners will each win 3 Quiz Trails of your choice!

Enter on our website
www.QuizTrail.co.uk

*Closing date 31st March 2026 at 11.59pm. Free to enter - no purchase necessary.

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GIRLZ ACADEMY

GIRLS ONLY

EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

4 FUN-PACKED DAYS OF FOOTBALL & EASTER FUN!

Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April
9AM - 3PM EACH DAY

- ✓ Aged 6 to 12 Years
- ✓ All Abilities Welcome
- ✓ Skills & Matches
- ✓ Fun & Inclusive

Easter Egg Hunt EVERY DAY!

£30 - 1 DAY
£50 - 2 DAYS
£70 - 3 DAYS
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EASTER HOLIDAY COURSE

Lots of exercise, learn awesome skills, fun games, and make new friends!

7 & 8 April and 15, 16 & 17 April
9.30am - 12.30pm

- Ages 5+ to teens
- Already training? Accelerate to the next belt!
- Brand new? No experience needed - come & try!
- Book early: Book/pay by 22 March - £30 per morning
- Standard price: £40 per morning
- Flexible: Book one morning or several- it's up to you!

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Contact Chris: Tel: 07914 805 339
chris.sevenoaksjitsu@icloud.com

Please click on the images for more information.