

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Whole School Book Project

I hope you had the opportunity to look at the **fantastic *Bandoola* displays** when you visited for Parents' Evening this week. **The children have worked so hard to produce such superb writing and artwork.** If a child's work is not displayed in the hall corridors then it is on display in their classroom. I have been so **impressed with the standard** of work produced for this project. The children are incredibly proud of their efforts. Please [click here](#) to view the photo gallery.

### Parent Consultation

I hope your parent consultation was **useful and informative.** It is also an opportunity to spend time with your child's teacher/teachers and get a greater understanding of their **relationship with your child.** **Positive relationships** between adults and children are a key factor in children achieving well. This can be a hard dynamic for children to understand especially when their teacher might have to tell them off sometimes. Not dissimilar to parenting! **Learning from your mistakes is a key part of a child's development.**

I hope you have a good weekend!

*Mr Reid*

## HIGHLIGHTS

Mr Reid's Message

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Notices

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Future Dates

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PTA

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Let's Celebrate

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Community Events

## REMINDERS

**30 Mar** - Yr 3 - Easter Production

**31 Mar** - Amherst Music Concert

**1 Apr** - Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

**2 Apr** - Easter Bonnet Buddy

Visit

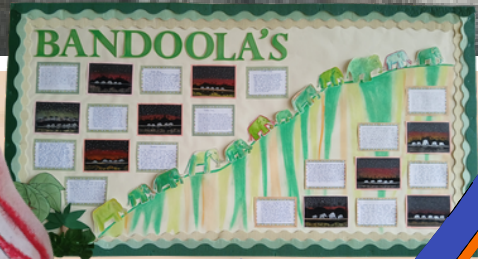
26th Edition  
27 March  
2026



BANDOOLA DISPLAYS



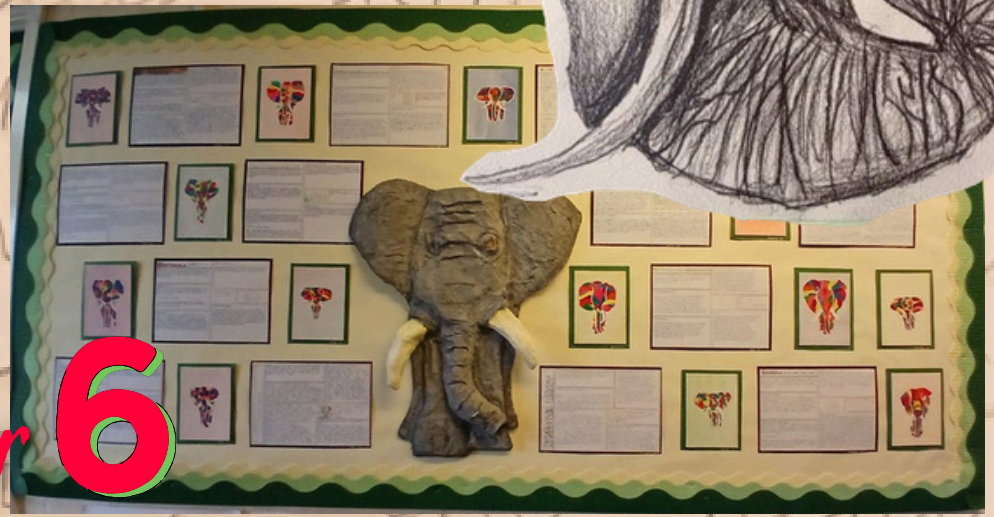
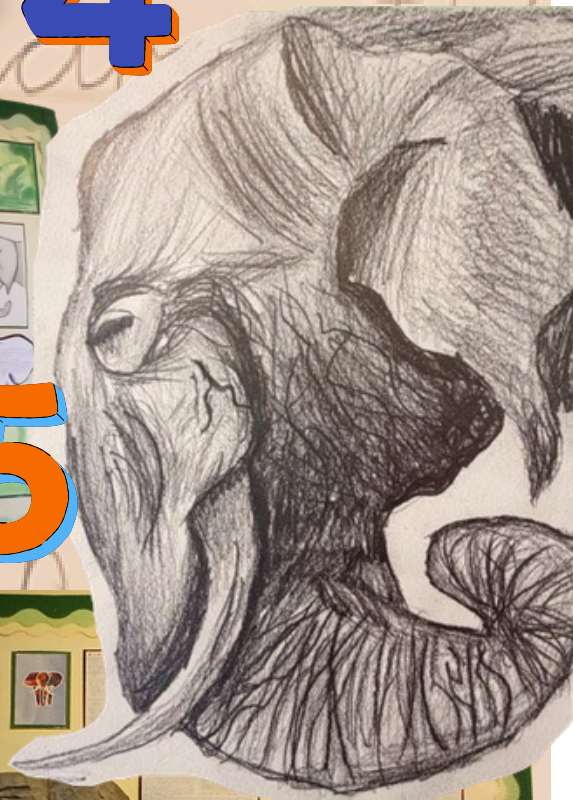
Year 3



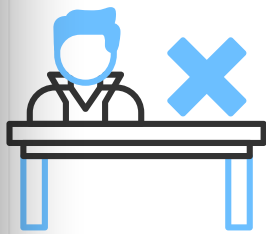
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



**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.



### SUMMER TERM CLUBS

If you would still like to sign your child up for the summer term clubs, please click on the link below:

#### CLUBS BOOKING FORM

We still have spaces in the following clubs:

**Little Musketeers / French Clubs / Football Year 6 / Street Dance / Mindfulness / Spanish / Mandarin / Gymnastics / Hockey / Juggling**



### LETTERS SENT

- Year 3 - [Intended Learning](#)
- Whole School - Mr Reid's Termly Headteacher's Letter



### VACANCIES - [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com)

- Full time (ideally)/part time (would be considered for the right candidate) class teacher from September 2026
- Breakfast club assistant from May 2026 (five mornings)
- Both jobs close on Monday 20th April, with interviews 26th/27th April.



### WINNING HOUSE — KNOLE

Congratulations to Knole winning this term's house points. Children are allowed to wear blue on Thursday — last day of term.



### READING VOLUNTEERS

Reading sessions are now cancelled for the rest of the term, due to the Year 3 Easter Production.

We look forward to seeing all reading volunteers back in the first week after Easter - week commencing 20 April 2026.

# a NOTE from your PTA CHAIR

After two wonderful years of being involved in the PTA, **Natasha, Anna and myself** will (with heavy hearts), **be saying good bye to Amherst** at the end of the school year, as our youngest children begin their secondary school adventures.

**We've had a brilliant time organising lots of fun events for the children** (and parents / carers) and **hopefully helped the PTA to fulfil a very important role in promoting our school community.**

So, **TEAM AMHERST**, it's over to you... the PTA is looking for **3 new volunteers** to fill the **Chair, Vice Chair (Marketing) and Secretary roles...** but also any extra helping hands if you feel you have a few hours to spare every so often. Perhaps **volunteer with a friend (as we have done)** and **share a role if it feels too daunting - it really is a case of the more the merrier** and every single contribution having a **notable impact on school's ability to enhance the enjoyment of our children ...** from the **construction of the Jubilee Building** to **replacing all PC's in the ICT suite** and **providing new lockers, desks and chairs.**

Don't leave Kevin (our fabulous Treasurer) out on a limb... get involved by emailing the office, **support our school and help to make the next PTA chapter happen!**

Many thanks for your help as always!

*Amanda*



# TEAM AMHERST

**SCHOOL DISCO**

**FRIDAY 24 APRIL**

YEARS 3&4: 5PM-6PM  
YEARS 5&6: 6.15-7.30PM

£5 per child  
Squash & snacks included but please bring own water bottle

You are invited to a

**WINE & CHEESE TASTING EVENT**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
7.30pm to 10.30pm  
Amherst School Hall  
£25

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CLASSLIST

**TEAM AMHERST**

SAVE THE DATES

TERMS 4-6

**EASTER EGG TREASURE HUNT**  
Amherst School during school hours  
**WED 1 APR**

**KIDS SCHOOL DISCO**  
After school in the hall  
**FRI 24 APR**

**AMHERST WINE & CHEESE EVENING**  
Amherst School Hall  
**FRI 1 MAY**

**SUMMER BBQ**  
**SAT 4 JULY**

**CALENDAR DATES 2026** \*\* Red dates added this week

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	
20-Apr	FIRST DAY OF TERM
23-Apr	Whole School - Kent Fire Safety Talk
24-Apr	PTA Uniform Sale - 3.30pm
24-Apr	PTA Disco - Year 3 & 4 - 5.00pm - 6.00pm
24-Apr	PTA Disco - Year 5 & 6 - 6.15pm - 7.30pm
27-Apr	Clubs Start
21-Apr	Year 5J, 5A, 5CS & 4C Swimming at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre
22-Apr	Year 4SL & 4HR Swimming at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre
29-Apr	Parent Coffee Morning - Resilience - 9.00am - 10.00am
01-May	PTA Event - Cheese & Wine Evening
04-May	BANK HOLIDAY

**EASTER FUN**

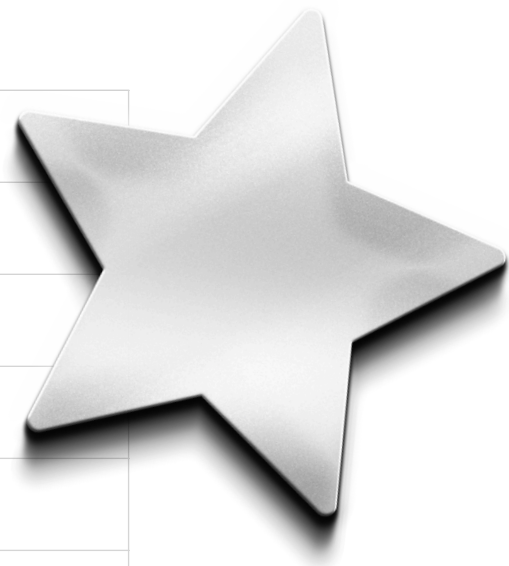
**EGG HUNT**

CCCCC  
**April 1**

## STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>3B</b>	Georgia B
<b>3FB</b>	Iris M
<b>3WH</b>	Niamh R
<b>4C</b>	Orla S
<b>4HR</b>	Tiago V
<b>4SL</b>	Leo H-M

<b>5A</b>	Alf K
<b>5CS</b>	Elijah G
<b>5J</b>	Henry C
<b>6A</b>	Oliver L
<b>6DT</b>	Frankie V
<b>6N</b>	Jasper P



## FUNDRAISING &amp; VOLUNTEERING

Saoirse B, Elena B, Niamh R and Imogen F raised an amazing £76. Last Sunday they went to Foal Farm to present the donation to the team. The staff were delighted, and said that it would contribute to some of the expensive vet bills. They suggested that if any children wanted to continue to donate, they would happily accept boxes of vegetables including carrots, apples and kale (and polo mints for the horses!) and any children who provided those donations, could feed the animals themselves. They also take old blankets for the smaller animals. The girls are already planning their next volunteering initiative.



## TAEKWONDO

Congratulations to Jamie H who this week came home with his new Taekwondo Red Belt! Well done Jamie - it takes a lot of discipline and commitment to reach this level!



**SHOWTIME EASTER WORKSHOP**  
Come along for lots of fun!  
**dancing, singing, acting!**

**K-Pop Day**  
Tuesday 14th April  
HUNTRIX

**Oliver**  
Wednesday 15th April  
Oliver!

**High School Musical**  
Thursday 16th April  
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Churchill C.E Primary School,  
Rysted Lane, Westerham, TN161EZ  
Book via our website: [www.showtime.london](http://www.showtime.london)  
Sibling discounts available



**SEVENOAKS ENRICHMENT CLUB**  
Launching September 2026

Sevenoaks School is establishing a free enrichment club for bright and motivated Year 5 pupils who live within 45 minutes of the school and who may not otherwise have access to comparable opportunities.

Plentiful opportunities for engagement including:

- Structured scientific and historical investigations that encourage analytical thinking and curiosity.
- Creative problem-solving activities designed to develop resilience and reasoning skills.
- Guided discussions in debating to build confidence and to promote clear communication.

Saturday mornings of discovery and learning

- The programme will take place from September 2026 to May 2027.
- Each session will run from 10:00 to 12:45 on Saturdays.
- A free lunch will be provided.

Applications open on Monday 23 March 2026

- The deadline for applications is Tuesday 12 May.
- Places will be allocated using a range of eligibility criteria.
- Priority will be given to pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

For more information about this exciting club, head to:  
[www.sevenoaksschool.org/sevenoaks-enrichment-club/](http://www.sevenoaksschool.org/sevenoaks-enrichment-club/)



Please click on the images for more information.

**HOLMESDALE CRICKET CLUB**  
Junior Coaching 2026



**U6 All Stars & U9 Girls (Softball)**

Friday Evenings  
4:45 pm - 6:00 pm  
24 April - 17 July  
Fun, safe, and exciting introduction

**U7 - U11 Softball Cricket**

Saturday Mornings  
9:00 am - 10:30 am  
25 April - 11 July  
Build skills, confidence & match play

**U11 Girls Cricket (Hardball)**

Thursday Evenings  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
23 April - 16 July  
Progress to hardball with focus on skills, teamwork and game understanding

**SIGN UP NOW**

[holmesdalecricketclub.co.uk](http://holmesdalecricketclub.co.uk)