

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Year 6 after the Easter Holidays and welcome to your final term at Amherst School. This letter is to give useful information to parents about the busy term ahead and to enable you to support and encourage your child. The summer term is always a very busy and exciting time in Year 6.

Dates for your diary

27-Apr	Clubs Start
29-Apr	Parent Coffee Morning - Resilience - 9.00am - 10.00am
11-14/05	SATs week
18-May	Author Visit: Louise Austin (Alex Abbott is [Un]Dead)
21-May	RE Day
22-May	LAST DAY OF TERM
HALF TERM	
01-Jun	Inset Day
02-Jun	FIRST DAY OF TERM
03-Jun	SRE Talk (Year 5 & 6 Parents - ICT suite childcare cover) - 3.30pm - 4.30pm
8-12-Jun	Hilltop 2026
16-Jun	Year 6 Parents - Online Transition Workshop (Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team)
26-Jun	Clubs End
02-Jul	Secondary School - Transition day
03-Jul	Sports Day - 1.30pm
04-Jul	PTA: Amherst Summer BBQ (3.00 - 7.00pm)
10-Jul	Summer Production - Dress Rehearsal - 1.45pm - 3.00pm
13-Jul	Summer Production - Matinee Performance - 1.45pm - 3.00pm
14-Jul	Summer Production - Evening Performance - 7.00pm - 8.15pm
15-Jul	Summer Production - Evening Performance - 7.00pm - 8.15pm
21-Jul	Rose Clifton Cricket Match
21-Jul	LAST DAY OF TERM
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SATs Week

SATs will take place each morning from Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May. We ask that parents ensure that their child will be present throughout this week and that they are well equipped with rulers, protractors, ink pens, pencils, rubbers etc.

Hilltop

As you are aware, our Year 6 residential will take place the week beginning Monday 8th June. If your child is anxious or you have any concerns regarding the trip, please make their class teacher aware of this so that any worries can be dealt with before they become a serious issue. Groups and room allocations will be organised after the SATs. A full equipment list will also be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

Summer Production

Performances for the summer production are scheduled for:

- **Monday 13th July** at 1.45pm: Dress Rehearsal – For Y3-5 (Amherst), Y2 & siblings (Riverhead) and parents wishing to bring small children
- **Tuesday 14th July** at 1.45pm: Matinee Performance
- **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th July** at 7pm: Evening Performances

We will be holding auditions for those children who would like a main part in our production after the SATs. Audition scripts and songs will be explained to the children beforehand and they will be given time at home to practise too.

Curriculum

This list is not definitive but it gives you a broad outline of the areas being addressed this term. A full curriculum overview of the year can be found on the Year 6 section of the Amherst School website.

- **English:** Quest stories, newspaper articles & action writing
- **Maths:** Revision, problem solving, reasoning & investigations
- **Science:** Living things and their habitats & looking after our environment
- **Art:** Lowry
- **DT:** Sewing
- **Geography:** Coasts
- **ICT:** Animation using Zu3D & independent research projects
- **PSHE:** Discrimination, personal identity, diversity, future goals, friendship, drug education & transition to secondary school

In Term 6, we will cover SRE (sex and relationship education). More information will be given about this unit after May half term and we will also lead a session for parents to attend and watch the content beforehand as well as giving you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Homework

English & Spelling: We would like children to spend 20 minutes each week using the app 'Doodle Spell' to learn and practise unknown spellings up until the end Term 5. Using a baseline assessment, the program targets spellings at an appropriate level for each child. Doodle Spell can be accessed on any device including tablets, laptops and phones. Your child should know their login as we have been using it at school but class teachers will ensure all children record their logins in their planners. English homework in Terms 5 and 6 will be a mixture of tasks supporting curriculum content and continuing with project-based learning from school.

Maths: We continue to recommend that the children practise their times tables regularly at home; skills that are not regularly utilised can be easily forgotten. Children will also continue to receive MA books and they should complete any existing corrections as well as one new test per week.

Reading: It is still vital that the children are encouraged to read as extensively as possible. We will continue to read regularly in class, but in addition to this, we would be grateful if parents could ensure that their child reads for at least 20 minutes each night. Planners should be handed in on Fridays.

Games and PE

Please ensure they have their PE kit at school every day and that all items are named. Children will no longer require football boots at school. On hotter days, sun cream and caps are recommended.

Term 5:	6A	6N	6DT
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Playground	Basketball – Tuesday	Basketball – Tuesday	Basketball – Tuesday
Field	OAA - Friday	OAA - Friday	OAA - Friday

We hope that this letter will enable you to work alongside us in providing the best possible support and encouragement for your child for their final terms at Amherst. If you have any concerns, or would like further clarification, please telephone the school office and make an appointment to see the class teacher.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Adams, Miss Nicholl & Mrs Mais