

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TRUST KINDNESS DETERMINATION FAIRNESS CO-OPERATION POLITENESS

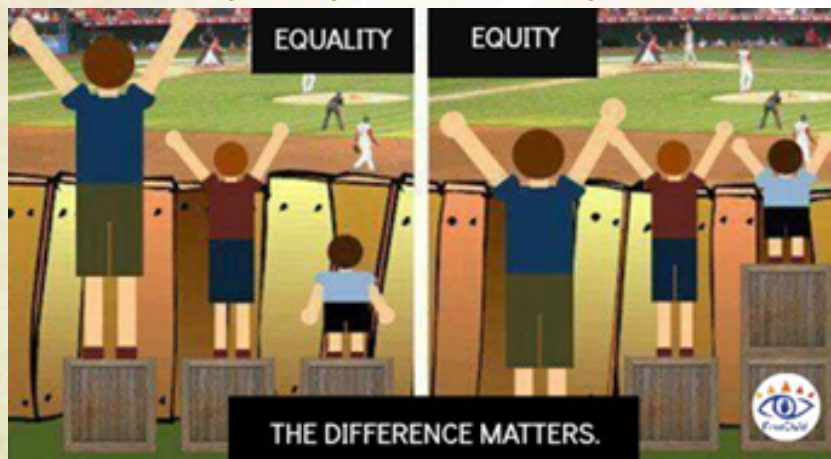
## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Fairness

This term the children will learn what the character traits listed in last week's newsletter look like in action. We will explore that your **behaviours define your character** more than your words in the eyes of other people. **Building trust in a relationship takes time** and needs to be maintained and nurtured. The need for forgiveness and allowing people to start again by not holding grudges is vital.

The following picture and quote always spark an interesting conversation:

***Fairness does not mean everyone gets the same.  
Fairness means everyone gets what they need to be successful.***



**This can be a hard concept for children (and adults) to understand.** The picture really helps explain the concept far better than words. I'm sure all of us can think of times when we may have **needed a little bit more help** to be **successful**. This is something that happens everyday in a school setting.

Our school moto is *Inspire Every Pupil* which can only happen if every child is supported to be successful.

That support can look **very different from child to child** but with the same underpinning **value of success for all**.

I hope you have a good weekend.

*Mr Reid*

## REMINDERS

**4 May** - Bank Holiday

**6 May** - Choir to Sevenoaks School

**11 May** - SATs week

**18 May** - Author Visit

**19 May** - Year 5 Kent Test & Hilltop

Meeting @ 6.00pm

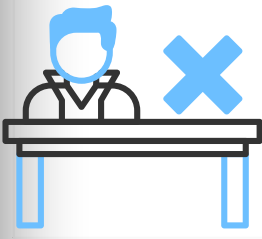
**21 May** - RE Day



29th Edition

1 May

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.



### SUMMER TERM CLUBS

**Week beginning:** 5 April - all clubs should be running as normal

**Open spaces in:** Ju Jitsu & Language Clubs

Please apply by completing the Clubs Booking Form - [click here](#)



### LETTERS SENT

- Year 3 - Intended Learning - please [click here](#)
- Year 6 - SATs Information
- Amherst Choir - Information Partnership Concert



**FOREST SCHOOL** are looking for some donations please:

- shorter scaffolding planks
- longer branches we can use for den making.
- a doll's house / play kitchen in good condition

Thank you in advance.



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

Breakfast club assistant from May 2026 (five mornings).

Applications close on Friday 15th May.



**SWIMMING** - Year 4 & 5

The 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of the swimming contribution is now due via

[www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). Thank you in advance.

*From the Teachers*

## STAY INFORMED

### SUMMER TERM - YEAR GROUP LETTERS

Please click on the links below for information on curriculum, trips, homework, sport, games and more.

[Year 3 Letter](#)

[Year 4 Letter](#)

[Year 5 Letter](#)

[Year 6 Letter](#)



**CALENDAR DATES 2026**

**\*\* Red dates added this week**

04-May	BANK HOLIDAY
06-May	Amherst Choir - Sevenoaks Partnership Concert
11-14-Apr	SATS week
18-May	Author Visit: Louise Austin (Alex Abbott is [Un]Dead)
19-May	Year 5 Kent Test & Hilltop Meeting - 6.00 - 7.00pm
21-May	RE Day
22-May	PTA Cake Sale
22-May	LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
01-Jun	Inset Day
02-Jun	FIRST DAY OF TERM
03-Jun	Year 5 - Greek Workshop
03-Jun	SRE Talk (Year 5 & 6 Parents - ICT suite childcare cover) - 3.30pm - 4.30pm
05-Jun	Year 4 Trip - Hampton Court Palace
05-Jun	PTA: 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
8-12-Jun	Hilltop 2026
8-12-Jun	Amherst's Got Talent
8-12-Jun	Year 5 Assessment Week - please avoid booking Secondary School Open Days
16-Jun	Parent Consultations - Year 5
16-Jun	Year 6 Parents - Online Transition Workshop (Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team)
17-Jun	Year 3 Trip - Lullingstone Castle
17-Jun	Parent Consultations - Year 5
26-Jun	Clubs End
30-Jun	Buddy Meeting: Year 5 & 2 - Olympics Event with Riverhead
02-Jul	Kent Transition day
03-Jul	Sports Day - 1.30pm
04-Jul	PTA: Amherst Summer BBQ
06-Jul	Year 5 - Sex & Relationship Education Talks - please avoid booking Secondary School Open Days
06-Jul	No Parent Readers for the rest of the term
08-Jul	District Sports
09-Jul	PTA: Ice Lolly Sale
10-Jul	PTA: Leavers' Disco - 5.30pm - 7.30pm
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
17-Jul	PTA: Ice Lolly Sale
21-Jul	Rose Clifton Cricket Match
21-Jul	LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>SUMMER</b>	

# STAR OF THE WEEK



<b>3B</b>	Audrey F	<b>5A</b>	Zach H
<b>3FB</b>	Ferdi S-R	<b>5CS</b>	Philip L
<b>3WH</b>	Alisha P	<b>5J</b>	Tyler B-M
<b>4C</b>	Emma S	<b>6A</b>	Leela P
<b>4HR</b>	Lois B	<b>6DT</b>	Torben A
<b>4SL</b>	Jacob G	<b>6N</b>	Luca H

## SWIMMING

On Monday Amherst took part in the District Swimming Gala. There were 14 schools participating with children from Years 5 and 6. The Amherst Squad was absolutely amazing with each swimmer proudly representing the school and racing down the pool with a roaring crowd cheering them on.



For many swimmers, they had never swum competitively before and this was quite a daunting experience. There were individual races, and medley / freestyle relays. Each swimmer's race culminated in points which placed our school fourth in the large schools category. Thank you to all our swimmers and to parents who helped poolside and spectators in the gallery. The team were: Heila S, Neve L, Valentina CG, Raph H, Luca H, Will H, Oliver G, Evie H, Lara H, Rose M, Emme T, Jasper D, Samuel H, Emily A, Evie A, Imogen H, Matty L-G, William R and James T.

## HOCKEY

Three of our pupils recently represented the Sevenoaks boys U10 hockey team at the South East Regionals - a tournament that they qualified for following a brilliant performance at the Kent County Championships in March. At Regionals they battled against tough opposition from Surrey and Sussex (as well as another team from Kent) and were very proud to come home as bronze medal winners, behind two very strong Surrey teams. Well done Gabriel G-Ch, Oliver B and Thomas P!



# PARENTING CLINIC

## NEURODIVERGENCE & PARENTING

11 MAY

12.00 TO 12.30PM

HOSTED ON ZOOM

Come live or catch the replay

Join Anisa Lewis, Parenting Coach, for this month's Free Parenting Clinic focused on Neurodiversity and Parenting

We will explore:  
 What neurodiversity really means in everyday family life.  
 Why some children experience the world more intensely.  
 And how to support your child in a way that works for them, not against them.

This is not about labels or fitting children into boxes.

It is about understanding, curiosity, and responding in a way that builds confidence, safety, and connection.

Whether you are at the very beginning of your journey or already navigating a diagnosis, this session will give you practical, realistic ways to better support your child (and yourself).

Book your free place here:  
<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>  
 or  
 Email: [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) for the booking link.



Does your child experience the world a little differently?

Do they feel things deeply?  
 Struggle with noise, change, or transitions?  
 Get overwhelmed quickly... or shut down completely?

Do you find yourself thinking:  
 "Why does this feel so hard for them?"  
 "Why do the usual approaches not seem to work?"

Maybe you have heard terms like:  
 ADHD, Autism, Highly Sensitive

Or maybe you just know, in your gut, that your child needs something different

You are not imagining it  
 And you are not alone...



Anisa Lewis  
 Parenting Coach

### TEAM AMHERST

#### TERM 5 - PTA EVENTS CALENDAR

Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3.30pm	PTA uniform sale
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	5pm-6pm	Disco - Yrs 3&4
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.15pm - 7.30pm	Disco - Yrs 5&6
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	1.45pm	PTA Meeting
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	7.30pm	Wine & Cheese night
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	3.30pm	Cake & hotdog sale

### Join Team Amherst!

### AMHERST SUMMER BBQ

Music - Food - Games - Inflatables

Join us for a fun afternoon of family entertainment!

Saturday 4 July  
 3pm - 7pm

FORMAT OF THE DAY

9:30am-10am Welcome and registration	10am-10:45am Fun games and basic technical tutorials	10:45am-11am Drink break	11am-12pm More fun activities and small sides matches
3pm Pick up and good bye	2pm-3pm Games/Matches and tournaments	1pm-1:45pm Theme of the day	12pm-1pm Lunch



WE MAKE FOOTBALLERS.

FOOTBALL HOLIDAY DEVELOPMENT CAMP FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS

SEVENOAKS

26TH-29TH MAY



WHY ATTEND A WE MAKE FOOTBALLERS HOLIDAY CAMP?

We have a highly experienced coaching team who will ensure all children are kept safe and entertained throughout their time with us. This is going to be a great opportunity for children to **get outdoors, make friends and keep active.** We are very excited to offer this opportunity.



WHAT TO EXPECT AT ONE OF OUR HOLIDAY DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

Every day brings a new theme with exciting challenges, skill-building games, and support from amazing coaches.



The week ends with our epic Tournament Day - small-sided matches, big energy, and trophies to be won!

CONTACT US

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BOOK YOUR SPACE

Football Development Camps built around our proven coaching method, designed to help every player improve - whatever their level.

SCHEDULE & PRICE

STANDARD PRICE:  
£105 FOR 1 WEEK (TUE-FRI)  
£35 PER DAY

Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 3pm  
9:30am drop off and 3pm collection



TEAM GAMES EVERY DAY



DAILY SKILL CHALLENGES



ALL ABILITIES WELCOME



1V1 & TOURNAMENT DAY

BOOK A SPACE



CAMP ADDRESS

Dunton Green Pavilion  
Sevenoaks  
TN13 2UR

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CLASSES STARTING FROM 4YRS

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- Get taught by experience coaches
- Gain confidence
- Make friends for life

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Sevenoaks, TN13 1LW

PER MONTH £35

@fusioncheerleading

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www.fusioncheerleaders.com

LYDIAN TRAINING ORCHESTRA

Spring Course

The Lydian Training Orchestra invites young instrumentalists (Grade 3-6 standard) to a fun and friendly orchestral weekend 15-17 May at the The Judd School, Tonbridge.

No audition required - all orchestral instruments welcome.  
Includes rehearsals, workshops and an informal concert for family and friends.

Cost: £55 per student

More info & sign-up: "A Tribute to Queen"  
Contact: [lydiantrainingorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:lydiantrainingorchestra@gmail.com)

