

AMHERST SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Year 6 SATs

Y6 SATs

Good luck to all Year 6 children who will be completing their SATs tests next week. These are the **national**

government tests which assess the children in Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Maths and Writing. **The tests are completed Monday – Thursday next week** and are an opportunity for the children to demonstrate how much they have learnt in these areas during their four years at Amherst.

The children and staff have **worked so hard** to ensure they are well prepared. I shared at a governors' meeting last night our termly data analysis and it was a **point of celebration** when identifying **how much progress this year group have made** since the beginning of Year 3. What stood out was the steady increase in the number of children each year who were working at the Expected standard or above. **It is a team effort.** Each year of good quality teaching and hard work by the children has played its part. **I'm sure the children will do brilliantly next week and be proud of their achievements.**

I am looking forward to attending **Brands Hatch on Sunday** to watch the British Touring Car Championship. My youngest son is very excited but my oldest son is disappointed to not be coming with us this year as he is revising for his GCSEs! Children under 13 go for free!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Reid

REMINDERS

11-14 May - SATs Week

18 May - Author Visit

19 May - Year 5 Kent Test Meeting 6.00 - 7.00pm

21 May - RE Day

22 May - PTA Cake Sale

22 May - Last Day of Term



30th Edition
8 May
2026

EVERY 

**DAY
COUNTS!**

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 11 May 2026

CANCELLED CLUBS:

Monday - No French, No Musketeers, No Chess

Tuesday - No Cross Country, No French

Thursday - No Beginners Tennis, No Hockey

Friday - No Training Choir, No Lacrosse Squad 8am

ALL other clubs should be running as normal.



LETTERS SENT

- Year 3 - [Intended Learning](#)
- Year 3 - Rivers Trip Letter
- Year 4 - Hampton Court Letter



NUT FREE SNACKS / FRUIT

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



PARKING

Parents, please consider our neighbours and children walking to school when parking at drop off or when collecting your children from school.



TRASH TO TREASURE CLUB (Monday)

Please bring in small boxes (cereal, tea), cartons (milk, juice - rinsed), cardboard tubes, plastic lids, scrap paper



AUTHOR VISIT

We look forward to Louise Austin visiting the school on 18 May to talk to us about her newly released children's book - Alex Abbott is (Un)Dead.



PLEASE RETURN - MERIT BADGES & SPORT KIT

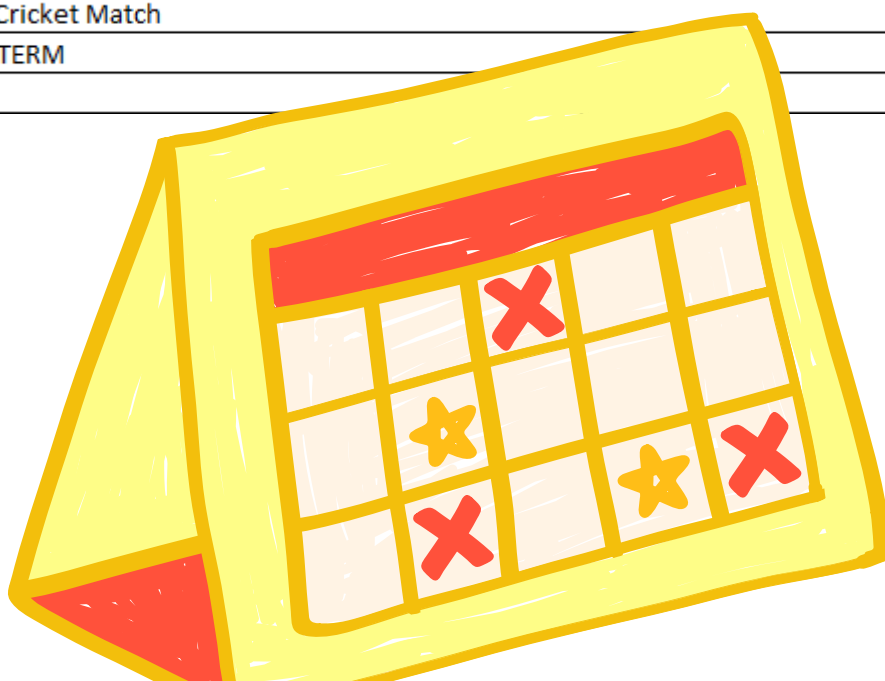
Please return badges, netball and any other sports kit to reception (named and washed). Many thanks.

FUTURE DATES

CALENDAR DATES 2026

**** Red dates added this week**

11-14-May	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
HALF TERM	
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
06-Jun	Team Amherst's inaugural Water Fun Run - 11.00am - 12.30pm
10-Jun	Year 6 Parents -Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School - 10:30—12:30pm
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
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 6 Parents -Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School - 17:30—19:30pm
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
SUMMER	



TEAM AMHERST'S INAUGURAL WATER FUN RUN

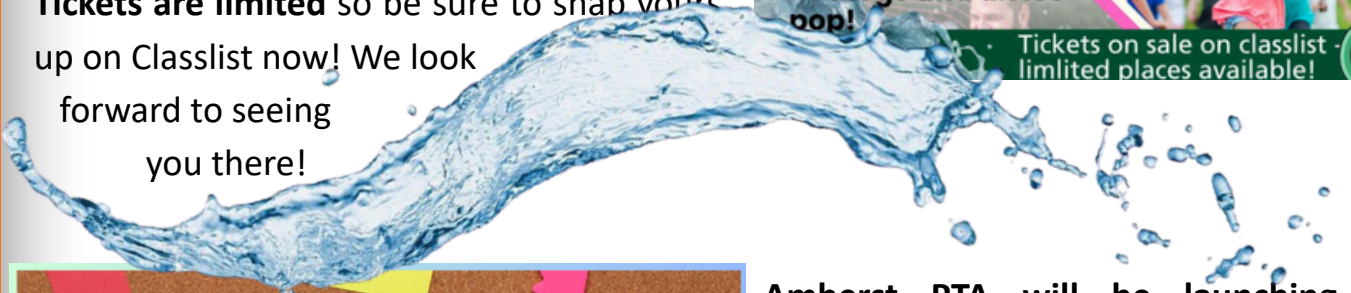
Can you dodge the water bombs, time when to traverse the sprinkler, avoid getting soaked with the Super Soaker?

Come along and find out!

After our energetic group warm up, see how many laps of our water course you can complete before drying off in the sun while eating unlimited hot dogs with your friends and having a cooling ice pop? That's lunch taken care of!

All siblings / parents / carers / grandparents etc positively encouraged to run! The water fun run knows no age limit!

Tickets are limited so be sure to snap yours up on Classlist now! We look forward to seeing you there!



Amherst PTA will be launching a Summer Auction in Term 6.

There will be a variety of fun school related **experiences** for Amherst students as well as a number of donations from local suppliers and sports clubs.

We are currently collecting auction lots so if you are able to contribute a donation – gift vouchers, experiences,

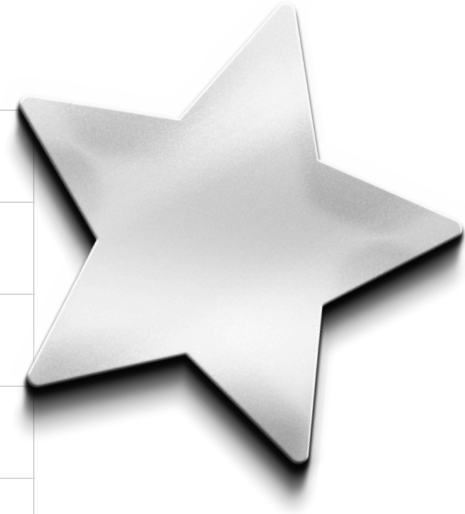
handmade items, or offer up any skills or services e.g. photography, interior design, landscaping – it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know via Amherst-events@outlook.com. All proceeds made from the silent auction will go towards enriching school activities and resources for the children, with our focus this year on supporting the school to replace desks and chairs in the classrooms that will benefit all Amherst children.

PLEASE VISIT Classlist FOR TICKETS / DONATIONS!

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Alex G
3FB	Melek F
3WH	Ned V-W
4C	Ffion B
4HR	Izzy G
4SL	Minnie M

5A	Panos K
5CS	Carter S
5J	Emme T
6A	Heila S
6DT	Xander W
6N	Ollie P



AMHERST CHOIR

This Wednesday, the Amherst Choir took part in a concert hosted by Sevenoaks School, performing both on their own and as part of a combined choir with five other local schools. The afternoon began with a lively group warm-up and singing in parts, before we performed two favourites, Double Trouble and Puttin' on the Ritz. The event concluded with a wonderful massed-choir performance of a song inspired by the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Well done to all the children for such a fantastic concert, and a huge thank you to Sevenoaks School for hosting this special musical event.



LACROSSE

On Thursday Amherst took part in a local Lacrosse tournament. There were 8 schools participating with children from Years 5 and 6. The Amherst Squad was absolutely amazing, demonstrating fantastic passing and catching with each player proudly representing the school value determination. The team played three games in the group stage to progress into a semi final against Kemsing. The teams were very closely matched and the game went into extra time and Amherst were victorious. This led to a final against Shoreham. The final was tight but the pupils demonstrated great strength and teamwork winning the final and bringing the trophy back to Amherst for the third consecutive year. and therefore the tournament. Many thanks to all the parents who came along to support Amherst. Congratulations to Neve 6A, Valentina 6A, Harriet 6A, Billie-Jean 6N, Jasper P 6DT, Jasper F 6DT, Xander 6DT and Henry 6A.



I am very sorry but I will not be available for the year 6 transition workshop for parents we had scheduled for 5pm-6pm on Tuesday 16th June.

However, **there are two online year 6 parent workshops** being run by senior practitioners which Amherst parents can attend. One is during the day, and one is in the early evening. Please see the flyers remember to sign up and attend one of these workshops.

Just click on the link on the poster or use the QR code and this will open a page where they click on the registration button to register for the workshop.

Many thanks.

Alicia Troth
Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner - Sevenoaks

Parent Workshop

Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School

10/06/2026 10:30—12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to

Is your child moving to secondary school? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child with this step in their lives?

You are invited to a workshop which thinks about how to prepare and support your child with this move. We will consider challenges and concerns and discuss techniques that you can use at home to help them feel ready for the move ahead.

If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Starting Secondary School](#) | [Meeting-Join](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)

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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM
MEDWAY

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MAY HALF-TERM CAMP
Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club
Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May

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

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