

# AMHERST SCHOOL

TRUST KINDNESS DETERMINATION FAIRNESS CO-OPERATION POLITENESS

## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### FINAL WEEK OF TERM

It has been a busy and productive final week of term. The children enjoyed Louise Austin's (author of Alex Abott is [Un] Dead) visit on Monday and had the opportunity to take part in a writing workshop. Some children who find writing hard were inspired to write having had the input by Louise. It was great for the children to understand the impact and enjoyment reading and writing can bring rather than just associating it as tasks to be completed in a lesson.

It is lovely to see many children dressed in red today - congratulations to our winning house of the term, Bradbourne!

### RE AFTERNOON

RE Afternoon was a success on Wednesday, with the children enjoying the opportunity to learn and explore about how animals are linked to certain religions. Thank you to Mrs Lester and Mrs Fox for organising the sessions.

### SWIMMING @ THE LEISURE CENTRE

We have completed the first five weeks of Years 4 and 5 swimming at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre as part of the PE curriculum. It has been a great success. The children will have five further weeks of swimming lessons after half-term.

### NEXT TERM

We look forward to the final term of the school year which is packed with many exciting activities and events. I must always remind myself to enjoy each event in the moment rather than seeing it as a task to complete! I am fortunate to have such a strong capable staff team that work hard to support every child to be successful. Our school motto is 'Inspire Every Child' which we endeavour to fulfil. A key element to achieving this is good partnerships with you as parents to help support your child when needed. It is how we help children when they fail which is most telling.

I hope you get to enjoy a wonderful bank holiday weekend/half-term and make the most of the sunny weather.

I will be playing cricket on Saturday, cap and suncream will be needed!

We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

*Mr Reid*

## REMINDERS

- 1 Jun** - Inset Day
- 2 Jun** - First Day of Term
- 3 Jun** - Yr 5 Greek Workshop
- 3 Jun** - SRE Parent Talk 3.45pm
- 5 Jun** - Yr 4 Hampton Court
- 5 Jun** - PTA Uniform Sale



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**22 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.



**CLUBS — WEEK beginning 2 June 2026**

**CANCELLED CLUBS: 04/06/26 - No Hockey Club**

ALL clubs should be running as normal.



**LETTERS SENT**

- Year 3 - **Intended Learning**
- Year 5 & 6 - SRE (Sex and relationships education) curriculum

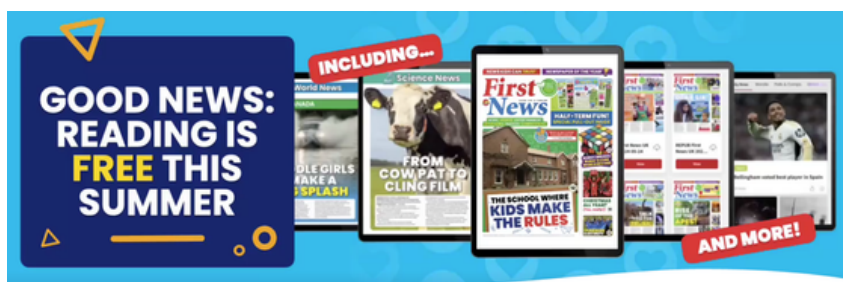


**HILLTOP - YEAR 6**

A reminder of the final payment of £20.00 that is due on 29/05/2026.



Please [click here](#) for the free link to read the First News for free this summer:



**WARMER WEATHER**

With the warmer weather approaching, please ensure that children come to school with a hat and a water bottle. Please also remember to apply sunscreen before school, where needed.



**VACANCY**

We have a position for a full time teacher. Please apply on [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com). The closing date is Monday 1st June.



**AUTHOR VISIT**

On Monday we were lucky enough to have a visit from local author **Louise Austin**. Louise delivered an inspiring assembly for the whole-school as well as workshops for each year group aiming to encourage creativity and enjoyment in story writing. In 2022, Louise won the Cornerstones PWA Longlist Prize for her manuscript which went on to become her debut novel. If you (or your child) would like to **purchase a copy** of Louise's book 'Alex Abbott Is [Un]dead', please order via [School Gateway](#).

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## KENT TEST

Year 5 Parents, please note the dates below for registering your child

### Key dates

<b>Monday 1 June 2026</b>	Registration opens at <a href="http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest">kent.gov.uk/kenttest</a> . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
<b>Wednesday 1 July 2026</b>	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.
<b>Thursday 10 September 2026</b>	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
<b>Saturday 12 September 2026 / Sunday 13 September 2026</b>	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
<b>Thursday 15 October 2026</b>	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.



## YEAR 5 MEETING NOTES



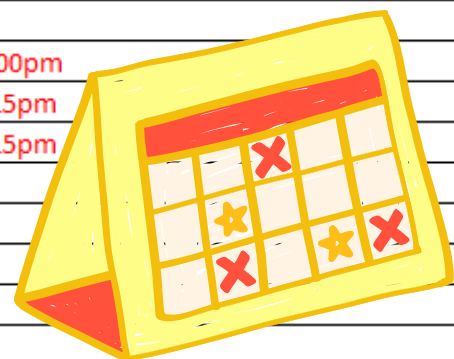
Please find the slides and notes from the KENT TEST and HILLTOP meeting by [clicking here](#).

FUTURE DATES

### CALENDAR DATES 2026

\*\* Red dates added / changed this week

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
20-Jun	Amherst Choir - Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival - 9.15am
26-Jun	Clubs End
30-Jun	Buddy Meeting: Year 5 & 2 - Olympics Event with Riverhead
02-Jul	Kent Transition day
03-Jul	Amherst Choir - Hillview Primary Festival of Arts - 9.30am
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
13-Jul	Summer Production - Dress Rehearsal - 1.45pm - 3.00pm
14-Jul	Summer Production - Matinee Performance - 1.45pm - 3.00pm
15-Jul	Summer Production - Evening Performance - 7.00pm - 8.15pm
16-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	



*Calling all parents with a few hours to spare*

# TEAM AMHERST ARE STILL LOOKING FOR 2 VICE CHAIRS! PLEASE

The PTA has yet to fill all of its vacancies and cannot legally function without more volunteers.

We have had a couple of parents step forward (thank you!) and they are very happy to discuss allocating responsibilities depending on who joins the team - it is meant to be a fun and rewarding experience and you will be able to utilise your skills and do things you enjoy, not be thrust into a world of pain!

**No volunteers mean = no iPads, no new desks, chairs and lockers, defunct PCs in the computer room, Internet speed from the 1990s(!) and worst of all... NO FUN... no BBQ or Christmas Bazaar, no ice cream sales or discos 😬**

**PLEASE**, if you think you could **make even a small contribution**, get in touch with the school office and come and join our lead team!



**PLEASE VISIT Classlist FOR TICKETS / DONATIONS!**



## TIME TO RECRUIT NEW CLASS REPS FOR 2026/2027

A massive **thank you** to our current class representatives, who will no doubt help guide us through to the end of the year and have us **flying through the summer term!**

**It is time to start thinking about reps for the next year and we would like to put out a few thoughts that have worked really well in the past.**

### **So to consider - 'SPREAD THE LOAD', TEAM AMHERST!**

We would like to suggest that each class recruit **3-4 reps per class.**

Perhaps volunteer with a few friends if it feels too daunting - it really is a case of the more the merrier!!

#### **'Job description' of parent class reps:**

- 1 person for social events (coffee mornings, evenings out, etc), gifts, cards, other etc
- 1 person for organising the Christmas Bazaar stall
- 1 person for organising Summer BBQ Stall
- 1 person for organising the class' "fundraising" event (each class is responsible to organise one event per year)

**\*\*\*\* 6 x PTA meetings - we need 1 representative to attend each meeting**

**REMEMBER** - The PTA Lead team are always there to help with:

- Information on how to run an event
- Instruction sheets on how an event has been done in the past
- and of course ... happy to be all hands on deck when you need us!

**THANK YOU for considering to help TEAM AMHERST thrive in 2026/2027!**



## STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>3B</b>	Neave K	<b>5A</b>	Rowyn L
<b>3FB</b>	Henry C	<b>5CS</b>	James T
<b>3WH</b>	Anna-Marie R	<b>5J</b>	Yannike N
<b>4C</b>	Toby B	<b>6A</b>	Ethan H
<b>4HR</b>	Lowen T	<b>6DT</b>	Eddie I
<b>4SL</b>	Henry N	<b>6N</b>	Tobias W



## EX-PUPILS' SUCCESS

Joey S, Ben G, Oliver K and Jacob B were part of the Sevenoaks BU12 team who came third at the England Hockey National Finals getting bronze medals. Isabe N with Knole park BU12 were national champions!



## RUGBY

William G (3WH) won the "Tigers Trophy" 2026 for this year's end of season at Westcombe Park Rugby Football Club. The coaches chose William for embodying the core values of the club: teamwork, integrity, growth, enjoyment and respect! Well done William!



## SWIMMING

Emily T (6N) represented Sevenoaks Swimming Club at a Swim Meet last weekend, winning a silver medal in the 25m backstroke and a 4th place medal in the 25m freestyle. Congratulations Emily!



## FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Maddock M (6N), Dexter S (6A) and Max L (6N) who were selected for West Kent U12 football team - 2026/2027 season.

**Term 6 – PE Timetable 2025/26**

Playground	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12				3WH OAA	6N Cricket (Coach)
1.30 - 2.30		3B Tennis	5A Tennis	3B OAA	6DT Cricket (Coach)
2.30 – 3.25		3WH Tennis	3FB Tennis	3FB OAA	6A Cricket (Coach)

Field	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12					
1.30 – 2.30	6DT Athletics (coach)		4C Rounders	4SL Rounders	5J Rounders
2.30 – 3.25	6N Athletics (coach)	4HR Rounders		6A Athletics (coach)	5CS Rounders
(Extra class)					

Swimming	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1		5J Swimming			
Session 2		5A Swimming	4SL Swimming		
Session 3		5CS Swimming	4HR Swimming		
Session 4		4C Swimming			



# ANIMAL TRAIL

23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May

Join in our trail around the farm to find the animals  
Collect your prize from the Tea Room  
No booking needed

£5 per entry

Open daily (except Tuesday)  
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Foal Farm Animal Rescue  
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX  
[www.foalfarm.org.uk](http://www.foalfarm.org.uk)



Please click on the images for more information.

# ART IN JUNE

OPEN STUDIOS  
Showcasing studios on the Kent & Surrey border  
5-21 JUNE 2026



@artinjuneKent @ArtinJuneKent  
[www.artinjune.org](http://www.artinjune.org)

STAG THEATRE, SEVENOAKS

# SUMMER GUITAR ROCK CAMP

CAMP 1  
AUG 3<sup>RD</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup>

CAMP 2  
AUG 17<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup>



WEEKLY COURSE CONSISTS OF 3 SESSIONS

HALF DAYS AM 9:30AM - 12:30PM  
HALF DAYS PM 1:00PM - 4:00PM  
FULL DAYS 9:30AM - 4:00PM

BOOK YOUR WEEK COURSE BEFORE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR DISCOUNTED PRICE  
PLACES ARE LIMITED

PLEASE CONTACT

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FOR MORE INFORMATION!