

AMHERST SCHOOL

TRUST KINDNESS DETERMINATION FAIRNESS CO-OPERATION POLITENESS

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Cooperation

This **term's value is cooperation** and it has been **wonderful to see it in action over the last three weeks**. When Year 6 were away at Hilltop last week, **cooperation was essential** for the week to run smoothly. The children were pushed out of their comfort zone whether it was jumping off Air Jump, sharing a room for the first time or trying new food. Mrs Adams shared how **pleasing it was to observe the high levels of support and encouragement that the children gave to each other** to overcome their individual challenges. **Support and encouragement** should not be underestimated as **key tools** to be able to successfully cooperate.

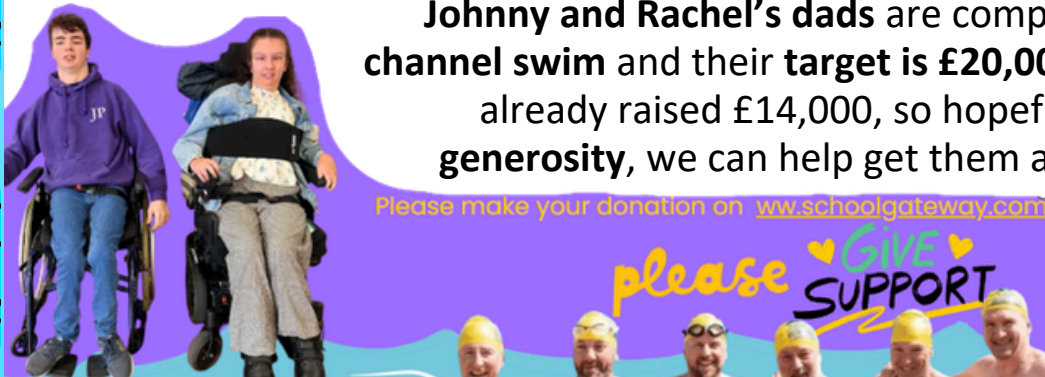
NON-UNIFORM DAY - for the benefit of Valence School

We were **delighted to welcome ex pupils Johnny and Rachel** to Amherst on Monday morning for assembly. Johnny and Rachel attended from 2014 - 2018 and **joined Valence School** at the end of Year 6. It was fantastic to see children in **non-uniform today supporting the fundraising for new swimming pool changing rooms at Valence School**.

Johnny and Rachel's dads are completing a **cross channel swim** and their **target is £20,000**. They have already raised £14,000, so hopefully, **with our generosity**, we can help get them a bit closer to

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their target.



Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match

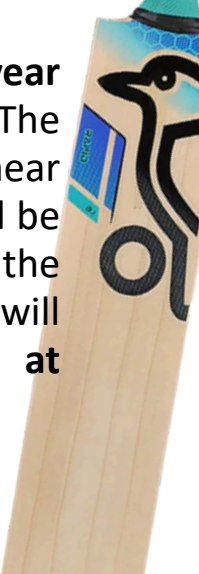
It has become a **tradition** that the **end of the school year** finishes with a **cricket match at Holmesdale Cricket Club**. The match is between **Mr Reid's team and the Year 6 parents**. I hear the parents' team have been **practising** this year so we could be in for **quite a match!** **All families are welcome to attend** and the cricket club will be providing a BBQ and the clubhouse bar will be open. **The match takes place on Tuesday 21st July at 5.00pm.**

Mr Reid

35th Edition

19 June

2026



19 JUNE 2026
NON UNIFORM DAY
 in aid of
Valence School
 enabling independence

Donation
£1.00

**Six Dads.
One Channel.
A £20,000 target,
and an extraordinary challenge — a relay
swim across the English Channel.**

Johnny & Rachel, former Amherst pupils now attending Valence, visited us this morning during assembly!

Our aim is to raise £20,000 by swimming the English Channel to refurbish the swimming pool changing facilities at Valence School.

Please make your donation on www.schoolgateway.com

VALENCE BUOYS CHANNEL SWIM

LEARN MORE

please **GIVE** SUPPORT

TEAM AMHERST

Hoodies & Water bottles are back!!!

Hoodies can be worn for PE lessons, so no need to buy an additional sweatshirt. And who gets to the end of the school year without needing a shiny new bottle?!

This is a once a year event, so don't delay, go on to www.schoolgateway.com to place your order today.

The order DEADLINE is Friday 17th July when we'll close our doors again until next summer.

Unfortunately, **no late orders** can be placed after this time. Items will be handed out in school in the first week of September.

Thank you for your continued support.

The PTA Team

TEAM AMHERST
Join THE SQUAD! ...

HOODIES & PERSONALISED WATER BOTTLES

Hoodies from £24.50
 Personalised water bottles £15.50

Available to order via School Gateway

AMHERST SUMMER BBQ

Come and join us for the Amherst Summer BBQ - our End of Year Celebration on the School Field

4 July 2026 from 3.00 – 7.00pm

Spend a relaxing afternoon of summer fun while the kids are entertained by free bouncy castles galore (including the all new Tropical Fun Run), games, tombolas, raffles and of course, ice cream and candy floss. A delicious BBQ fresh from the grill, and a great selection of chilled refreshments available throughout the event.

Early bird tickets are now for sale via www.schoolgateway.com - £6.50pp.

Bring your family and Amherst friends along ... we look forward to seeing you there!



SUMMER AUCTION



Now Open

PLACE YOUR GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL BIDS!

The auction will close at midday on Wednesday 24th June.

Don't miss your chance to participate, support our school community, and win some fantastic prizes.

FOR AUCTION DETAILS AND BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS, VISIT

[HTTPS://AUCTIONOFPROMISES.COM/2026AMHERSTPTASUMMERAUCTION](https://AUCTIONOFPROMISES.COM/2026AMHERSTPTASUMMERAUCTION)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND HAPPY BIDDING!



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.



EXTENDED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2026, households in receipt of Universal Credit will receive "extended" free school meals.

An application for free school meals is required. Please apply via <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>

We encourage you to submit an application before the end of term in readiness for September. Please speak to the office if you need any assistance with your application.

"Targeted" free school meals will remain available to households with income of £7,400 or less.

Transitional protections will end, and free school meal applications will be reviewed annually.

Department for Education

SEPTEMBER 2026 CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS



CLUBS — WEEK beginning 22 June 2026

CANCELLED CLUBS:

Tuesday - no Table Tennis Squad

All other clubs should be running as normal.

Clubs END - Friday 26 June 2026



LETTERS SENT

- Year 3 - [Intended Learning](#)
- Choir Letter



VACANCIES - please visit [Kent Teach](#) to apply.

- Midday Meal Supervisor



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

To stand for election or to nominate someone, please complete the form ([click here](#)) and return it to the school office in a sealed envelope marked 'Parent Governor Election'. The closing date for nominations is Monday 22 June 2026 at 4.30pm.



TRASH TO TREASURE CLUB - Monday 22/6 - Inventor Showcase

Please bring in boxes, tubes, egg cartons, bottles, lids, foil, scrap paper.

CALENDAR DATES 2026

** Red dates added / changed this week

20-Jun	Amherst Choir - Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival - 9.15am
23-Jun	Year 5 (5A) - Refugee Performance - Sevenoaks School
26-Jun	Year 5 (5J & 5CS) - Refugee Performance - Sevenoaks School
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	

MUSIC FOR MARY POPPINS

Children can learn the music for Mary Poppins by following the steps below:

1. Log out of all Google accounts on the device—VERY IMPORTANT

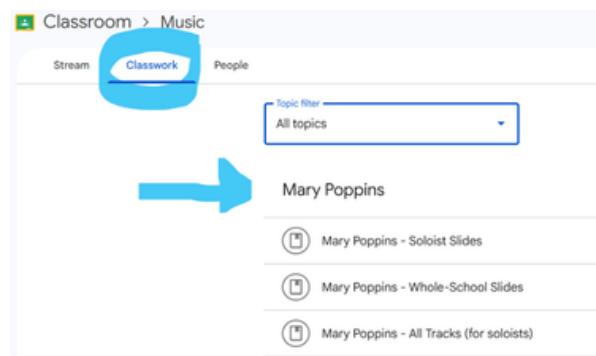
2. Go to <https://classroom.google.com/>

3. Log in with your email address:

- Email address: namesurname@amherst.kent.sch.uk
- Password: Amherst and the year your child started @ Amherst
- i.e. Amherst2024 if they started in 2024

a. Click the + sign in the right corner

b. Type in Class Code: ldh7i2y (small letter L)



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Alessio G
3FB	Polina Y
3WH	Zachary P-S
4C	Sophia B
4HR	Ella C
4SL	Tommy M-T

5A	Florence O'H
5CS	Joba O
5J	Freddie P
6A	Jasmine M
6DT	Jasper F
6N	Alice J



TENNIS

A big well done to all who represented Amherst in the Kent Schools Doubles event held at Bromley Tennis Centre.

Congratulations to Jasper & Vihaan, Emma & Marnya, Murray & Johannes, Ferdi & Lawrie, Azaria & Alina who all qualified for the finals. Jasper & Vihaan finished as Runners-Up in the boys Orange, Emma & Marnya reached the Semi-Finals in the Girls Orange, Murray & Johannes, Ferdi & Lawrie all reached the quarter-finals of the boys Red. You all represented your school with a superb attitude!





Please click on the images or scan the QR codes for more information.

Some see the 'label' of a Young Carer as a negative and have many ideas as to what this would be mean for them and the family, so let us give you some reassurance.

A Young Carer is a child aged 5-18yrs who provides a form of care, supervision or emotional support, usually to a family member who may have:

- A long-term health condition, illness or frailty
- Physical Disability
- Neurodevelopmental Disorder
- Poor mental health
- Substance misuse issue

Please follow this link to learn more <https://carers.org/downloads/yc-parent-resource.pdf>

If you feel your child meets the criteria please email senco@amherst.kent.sch.uk and ask for Miss Watson to make a referral.

Parent and Carers School Age Childcare Survey



School Age Childcare Survey

The need for childcare does not stop when children reach school-age, we know that families continue to need childcare before and after school, and during the school holidays. As a result, the Department for Education is taking a strategic approach to the future of School Aged Childcare (SAC) which builds on the successes of programmes such as the National Wraparound Childcare programme, the Holidays Activities and Food programme (HAF) and the national rollout of the Free Breakfast Club programme, to ensure families are supported, year-round, by an outstanding SAC system.

The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents and carers to determine their term time and holiday childcare requirement for children aged 0-14 and up to 18 for disabled children.

The information will help us assess if there are any gaps in provision and how best to meet the needs of all families. Please find below the link and QR Code. We would be very grateful if you could please complete by 17 July 2026.

[Parent and Carers School Age Childcare Survey – Fill in form](#)



Are you a working parent?

Do you need support with childcare costs for your primary school aged children before and after the school day? You may be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare.

Scan the QR codes for more details.



Tax-Free
Childcare



Universal Credit
Childcare



Or call the Kent Children and Families
Information Service: 03000 41 23 23



Or email:
kentcfis@theeducationpeople.org

Love the Game UK Football Coaching

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS

Fun, games, goals, saves, technical sessions, penalty shootouts, tournaments and more.

Ages 5-14 | Boys and girls of all abilities

Coaches are first aid and safeguarding trained, DBS checked, and some even have Premier League coaching experience

Early drop off and late pickup available.

Sevenoaks

Week 1 - Wed 29th - Fri 31st July
Week 2 - Wed 5th - Fri 7th August
Week 3 - Wed 12th - Fri 14th August
Week 4 - Wed 19th - Fri 21st August

£26 per day, £60 for three days

TWGSB Sevenoaks
Saul Mellow Road
Sevenoaks
TN13 3BL

Gravesend

Week 1 - Mon 27th - Tues 28th July
Week 2 - Mon 3rd - Tues 4th August
Week 3 - Mon 10th - Tues 11th August
Week 4 - Mon 17th - Tues 18th August

£23 for the day, £40 for 2 days

Shearn Green Junior School
White Avenue, Northfleet,
Gravesend, Kent, DA11 7JB

15% OFF CODE - EARLY15 EXPIRES 21st June

10% OFF CODE - EARLY10 EXPIRES 6th July

SIBLING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE PLAYER DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

See website for more details or email: camps@lovethethegameuk.co.uk

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- Go to our website, find 'Holiday Football Camps', and book your place there.
- To claim sibling discount, please email the address above.

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Afternoon session: 2pm to 4pm

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Sevenoaks Fire Station
London Road, Sevenoaks TN13 2HY

 www.kent.fire-uk.org/sevenoaks2026

 **Kent Fire & Rescue Service** together

Please click on the images or scan the QR codes for more information.

WWW.PUREFOOTBALLACADEMY.CO

SUMMER CAMPS

27TH - 30TH JULY
3RD - 6TH AUGUST
17TH - 20TH AUGUST

BOY'S GRAMMAR, TN4 9TX
9AM-3PM



FOOTBALL

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
4 DAYS FOR £70
BOOK BEFORE 1ST JULY

£25 per day

£80 4 days

AGES 3-12

70AKS MULTI SPORTS SUMMER camp

£20

3rd - 7th August
10th - 14th August
17th - 21st August

A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN NEW SKILLS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

Riverhead Infants School
10am-3pm

Contact Amanda on: 07584 419283

ACTIVITIES:

- Football
- Parachute
- Bench Ball
- Tennis
- Dodgeball
- Handball
- Athletics
- Tag Rugby