

AMHERST SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

It has certainly been quite warm this week!

We have been fortunate at Amherst that we have been able to **continue as normal** this week whilst **making appropriate adjustments**. We have been very lucky to have **air conditioning** in each Year 3 classroom and the ICT Suite. **We have utilised those classrooms at lunchtime** as an area for **children and staff to cool down** if needed. We also installed **new classroom blinds** in every classroom during half term which have made a huge difference.

The children have been brilliant with how they have coped with the hot temperatures. They have **listened and followed all advice given**, which has been great to see. **Some children would play football all lunchtime regardless of the temperature!** Thank you to staff who have had to work in such hot conditions and ensured that it has been a successful week for all. Hopefully it will cool down a little for next week. I even took my tie off for the last two days!

Summer Letter

I will be sending out my **Summer Term Headteacher's letter on Monday** which will contain the **staffing structure for next year** and who will be your child's new teacher. I look forward to **welcoming new Year 3 parents to our induction meeting** on Monday afternoon. Children will **meet their new teacher on Thursday during the transition morning**.

Change

Change **can be hard for children** so don't be surprised if your child is slightly unsettled at this time of year. **Take the time to let them ask questions about next year**. Sometimes something quite small, that could be easily answered, can help **reduce a child's level of worry**.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Reid

36th Edition

26 June

2026



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

ENTRY TICKET £6.50

EARLY BIRD TICKET PRICE

Available to order via School Gateway

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!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

The **whole school** takes part in this annual celebration on stage - Year 6 are the cast of actors and the rest of the school is part of our mass choir.

All children are expected to participate in all performances. If your child is unable to participate, we ask parents to inform their class teacher.



- There will be a **dress rehearsal on Monday 13th July at 1.45 pm**, which is open to parents, particularly those who wish to bring young children.
- Please note that siblings of year 6 children who are at Riverhead will watch the performance during the dress rehearsal so should not attend other performances.
- The **main productions are intended for parents only** and we would be grateful if you would not bring children.
- For evening performances, **Year 6 should arrive at 6.30pm** and **Years 3-5 at 6.45pm** and go straight to their classrooms

As the **whole-school** are a key part of our production, they will **require the following outfit**:

- Dark t-shirt (preferably black or grey with no logos)
- Dark shorts (school grey shorts or P.E. shorts)
- School shoes or plain black shoes
- Optional: bandana (in bright colours), flat cap

We will apply a small amount of face paint at school so please inform teachers if your child cannot wear face paint.

Children should **not bring metal water bottles** to performances as these can be very noisy.

Please can all outfits for **Years 3-5 be named and in school by Wednesday 8th July** ready for afternoon performances. For evening performances, children should arrive in their costume. Separate information will be sent regarding Year 6 costumes. Please can **Year 6 costumes be in school no later than Monday 6th July**.

Seating for the performances is limited.

- At present, **places are limited to two tickets per family** (irrespective of how many children you have at Amherst).
- If you book more than two tickets, the system will **cancel random excess tickets** booked.
- If you would like **more tickets**, please [add your name to our waiting list here](#).

Tickets

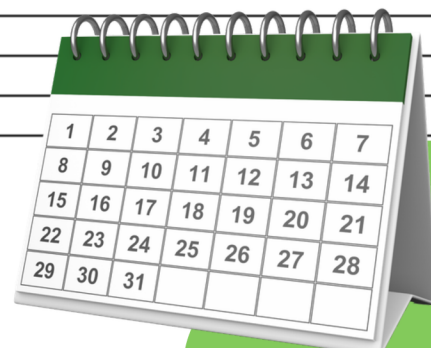
- You should book tickets on-line using <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/qdhfv> (Code **qdhfv**)
- The booking site will open on a first come first served basis
- Please **have your booking confirmation ready on your phone when coming** to attend the performance of your choice.

An online donation will be available via www.schoolgateway.com which will be going towards the cost of putting on the production.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a **highlight of the year**.

CALENDAR DATES 2026**** Red dates added / changed this week**

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	Author Visit: Louise Austin (Alex Abbott is [Un]Dead) - BOOK SIGNING
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
08-Jul	District Sports
09-Jul	PTA: Ice Lolly Sale
10-Jul	PTA: Leavers' Disco - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
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	



ATTENTION PLEASE!

YEAR 5 PARENTS**Kent Test 2026****Registration closes 1 July 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.



AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

We are excited to welcome back Louise Austin, a local author who recently hosted a wonderful book-writing workshop for the children. She will be returning to school for a book signing. Thank you to all parents who ordered a copy of her book through the school. These books are now ready and will be given to the children in time for the signing. If your child already has their own copy and would like Louise to sign it, please make sure they bring it into school on **Monday, 6 July**.



CLUBS — WEEK beginning 29 June 2026

CLUBS ENDED - 26 June 2026

A few clubs have a final 'make-up' session:

Monday: Little Musketeers, Year 3 French, Streetdance

Tuesday: Year 4-6 French

Wednesday: Year 4 Spanish, Mandarin

Thursday: Beginners Tennis, Amherst Choir



LETTERS SENT

- Year 3 - [Intended Learning](#)
- Year 6 - Mary Poppins Costume Letter
- Choir Letter - Hillview Primary Arts Festival



READING VOLUNTEERS CANCELLED

A massive thank you to our WONDERFUL reading volunteers who weekly showed up for our children. You were just fantastic this year! As we come to the end of the year and production rehearsals are ramping up, we have taken the decision to cancel reading sessions for the rest of the term. We wish you a wonderful summer and hope to see you in the new year!

YEAR 4-5 SWIMMING

Final contribution due today via www.schoolgateway.com.



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	George C
3FB	Dominic P C
3WH	Johannes W
4C	Grace C
4HR	Teddy B
4SL	Kian M

5A	George H
5CS	Joseph L
5J	Ernie T
6A	Rebecca R
6DT	Douglas B
6N	Mina J



TENNIS

Well done to Vihaan, Jasper, Panos, Henry, Emma & Mina who all represented Amherst in the Sevenoaks School Green Doubles events on Sunday and congratulations to Mina & Emma who won the Girls event! Well done all of you for representing your school with a brilliant attitude!



RUNNING

On Friday 19th June, Ed (4C) took part in a very hot and hilly charity run with his Dad in Ide Hill. Ed was the fastest under 18 year old (3rd time in a row).



HOCKEY

Hester (4HR) & Marnya (5J)'s hockey team - Knole Park - had a very successful tour to Bordeaux this weekend, winning both Gold and Silver cups in each of the u12s and the u10 tournaments! The teams played brilliantly despite the 40 degree heat and had a great time playing a number of teams from across France.



MUSIC

Léonie (6N) took part in the 11 years and under show songs class at the Sevenoaks Arts Festival. She showed resilience in overcoming her nerves, and was awarded a commended grade for her performance of Naughty. Well done Léonie!



FOOTBALL & CRICKET

Edie (6N) took part in a football tournament in Barcelona last week and her West Kent team came third out of 22 teams.

Edie has also been selected to play for a JPL team (step up from district) to represent Kent North for cricket. Congratulations Edie!



THREE ARTS FESTIVAL

Well done to our FANTASTIC Amherst Choir for their brilliant performance at the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival last Saturday. The choir sang May It Be and A La Cart and were delighted to be awarded first prize in the '13 and under' class. The shield can be seen in the Reception area of the school.

This marks the eighth consecutive year of wins in all competitions for the Amherst Choir, continuing a streak that dates back to 2018. It also rounds off a fantastic year of choir events and competitions, having also won the Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival earlier this year. Amazing!

Congratulations to Mr Clarke and our fantastic choir!

