Amherst School

# Year Four

# Home-School Information

July 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4. The children have had a successful first year at Amherst School and we are really looking forward to working with them in September. This letter provides a few reminders about equipment as well as some information about the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge. More detailed information will follow at the start of the academic year. If you have any questions about transition from Year 3 into Year 4, please do not hesitate to contact your child's new teacher.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Tuesday 15th September at 4.45pm, during which we will share key information and you will have the opportunity to see your child's classroom and chat to their teacher. If you have any questions or queries which you would like to raise with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school office so that we can arrange an appointment.

## Holiday Homework

We strongly encourage all children to continue reading regularly during the summer holidays, enjoying books both independently and together as a family. For our homework we are inviting children to get involved in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, a national initiative which aims to encourage children to keep up a reading habit during the break from school. This year's challenge celebrates the joy of music, rhythm and creativity, encouraging children to explore the connection between stories and songs while discovering how both spark imagination. Children can sign up on the website https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/ or at a local library, and you can watch an introductory video by clicking here. We look forward to hearing how the children get on with this challenge.




We would also encourage the children to keep up their times tables over the holidays – Times Table Rockstars (which they children already have logins for) can be a great tool for this.

## Class Based Equipment

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

In a change from previous years, **we will be providing all of the essential stationery for children**. This will include: pencils, pens, rubbers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, whiteboard pens, glue sticks, protractors and colouring pencils. There will be sufficient dictionaries and thesauruses in the classrooms for all children.

If your child would like to bring in some of their own stationery, this should be a small pencil case (which will fit in a tray under their desk) and could contain:

- Coloured fineliners
- Highlighters
- **Once children receive their pen license in year 4** one of the following pens will help them to produce beautiful handwriting: Blue handwriting, rollerball or fountain pens (no biros).




## PE Kit

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

On the days when children have PE, they should wear the following to school:

- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt
- Navy shorts, skort or jogging bottoms
- White socks
- Trainers
- Amherst/plain navy sweatshirt or Team Amherst hoodie (please order hoodies on School Gateway by the 17th July 2026; orders are only taken once a year)

If required for the lesson, children should bring the following with them or keep at school:

- Football/rugby (when advised): football boots, shin pads, knee-high sports socks
- Hockey: shin pads, gum shields

We will let you know which days and sports Year 6 will be doing in September. Please come to school in school uniform on the first day.

## Uniform Change

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Shoes: In addition to school shoes, children will be allowed to wear a smart plain black trainer from next year. Please ensure that the sole of the trainer is black as well.



## Other Items

Children should not bring any fidget or other toys from home. If teachers believe that fidget toys will benefit a child's learning, they will be provided by school so we can ensure the quality and quantity being used. Children can bring in an air ball or foam ball for breaktimes but should not be bringing in any other toys.

We hope you all have a lovely relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you and the children in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hafford-Robson, Mrs Lester, Mrs Stafford and Miss Holtshausen