

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6 at Amherst School.

This letter is designed to provide you with some helpful information and to outline equipment needed for Year 6. At the beginning of each term, you will receive a newsletter detailing upcoming events and an outline of what the children will be learning in the term ahead. In September, your child will receive a planner, which acts as a useful tool in home-school communication. Details of your child's homework and key future dates will be recorded in their planners as well as it serving as a Reading Record. Newsletters, spellings and homework will be uploaded to the school website.

Kent Test:

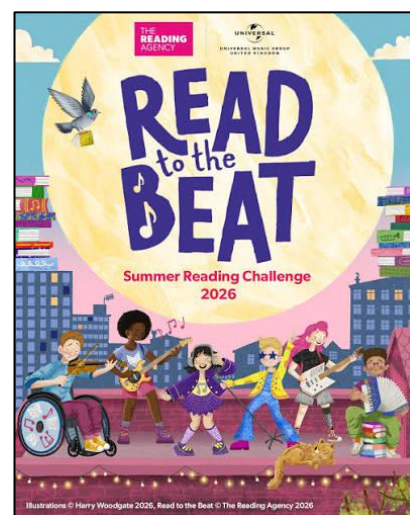
The Kent 11+ test will take place on Thursday 10th September 2026. For further information, please refer to the following website: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

To help children prepare for Year 6, they should continue to practice their times tables as well as reading regularly over the summer holidays.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 16th 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.



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
- Blue handwriting, rollerball or fountain pens (no biro).

Some children have said that the following pens help them to produce better handwriting:



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.



PE Kit

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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.

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,

Mrs Adams, Miss Nicholl, Mrs Mais and Mrs Fox