



AMHERST SCHOOL

TRUST KINDNESS DETERMINATION FAIRNESS CO-OPERATION POLITENESS

39th Edition

17 July

2026

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Mary Poppins

Congratulations to all the children for such amazing performances this week. I am always so impressed with quality of singing, acting and dancing. Each year we have children audition for parts that we would not expect and then share a hidden talent. I know the summer production creates a life long memory and is a key part of the children's Amherst experience. Thank you to all the Year 6 staff team that worked so hard to enable the children to perform with confidence and enthusiasm. A particular special thank you to Mr Clarke who completed his twelfth and last Amherst summer production with the usual dedication and modesty.

Year 6

Thank you to Year 6 for being such a fantastic year group. It has been pleasure to support and encourage the children during their four years at Amherst and observe them making the most of the opportunities the school offers. They are all well set, and ready, for secondary school. We are immensely proud of their achievements and the young people they have grown into. Their secondary schools are lucky to have them!

Last day of Term - Tuesday 21st July

Please could I remind all children and parents to uphold the Amherst values when celebrating on the common after school. Please be respectful of our neighbours and ensure any litter is picked up.

Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match on Tuesday at 5.00pm

You are all welcome to attend the end of year cricket match between the Year 6 parents and my staff team (including the odd non-staff addition!). Holmesdale Cricket Club will be running the bar and BBQ.



This will be the last newsletter of the year. It has been another highly successful year at Amherst. Thank you for all your ongoing support which enables us to work together as a school community.

Reminder that the new school year starts on Thursday 3rd September.

We have two staff training days on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September.

I hope you all have a good summer break and manage to successfully juggle work and children not being in school. Hopefully you will get some moments of calm and enjoy the opportunity to spend more time with your children. It will take them a few days to settle into a new routine and don't forget they are very tired, although they will insist they are not!

Mr Reid





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.



PLEASE RETURN

Please can we ask that the following items are returned to school before we break up:

- Lunch bands
- Merit badges
- Library books
- Amherst Sports kit
- Year 6 official Mary Poppins script books (after production)



Also, lego donations for a lunchtime club would be welcomed



OPEN SPACES for SEPTEMBER

BREAKFAST CLUB:

We have openings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:

We have openings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



TEAM AMHERST HOODIES and WATER BOTTLES

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

TODAY 17th July!



WINNING HOUSE - AMHERST

This term's winning house is Amherst. Children can come to school on the last day wearing **green**.



FIRST NEWS FREE

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



INTERHOUSE SPORTS DAY

On Monday children should **come to school in PE Kit please.**

TEAM AMHERST

Join THE SQUAD!

HOODIES & PERSONALISED WATER BOTTLES

Hoodies from £24.50
Personalised water bottles £15.50

Available to order via School Gateway

PRODUCTION LET'S CELEBRATE



MARY POPPINS



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Nathan E	5A	Penny C
3FB	Azaria RC	5CS	Eleanor S/Lily M
3WH	Louie SP	5J	Soren W
4C	Saskia G	6A	All of Year 6!
4HR	Finley F	6DT	
4SL	Teddy S	6N	

Thank you to one of our school parents, Dr Victoria Elasic, who has shared a helpful article she has just published with perspectives on how to successfully navigate the summer holidays as a family. [Click here to read the article](#)

GYMNASTICS

On 12th July, Lila (6N) performed at the Jamie's Gymnastics Competition in Essex, is a big national event. She came second in her category and first in her floor routine, which is absolutely amazing - congratulations Lila!



DANCING

Ffion took part in the NATD Ballroom and Latin American Medalist of the Year competition in Blackpool this weekend where she got through to the semi-finals of the rumba (top 10 in the category!) Well done Ffion!



As the school year draws to a close, the PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to everybody that has supported us this year.

Some of you have stood in the rain selling uniform and cakes, you've manned stalls, bars and BBQs, others have donated generously to tombolas, raffles and auctions, some of you went over the top on Crazy Hair Day, others have offered support by attending events.

Each and every generous action has not only helped us to raise what looks set to top a staggering £35k, but has also played an invaluable role in fostering the incredible Team Amherst spirit that helps make our school so special.

Thanks to your support, every child will soon be the proud owner of not only a new locker but also a brand new desk and chair! School has benefited from upgraded wifi and a new set of class iPads to enhance our children's learning. None of this would have been possible without YOU!

It has been a pleasure for Natasha, Kevin, Anna and myself to steer the PTA ship. An enormous thank you to the team for all of your dedication and hard work.

We now hand over to our fabulous new team, who will join Kevin our wonderful treasurer to continue the PTA journey:

- Laura Crawforth (co-chair)
- Rebecca Keane (co-chair)
- Sarah Harrison (vice-chair)
- Kathryn Auer (secretary)

— TEAM —
AMHERST
— ◆ —

Wishing you all lots of fun, friendship and happy times ahead as well as a fantastic, sunny summer.

Amanda, Natasha, Kevin and Anna

Thank
you for
being
all kinds
of amazing



Please click
on the
images for
more
information.



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



Summer Workshop

Sevenoaks School of Dance

Book our Summer Workshop for a fun, creative, and friendly day!

Our workshop features Street Dance, Musical Theatre, Singing and even some Crafty fun and Games.

Come Dance, Create, and Make New Friends this Summer!

For more information or to book, please contact:
phoebe@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

27th, 29th & 30th July - £30 per Day
10am - 3pm
Boys & Girls
Aged 4 - 11 Years
Riverhead Village Hall,
Amherst Hill,
Sevenoaks
TN13 2EL



SUMMER CAMPS

Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club

Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th July
Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st July
Tuesday 4th - Friday 7th August
Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th August
Tuesday 17th - Friday 21st August

9:00-12:00 ages 5-10
14:30-17:30 ages 11-16

All standards welcome & rackets can be provided if required!

£85 for club member for one week
£95 for non members for one week
Individual days available upon request
10% early bird discount if you book before the 5th of July

Contact adam@artennis.co.uk





NEED NEW UNIFORM?

5% discount during July



AMHERST JUNIOR FC

2026-27 SEASON

Who are we?
Parent / Volunteer led club, supported by Amherst School

What do we do?
Fun football for all children

When?
Saturday mornings in term time
September - Easter

What's the format?
Internal league, cups and friendlies, with a little bit of training mixed in.

Why AJFC?
At AJFC the focus is on inclusivity and fun! We are open to all, and every child will be given the chance to play and develop their skills and confidence every week, with lots of encouragement throughout.

Register now at www.amherstfc.co.uk

Email any questions to amherstfc@gmail.com

- ✓ Junior League (Years 2 - 4)
- ✓ Senior League (Years 5 & 6)
- ✓ New League for Years 7 & 8!
- ✓ Mixed ability girls and boys
- ✓ Cost is £65 for the season
- ✓ No mid-week training
- ✓ No away games
- ✓ All children play every week



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

Parent & Child/Teen
MUSIC THEORY LESSONS
WITH **Ms Sage**
AT LS MUSIC SEVENOAKS WEALD

DECODE MUSIC TOGETHER
BOND THROUGH BEATS
SUITABLE FOR AGES 5 to 100!

LEARN TOGETHER. LAUGH TOGETHER. GROW TOGETHER.

DATES AVAILABLE	LESSON PRICING	SPECIAL OFFER
20th July 21st July 27th July 28th July 12th August 17th August	18th August 19th August 20th August 21st August 22nd August	£55 for an hour with one adult and one child £15 per extra person - BOOK THREE SESSIONS AND GET YOUR theory books ON ME!

Spaces are limited!
BOLD CONFIDENCE | STRENGTHEN YOUR BOND | IMPROVE FOCUS | MAKE MUSIC MEANINGFUL

BOOK YOUR SESSION TODAY!
CONTACT 07935 410 280 TO BOOK

27.5 HOURS
Summer challenge

Spurgeons

Ready for a summer challenge?
Last year, Spurgeons supported more than 27,500 children and families. This summer, can you help us reach even more?

Walk, bake, read, swim, dance, cycle or try all of them! Whatever you choose, do it over the summer holidays for 27.5 hours and raise what you can.

Take part on your own, with your family, or as a team of friends. Every hour and every pound could help children and families when they need it most.

When you've finished, we'll send you a certificate to celebrate. Raise £50 and you'll receive a mystery thank-you gift too.

Scan the QR code to sign up today and receive everything you need to kickstart your fundraising journey.
Want more info? Reach out to us at supporters@spurgeons.org

FR FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Born to Perform
STAGE SCHOOL
Presents
Disney FROZEN JR
10th-14th August
At Sevenoaks Primary School, TN13 3LB

Learn songs, dances & scenes from the hit musical!
Fascinating with Princess Elsa
Frozen Dreamcatcher making Ice Lolly making
End of week show

BOOK HERE

4-8 years (10am-1pm)
£110 for 5 days
6-15 years (10am-3pm)
£170 for 5 days
*All staff DBS registered

ANIMAL TRAIL
18th July - 31st August

Join in our trail around the farm to find the animals!
Pick up your animal trail sheet from reception
Find the 15 animals in the pictures
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

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

£5 per entry

FOAL FARM Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3A
www.foalfarm.org.uk

Love the Game UK
SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS
Football Coaching

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

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	Gravesend
- Week 1 - Wed 20th - Fri 22nd July - Week 2 - Mon 24th - Fri 28th August - Week 3 - Wed 30th - Fri 31st August	- 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

£25 per day, £150 for three days
10AM - 3PM
£35 for the day, £160 for 3 days

15% OFF CODE: EARLY15 EXPIRES 21st June
10% OFF CODE: EARLY10 EXPIRES 6th July

Scan the QR code to sign up today and receive everything you need to kickstart your fundraising journey.

SUNS SUMMER CAMPS
SEVENOAKS JULY & AUGUST 2026

We are delighted to announce that the Sevenoaks Suns Basketball Club will be running camps in Sevenoaks (BOYS AND GIRLS)

DATES:
WEEK 1 - 21/07 - 23/07 2026 - KNOLE ACADEMY
WEEK 2 - 28/07 - 30/07 2026 - SENNOCKE CENTRE
WEEK 3 - 04/08 - 06/08 2026 - KNOLE ACADEMY
WEEK 4 - 11/08 - 13/08 2026 - KNOLE ACADEMY
WEEK 5 - 18/08 - 20/08 2026 - KNOLE ACADEMY
WEEK 6 - 25/08 - 27/08 2026 - KNOLE ACADEMY

VENUE:
WEEK 1 & 3-6: The Knole Academy, Bradsbourne Vale Rd, TN13 3LE
WEEK 2: Sennocke Centre, Sevenoaks School, High St, TN13 1HU

TIME: 09:30 - 12:00
AGE GROUP: School Years 4-10

PRICE:
Early bird: £15 per day (After 20th July: £20) per day (Book early and save!)

To find out more scan the QR code or visit <https://www.sevenoakssuns.com/camps>

HELLO SUMMER!

FESTIVAL THEATRE AT HEVER CASTLE

* CELEBRATING 45 YEARS, PLAYING IN THE CASTLE GARDENS *

Welcome to our FAMILY PROGRAMME for 2026, designed for everyone from 4 - 104.

There is more than one event this summer, between July - Sept, which we believe will enthrall your tins and engage your ears. No screens, no bedrooms, no tantrums (or if there are any of those, there are no walls so you can easily escape all air, glorious vistas, the chance for everyone to look up, engage with the wider world and be transported somewhere special.

This ice cream, crepes, coffee (that's for the adults!) and glorious gardens to explore, our shows create an easy holiday where there is plenty of time to enjoy the estates either before or after the performances so everyone gets to engage with nature if there can be a history lesson thrown in!

me and join us this summer, we're loads going on...

Details for the events above and the rest of the festival programme are available here:
BOOK NOW! WWW.THEFESTIVALTHEATRE.ORG | 07379 488 477

NIGHTINGALE COTTAGE
SHIPBOURNE

A CREATIVE, OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB.

Dates: 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th August, 10 am - 3 pm
Ages: 5 - 10 (upper age recommended)
Cost: £45
Location: Nightingale Cottage, Shipbourne
Please email nightingalecottage@gmail.com to book.
www.nightingale-cottage.com/holiday-clubs

Lerner & Loewe's
Outdoor Show of
My Fair Lady
Directed by Kirstie McMillan

ANTHONY ROPER PRIMARY SCHOOL
boxoffice@riversideplayers.co.uk
07704 279948

4-8 years (10am-1pm)
£110 for 5 days
6-15 years (10am-3pm)
£170 for 5 days
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