

AMHERST SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Child of St Kilda

I am pleased to be able to inform you that our next **whole school text** will be '**Child of St Kilda**' by Beth Waters. It is a **beautiful and fascinating book** that I'm sure will inspire children and staff to produce some amazing outcomes.

We complete two book projects each year, one after October half term and one after February half term. **The projects are designed to promote and facilitate high quality creative writing and art.** Over the years they have become a **key part of our curriculum** and the children's learning journey at Amherst. To view past projects please see the gallery on our [school website](#).

If you were not aware, **St Kilda is a group of remote islands** off the west coast of Scotland. Up until the 1930s they were inhabited by a small population. Sadly life on the island became unsustainable and the difficult decision was made to evacuate the population and move to the mainland. '**Child of St Kilda**' describes life on the island prior to the evacuation and what happened afterwards.

The islands are now a **dual world heritage site maintained by National Trust Scotland**. There is a wealth of information about the islands on the [National Trust Website](#). You can even visit the island using [Google Maps Street View](#)!

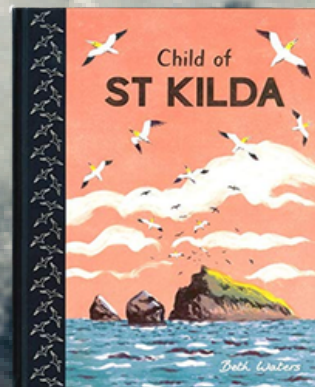
I would encourage you to buy a copy of 'Child of St Kilda' over half term so your child can read it before studying it in school. It is currently £10.79 on Amazon for a hard back copy. **It is a wonderful book which will be enjoyed by children and adults.**

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Reid



6th Edition
9 Oct
2026



ASSEMBLY

Thank you to everybody who donated food for our Harvest Festival which was held yesterday. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated — together, we've helped make a real difference in our community.

A big thank you also to the parent volunteers Mr & Mrs Comer, Ms Lyon, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Stewart who transported all the donations to the Loaves and Fishes foodbank. Your time and help is much appreciated!

THANK YOU!





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.



CLUBS

Week beginning - 12 October 2026:

ALL CLUBS should be running as normal.



PTA - CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN

Please return all designed cards to the school by **FRIDAY 16/10/2026**.



LETTERS SENT

Amherst Choir Letter

Year 3 Rocks Day Letter



GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Please can the children bring **shin pads, boots** and a **tracksuit (top and bottom)** for when the weather turns colder and wet! This will enable the girls to keep going for the whole session! Thank you.



NUT FREE SNACKS / FRUIT

Please can you ensure your children bring in healthy snacks to school.

PE KIT

2 days per week
on days the
whole class
has PE



UNIFORM

3 days per week
even
when you have a
club
or
when you have a
sporting event



GUIDELINE

Children should remember to bring their PE kit for CLUBS!



STAR OF THE WEEK

ASH	Ottilie J
ELM	Stanley C
OAK	Jamie H
BIRCH	Evie-Rae W
CEDAR	Pavan N
MAPLE	Ruby B

BEECH	Lowen T
ROWAN	Sebastian C
WILLOW	Zara Autumn H
CHESTNUT	Elijah G
HAWTHORN	Josh P
SYCAMORE	Holly C

RUGBY

On Monday a team of Year 4 children went to Sevenoaks Rugby Club to compete in a festival. The afternoon started with 2 practice matches where the team were being taught some of the important rules within tag rugby. They showed excellent listening skills and demonstrated brilliant teamwork while supporting each other.

After that they competed in a small league where they drew 3-3 in the first game against a very talented Lady Boswell's team. In the second game, they continued to build on their fantastic teamwork and attitude and won 7-0. They were later crowned champions of our group. Well done to all the children who competed; Eleanor M, Ferdi S-R, Ollie B, Finn E, Theo G, Nathan E, Neave K, Grace H, Elena-Rose B, Johannes W, Ella C and Evelyn L.



AMHERST SCHOOL**** RED DATES newly added****CALENDAR DATES 2026 - 2027**

12-Oct	Year 4 - Anglo Saxon Workshop
09-Oct	PTA AGM 1.30pm @ The Bullfinch Pub
16-Oct	PTA Meeting - Christmas Planning - 1.00 - 3.00pm
19-Oct	Year 3 - Rocks Day Workshop - Ash Class
20-Oct	Year 3 - Rocks Day Workshop - Elm Class
21-Oct	Year 3 - Rocks Day Workshop - Oak Class
21-Oct	Year 5 - Science Dome Workshop
22-Oct	School Photos - catch up session - 9.00am
22-Oct	LAST DAY OF TERM
23-Oct	Inset day
HALF TERM	
02-Nov	Inset day
03-Nov	TERM STARTS
10-Nov	Flu Immunisations - whole school
11-Nov	Remembrance assembly - 1 minute silence
13-Nov	PTA Meeting 1.30pm
13-Nov	Open Afternoon - 2.45 - 3.30pm
14-Nov	World Diabetes Day
16 - 18 Nov	Book Fair
19-Nov	Year 3 - Parent Times Tables Meeting (9.05am in hall)
19-Nov	Book Fair Collection
24-Nov	Parent Consultations - 3.40 - 8.00pm (Whole school / not Oak Class)
25-Nov	Parent Consultations - (Oak Class)
26-Nov	Parent Consultations - 3.40 - 6.30pm (Whole School)
27-Nov	PTA Uniform & Christmas Jumper Sale 3.30pm
27-Nov	Clubs End
02-Dec	Whole School Pantomime
04-Dec	Year 4 - Christmas Production - Dress Rehearsal - 9.30 - 10.30am
05-Dec	PTA Bazaar - 12.00 - 3.00pm
07-Dec	Year 4 - Christmas Production - Matinee Performance - 2.00 - 3.00pm
08-Dec	Year 4 - Christmas Production - Evening Performance - 6.00 - 7.00pm
14-Dec	Whole School - Carol Service - 6.00pm
15-Dec	PTA: Elfridges Pop-up Shop at school - 1.30 - 3.00pm
16-Dec	Christmas Lunch - 12.00pm
18-Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM
CHRISTMAS	



Parent Workshop

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience 08/10/2026 10:30am — 12:30pm

Please click here:

[Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience](#) | [Join meeting in Teams](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 12/10/2026 10:30am — 12:30pm

Please click here:

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour](#) | [Join meeting in Teams](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 18/11/2026 12:30pm — 14:30pm

Please click here:

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears](#) | [Join meeting in Teams](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience 30/11/2026 12:30pm — 14:30pm

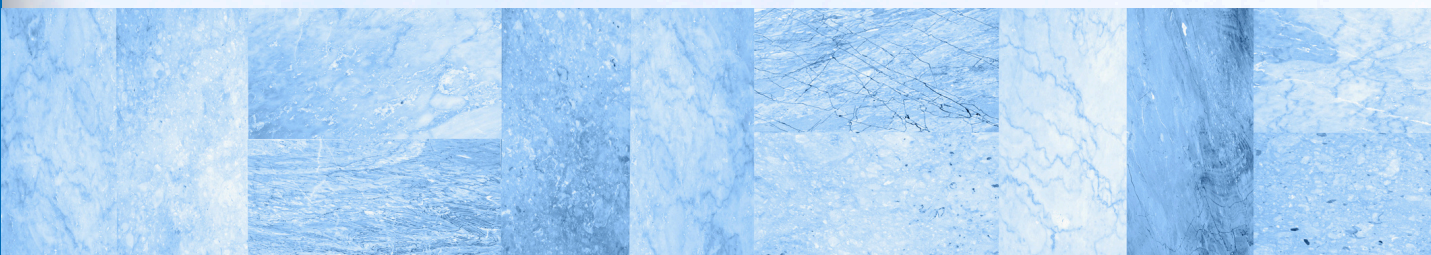
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Understanding Neurodiversity 07/12/2026 12:30pm — 14:30pm

Please click here:

[Understanding Neurodiversity \(Primary\)](#) | [Join meeting in Teams](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)



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



Childcare Vouchers welcome!

HOLIDAY CAMPS

LEARN MORE

TEAMTHEME KENT

Orsted Registered

Sunday 15th November 2026

10:30-12

NCT Members 10AM

Adults £1
kids go free

Cafe on site
Free parking

nct
Nearly New
SALE

Walthamstow Hall School, Sevenoaks

Scan for more info

1000's of preloved baby and children's items

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge NCT Branch



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Igniting ideas in film and media arts

Filmmaking Classes for Ages 7-14 in Sevenoaks

Make friends, build confidence and experience the excitement of movie-making as part of a team. Our fun, supportive classes help young filmmakers develop ideas, and learn the art of telling a story with their newly acquired digital media skills, through themed, hands-on classes.

Saturdays 10-12pm
Walthamstow Hall Senior School

Book a Free Trial Class...

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MEGA CAMPS
KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

OCTOBER CAMP 2026
CHECK WEBSITE FOR OCTOBER LOCATIONS & DATES

WALL CLIMBING
FANCY DRESS
GO KARTING IS BACK
ANIMAL WORKSHOP

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT ESSEX & KENT THIS OCTOBER
CHECK WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS & DATES

BOOK ONLINE NOW!
WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET
OR CALL 0353 012 4378

OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP
Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club TN13 2RJ

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th October

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

£85 for Club Member for the Week
£95 for Non Members for the Week
Individual Days Available Upon Request

All standards welcome & rackets can be provided if required.

Scan the QR code to book or contact adam@artennis.co.uk for more details

Love the Game UK
Football Coaching

OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP

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

Agos 8-14 | Boys and girls of all abilities
Coaches are first aid and safeguarding trained, DBS checked, and some have Premier League coaching experience.

Early drop off and late pickup available.

Sevenoaks
Wednesday 28th October - Friday 30th October

£20 per day, £60 for 3 days.

10AM - 3PM

TWOSB Sevenoaks
Seal Hollow Road
Sevenoaks
TN13 3BL

See website for more details or email campsteve@thegameuk.co.uk

The Leading Non-League Football Club

HOLIDAY HOCKEY CAMP

Come and join the fun at our October Half Term hockey camps 10am to 3pm on 26th, 27th, 28th

£5 Early Bird Discount before 9 October
Multi-Day & Single Day Discounts also available
(£50 per day (half day also available))

Sevenoaks Hockey October Half Term Camp

Mon 26 Oct 2026 10:00 AM - Wed 28 Oct 2026 3:00 PM
Hockey Pitch, Hollybush Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 3BW

Buy Tickets

Manage Tickets

QR Code

October 2026
Holiday Playscheme
at
Sevenoaks Primary School

We are pleased to confirm that our October Half Term Holiday Playscheme will run from
Tuesday 27th October - Thursday 29th October 2026

We will be offering the following sessions
Full Day (8am - 6pm) sessions £40.00
Half Day (9am - 3pm) £27.00

We accept Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Payments

Breakfast, mid-morning snack and tea is available for full day bookings.
Half days include the mid-morning snack
Please bring a packed lunch

We use both inside and outside play environments which are set up by our team of qualified and experienced Playworkers to meet the interests of the children attending each day. The scheme will be full of child initiated and adult led activities including a vast selection of resources that can be freely chosen throughout the day including...

Construction
Small World
Role Play
Art & Crafts
Board / Card Games
Sports / Dance / Group Games
Cookery
Autumn Activities

Spooky Halloween fun (dressing up welcome)

If you would like to book places please email childcare@play4ages.co.uk
Completed registration documentation is required prior to attending the playscheme and full payment will secure your place.
Booking early is recommended
Places cannot be changed or cancelled once confirmed.

The Play 4 Ages Team



You are invited to the Schools Triathlon Series!

The event is on Sunday 9th May 2027 at Sevenoaks School.

This is a parent-led event, with parents registering the children directly and taking them on the day.

The Knight Frank Schools Triathlon Series, organised by the charity Restless Development, is a unique sports fundraising event, designed specifically for children aged 7 - 13. In 2026, we ran 15 events across April, May and June. This saw over 12,000 children from 200+ schools swimming, running and cycling to raise over £1.8 million for Restless Development and other charities chosen by participating schools.

The Schools Triathlon event is for all school pupils in Years 3-8. The children form teams of 4 (coming up with suitably amusing team names themselves!), with all team mates doing all 3 disciplines as a relay. Our events are an opportunity for children of all abilities to take on a new sporting challenge - whilst giving back to the wider community through their fundraising - creating a friendly and fun ethos to the series. Since starting in 2015, year on year we've had a fantastic response from schools, with both the pupils and parents really enjoying the day.

More details on exactly how the event works can be found [here](#). Or you can [click here](#) to watch the video produced by one of our other host schools from their event in 2024 to see the day come to life.

The events always fill very quickly.

Please register your team asap!!

