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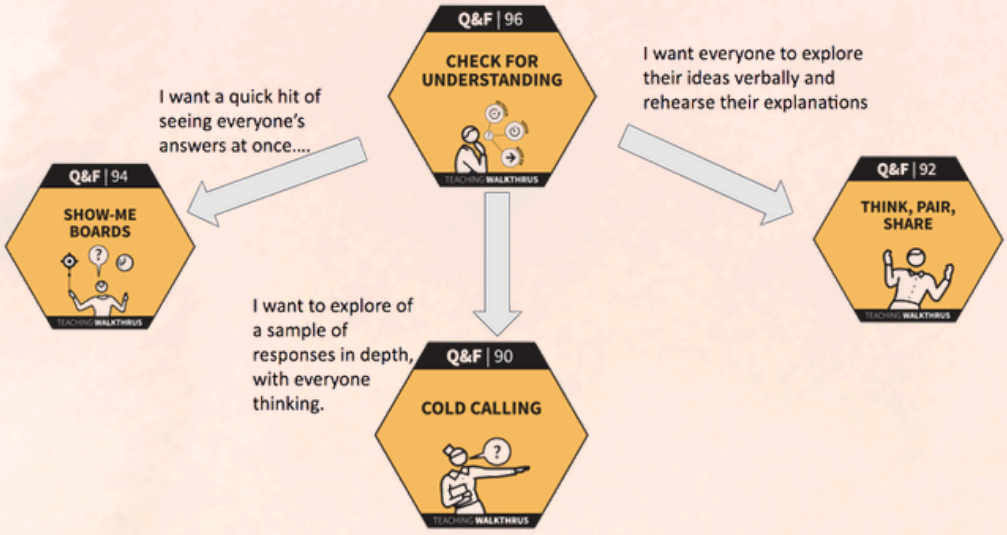
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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Well done to all Year 3 children, and **any from other year groups**, that have **successfully completed their first term** at Amherst. It has been wonderful to see them **grow in confidence and independence**. I'm sure they are ready for a break. Hopefully they will get the chance to **reflect on their achievements** so far and feel proud of navigating all the adjustments of starting at a new school. I know staff are ready for a break too!

We have **two Inset days (tomorrow and Monday 2nd November)** and I thought it would be useful to share what **we will be working on**.

Tomorrow we will be **attending the annual Sevenoaks Partnership of Primary Schools conference** which is held at Sevenoaks School. This year the conference is led by Flo Weir who leads on **Assessment for Learning techniques** which help teachers check **children's understanding in lessons**. **An example below** shows the type of strategies that may be used:



On Monday 2nd November we will be leading **our own training** focussing on how we can **develop further our lesson planning** to ensure we **meet the needs of all learners** - those that need greater challenge and those that need greater support, whilst also pitching the learning correctly for those children in the middle.

I hope you all have a great half term break whether you are at home, away or working. I hope your child has the chance to get outside and enjoy the change in routine.

Kind regards

Mr Reid

8th Edition
22 Oct 2026

NOTICES



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.

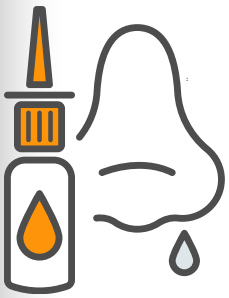


CLUBS

Week beginning - 3 November 2026:

ALL CLUBS should be running as normal.

** **NETBALL CLUB** will finish at 4.15pm from after half term.

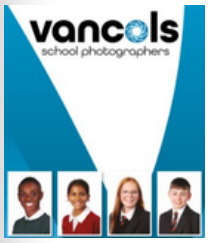


FLU IMMUNISATIONS

This is a reminder to parents to submit a consent or decline for the FLU vaccination via the Immunisation Service's website https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/

Please submit your preference by the cut-off date 05/11/2026.

Your school's unique code/URN is: KT136499



SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE READY!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have **not received your Proof or it has been lost** you can call Vancols **Parent Line on 01206 273711** however if you do not have an existing account with Van Cols you will need to contact the school directly for the website photo code.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is 28th October 2026.



YEAR 6 - HILLTOP PAYMENT was due 16/10/2026

Please be reminded of the second installment for this year's residential.

REMEMBER TO WEAR





NOTICES



ADMISSIONS

Admission to

Junior school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between **1 September 2019** and **31 August 2020**, Transferring to Junior school in **September 2027**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Junior schools, inside or outside of Kent. You are unable to name Primary schools on this application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027**. Other LA deadlines may differ.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Friday 16 April 2027**) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Friday 30 April 2027**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Friday 6 November 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Friday 15 January 2027	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Friday 16 April 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Friday 30 April 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Monday 17 May 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals. You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between **1 September 2015** and **31 August 2016**, Transferring to Secondary school in **September 2027**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026.** Other LA deadlines may differ.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 1 March 2027**) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 15 March 2027.** A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 1st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15th March 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13th April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals. You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

We would **appreciate MANY donations** of cupcakes, bought cakes, homemade cakes (ANY REALLY) for our **Children in Need Cake Sale on 13 November 2026**. We have children in school with **serious nut allergies**. If they eat nuts or for some, are near them, they could get very sick. Please can you ensure that any donations made are nut free. **THANK YOU!**



FUTURE DATES

AMHERST SCHOOL

** RED DATES newly added

CALENDAR DATES 2026 - 2027

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 - Parents are invited to visit children's classrooms
14-Nov	World Diabetes Day - wear blue for £1.00 donation
16-Nov	Odd Socks Day - Anti-bullying
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	



NOTICE

STAR OF THE WEEK

ASH	Billy T
ELM	Ollie B
OAK	Thomas P
BIRCH	Sophia B
CEDAR	Leo C
MAPLE	Mila K

BEECH	Charlie B
ROWAN	Harriet S
WILLOW	Cassia D
CHESTNUT	Lily M
HAWTHORN	Penny C
SYCAMORE	Beau G

GIRLS FOOTBALL



Congratulations to our girls football team who took part in the Road to Wembley Tournament organised by Tonbridge Angels. We won the 1st match 3-0, lost the 2nd match 2-1, drew the 3rd match 1-1 and won the 4th match 2-1.

The girls had a fantastic day and went on to be winners of the plate competition and came 3rd overall!! Well done to Imogen H, Ava B, Phoebe B, Milly M, Rose M, Kitty I, Margot S and Lara H.



LACROSSE



Well done to Henry S who was part of the inaugural Sevenoaks Sharks U12 Lacrosse team which competed for the FIRST time ever at the South of England Men's Lacrosse Association's u12 boys Holder's Cup on the 11th October. The team did brilliantly and reached the semi-finals - eventually finishing 4th. Well done Henry!



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SUPPORTING YOUR TEEN WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

Navigating mental health together.

Learn how to recognise signs of mental health issues, communicate more effectively, and create a supportive atmosphere at home.

Where: Delivered Online

Date: 10/11/2026

Time: 19.00 to 21.00

To book a place please scan the QR Code below or contact 03000 412222 and quote course code ONL/154967/R/PF

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk
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For more information scan the QR code

kentadulteducation.co.uk

FREE, Fun & Informal

NVR-Informed Parent Group

We are running a four-week NVR-informed parent group, led by Tracy Weiner, experienced NVR Practitioner and Parent Coach. The group will introduce Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) approaches to help parents and carers respond to challenging situations, strengthen their relationship with their child and feel more confident in their parenting. It will explore practical ways to reduce conflict, manage emotional responses, set clear and compassionate boundaries, and maintain connection when emotions run high.

Dates: Mondays 2, 9, 16 and 23 November 2026
Time: 12–1:30pm
Location: The Tonbridge Old Fire Station, Castle Street, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1BH
Cost: £60 per session, with £240 payable upfront for all four sessions

Spaces are limited. Parents and carers who would like to attend can contact Foundations Child Therapy to register their interest.

Free Parent Talk: Understanding Big Feelings: Therapeutic Tools to Help Children Cope

Join Ruth Farmer, Therapist at Foundations, for a supportive session exploring children's big emotions and the therapeutic approaches that can help. Ruth will look at what may sit underneath behaviours such as anger, overwhelm, anxiety and emotional outbursts, and share practical, compassionate strategies parents can use to help children feel understood, regulate their emotions and manage difficult moments

The talk will take place via Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86717072807?pwd=q8667tWuLYiCLzPHyHNROkqBpu4fGH.1

IN SCHOOL







YEAR 6 - DT SOUP MAKING











YEAR 6 - SHELTER VISIT









YEAR 3 - ROCKS DAY





YEAR 6 - DANCE

INTER-HOUSE

COMMUNITY & EVENTS

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

Riverhead PC have arranged for **tree surgery to take place in Riverhead Parkland** during **October half term**. The timing was chosen to minimise the impact on families on the school run but nevertheless we wanted to bring the works to your attention.

The **works are expected to take around 2 days** and affect trees on the border with Holmesdale cricket club.











