AMHERST SCHOOL

TRUST KINDNESS DETERMINATION FAIRNESS CO-OPERATION POLITENESS

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Whole School Book Project

The children have made a **great start** to their work on *Child of St. Kilda* by Beth Waters. Hopefully they have come home full of enthusiasm for the story and a new interest in the experience of life on a remote Scottish island.

The **children will work** over the next few weeks to **produce writing and art inspired by the story**. We try and enable a range of **different writing genres and artwork across the year groups**:

Year 3

- Writing - Information text detailing and describing daily life on the island.
- Art - Different artistic representations of puffins.

Year 4

- Writing - Revisiting the island after the evacuation and writing a letter to the islanders describing what the island is like now.
- Art - Watercolour landscapes and 3D model of the island.

Year 5

- Writing - Persuasive argument deciding whether to stay or leave the island.
- Art - Landscape pictures of the island using chalk, pastels and pencil.

Year 6

- Writing - Ist person account of being on the boat as the islanders were evacuated.
- Art - Acrylic painting on canvas depicting the waves of the sea.

One of my **favourite moments** in the project is **when the new displays start to go up around the school showcasing the children's amazing work**. You will be able to see it at Parents' Evening. We look forward to **welcoming you to Open Afternoon next Friday** at 2.45pm.

I hope you all have a good weekend and enjoy any bonfire parties that you might be going to. Keep your children safe and remember to be considerate of animals too!

Mr Reid

9th Edition
6 Nov 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.

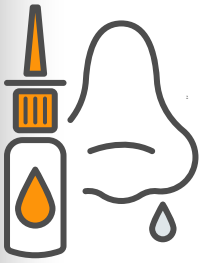


CLUBS

Week beginning - 9 November 2026:

11.11.26 Wednesday - NO MANDARIN CLUB

** **ALL OTHER CLUBS should be running as normal.**



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

This is a reminder that the FLU vaccination will take place on Tuesday 10/11/2026. Consents should have been given by 4.00pm on 05/11/2026. If you have not yet done so, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 123 5205.

YEAR 6 - 3rd HILLTOP PAYMENT due 27/11/2026

Please be reminded of the upcoming contribution for this year's residential.



PE KIT - Football Boots & Trainers

On days when your child has football or tag rugby, please ensure they come to school dressed in their PE kit and trainers with their football boots in a bag. Thank you.

VACANCIES - UK TEACH

Please click here to view our current vacancy:

Clerk to the Governing Body

Sevenoaks, Amherst School

£2,828 - £2,941 Per Year The full time equivalent pay is Kent Scheme D £27,904 - £29,020.





CHILDREN IN NEED

Amherst School Children in Need Fundraising Events!

BBC Children in Need

Art Competition

Get creative and include Pudsey Bear in your artwork!

It can be painted, drawn or 3D made.

All entries must include: Name of child and class

Entries to be handed in to your class teacher on Friday 13th November with £1 for the charity.

Prizes for each year group!

Children in Need XC Run

Tuesday 10th November on School Field

£1 to run

Anyone is welcome and you can run wearing a Pudsey item if you wish!

8.00am

Cake Sale!

On Friday 13th November there will also be a cake sale!

After school – cakes cost £1. Please bring coins in.

Make cakes at home with your family!

Beat the Goalie!

£1 to enter on Friday 13th November

Let's support Children in Need together!
Be kind. Give generously. Make a difference!

Please make your donations

www.schoolgateway.com

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!**



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

… TIME TO CHOOSE …

Children will be choosing their Christmas lunch option in class next week. Please take some time to discuss the available options with your child and decide what they would like to have for their Christmas lunch.

The choices are:

- Main meal
- Vegetarian meal
- Packed lunch (this will need to be provided from home).

Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

16 December 2026

MAIN

Roast Turkey
Roast Potatoes
GF Pigs-in-blanket (1,14)
Peas
Carrots
Parsnips
DF GF Stuffing (1)
GF Gravy and or Cranberry Sauce

VEGETARIAN / VEGAN OPTION

VG Roasted Vegetable Slice (1)
With vegetables and accompaniments

SWEETS

DF GF Santa Hat Muffin (1,7)
DF Christmas Shortbread (allergen free option)

ALLERGEN KEY

1 Contains gluten	4 Fish	7 Eggs	10 Celery	13 Sesame
2 Crustaceans	5 Peanuts	8 Soybeans	11 Mustard	14 Sulphar Dioxide
3 Molluscus	6 Nuts	9 Milk	12 Lupin	



PTA

Your PTA Team is excited to present the plans for our upcoming Christmas fun, the highlight being our Amherst Christmas Bazaar!

Your time and donations, participation and input is highly valued as our school community— **TEAM AMHERST**— comes together to **create fun for our children** and **raise money for our school.**

To make things easier for you we are doing **two weeks of DONATIONS** again!
You can drop **all these things off at the same time** during the week.
There will be **crates in the lobby.**
Please see below for donations we are seeking & when to bring them in to the school.



AMHERST PTA XMAS TIMETABLE
NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2026
Key events & dates

Thu 19 Nov	Deadline for ordering Christmas cards
Fri 20 Nov	Raffle tickets and mystery bags sent home with children
23 Nov - 3 Dec	Donations fortnight - Chocolates, mystery bags, bottles, toiletries/stocking fillers
Fri 27 Nov	Uniform and Xmas jumper sale
Fri 4 Dec	Hampers to be dropped off at school
Fri 4 Dec	Amherst Festive Bake-Off
Sat 5 Dec	Christmas Bazaar!
Tues 15 Dec	Elfridges Pop-up Shop

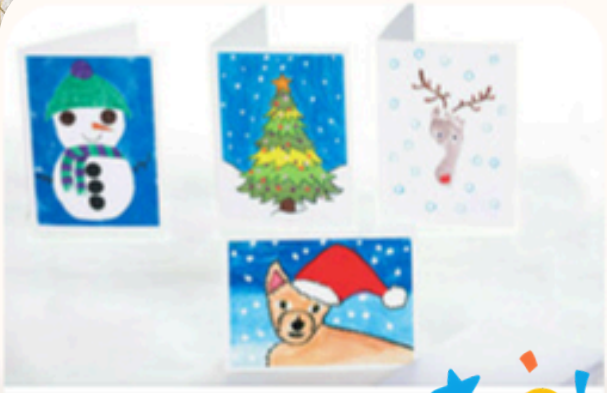
CHRISTMAS CARDS

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERING

Yesterday, your child should have come home with an order form which will have a photo of their design and details of items that can be purchased.

Orders will need to be placed by 19th November for free delivery.

Parents can still place orders after this date, but they will pay postage and we will not receive funding on late orders.



Cards



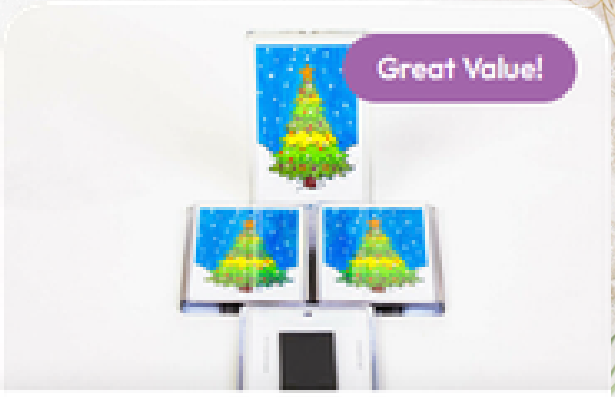
Bookmarks



Remember to order by 19 November



Notebooks



Magnets

FUTURE DATES

AMHERST SCHOOL	** RED DATES newly added
CALENDAR DATES 2026 - 2027	
09-Nov	Children in Need - Art Competition starts
10-Nov	Children in Need FUN RUN - 8.00am on the field
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
13-Nov	Children in Need Art Competition Deadline, 12.45pm Beat the Goalie, 3.00pm - Cake Sale
14-Nov	World Diabetes Day - wear blue for £1.00 donation
16-Nov	Odd Socks Day - Anti-bullying
16 - 18 Nov	Book Fair - 3.30 - 4.00pm in the small hall
19-Nov	Year 3 - Parent Times Tables Meeting (9.05am in hall)
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	





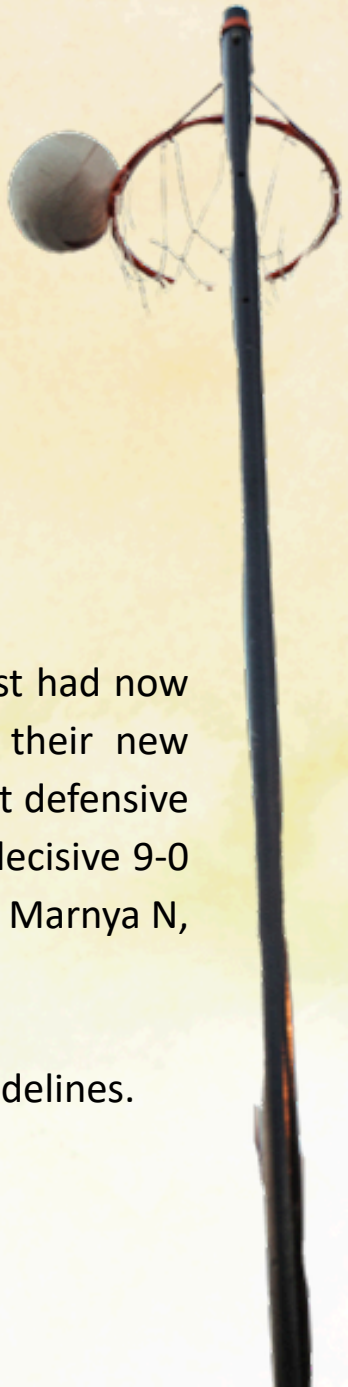
NOTICE

STAR OF THE WEEK

ASH	George M
ELM	Matilda S-P
OAK	Ching Ching Y
BIRCH	Conrad R
CEDAR	Zac P
MAPLE	Grace W

BEECH	Tui T D
ROWAN	Ffion B
WILLOW	Tamara H
CHESTNUT	Alfie W
HAWTHORN	Bo D
SYCAMORE	Lara S

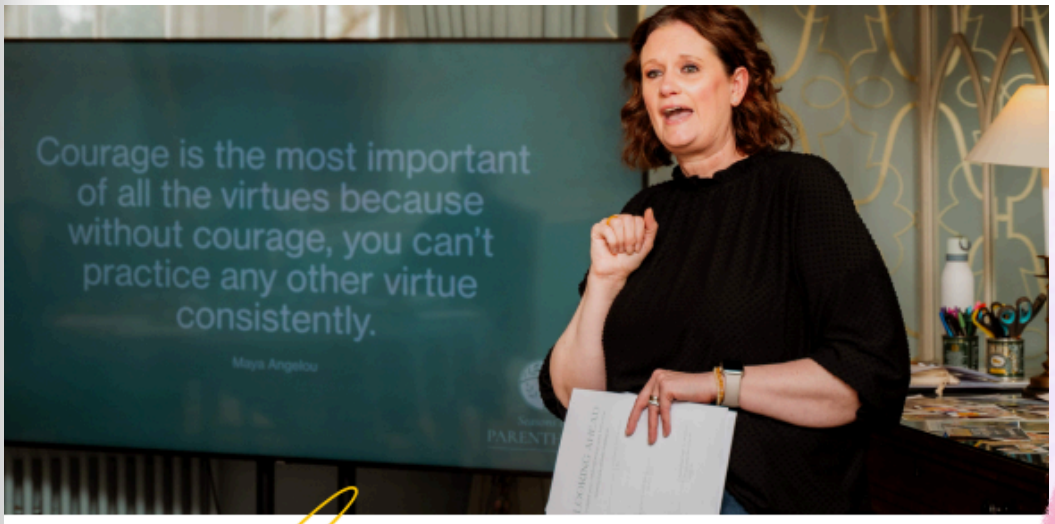
NETBALL



Amherst netball team had another successful evening of matches this week. Our first match was against Sevenoaks Primary. This was a closely contested match as both teams played very well. The final quarter commenced with a 4-4 draw. Finally, Amherst was victorious with a win 5-4.

The second match was against Edenbridge Primary. Amherst had now settled into their rhythm with each player adapting to their new position every quarter. With some skilled shooting and great defensive work in the semi-circles, the team secured the win with a decisive 9-0 final score. Well done to the team: Seb H, Tyler BM, Holly C, Marnya N, Yannike N, Lara H, Lara S and Phoebe B.

Thank you to our parents cheering on in the cold from the sidelines.



live WITH ANISA

FREE ONLINE LIVE
10 NOVEMBER
12.00PM
30 MINUTES
REPLAY AVAILABLE

I WISH THEY COULD SEE WHAT EVERYONE ELSE SEES

What helps when your child's confidence takes a wobble.

You can see all the brilliant things about your child, but sometimes they just can't see them for themselves. They might compare themselves to others, focus on everything they think they've got wrong or quickly decide, "I can't do it."

And when confidence is wobbly, it's tempting to jump in with reassurance, praise or reminders of everything they're good at. But sometimes, the more we try to convince them, the less they seem to believe us.

Join Parenting Coach, Anisa Lewis, for this free 30-minute Live to explore what helps confidence grow and practical ways we can support children to begin recognising their own strengths and trusting themselves a little more.

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE:
anisalewis.as.me/LivewithAnisa
Or email: hello@anisalewis.com
and I'll send you the link.

ANISA LEWIS
POSITIVE PARENTING

YEAR 3 PARENTS' TIMES TABLE WORKSHOP

HELPING YOUR CHILD BUILD STRONG NUMERACY SKILLS

We warmly invite all Year 3 parents and carers to join us for an engaging Maths Workshop focused on supporting your child's key numeracy skills with a particular focus on times table skills.

By working together, school and home can help children feel confident, capable, and positive about maths in everyday life.

You will then be invited to join your child in their classroom to play some maths games with them.

9:00 - 10:00AM
19 NOV
THURSDAY

Starting in the School Hall then moving to your child's classroom to try out some maths games in action

COMMUNITY & EVENTS





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



