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Amherst Primary School

Summer Newsletter

SUMMER 2025



Headteacher Message

We have had a very busy Spring term and there has been a great deal to celebrate! We enjoyed promoting the love of reading as part of our World Book Day, along with lots of costumes and fun with parents reading in our halls after school!

Our wonderful PTA organised a very successful and well attended school discos! Thank you to them and our parents and children for all your support!

Like many schools on the island, we took part – and won - many of the Eisteddfod events this year, including the most outstanding group award! Well done to all those involved – we are extremely proud of all of you!

We hosted our first Ofsted Inspection in March – with the report due to come out soon. We'd like to thank all of our dedicated teachers and staff, as well as our wonderful children and supportive parents for the ways in which you've helped our school in recent years.

Please remember, as we move towards the Summer Term and hopefully brighter and sunnier weather, we do expect all children to wear a **named** sunhat to school, with a brim to provide shade.



If there's anything we can do to support you or your son or daughter, please contact us in the usual ways – all staff are happy to help.

Best wishes,

Mr. Hind
Headteacher

School Uniform – Summer

White blouse or white polo shirt

Grey or black knee length skirt, pinafore dress, plain grey or black trousers

Amherst Primary School green named sweatshirt or cardigan. White or grey socks or tights

Sensible black shoes - not boots, sandals or trainers.

Jewellery, dyed hair, fake tattoos and inappropriate shaved haircuts are not appropriate school uniform, but a simple, stud earring may be worn.

White or coloured trainers, non-uniform sweatshirts, boots, 'crops' or sandals, nail varnish, elaborate headbands are also not part of our school uniform. We ask that long hair is always tied back appropriately.



PE Kit

'House Colour' T-Shirt and dark green shorts and trainers. In winter black or dark green joggers may be worn instead of shorts.

For further uniform information and detail about the above, please see visit our school website using the link below...

<https://www.amherstprimary.co.uk/our-school-uniform/>

Seesaw

We hope that as parents, you have signed up to our school communication tool, which you can access on a phone, tablet, laptop or computer/PC.

If you haven't signed up to Seesaw – please do so and contact us at school for this quick and easy way to communicate with us and catch up on the latest information from school and track how your child is learning in class.

For more information on Seesaw, please see our school website...

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KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Monday 28 th April	INSET Day – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 29 th April	Children return to school after Easter Holidays
Wednesday 30 th April	Year 5 Meeting for Parents re-Lihou Island Visit from 6.00pm in the Junior Hall
Thursday 1 st May and Friday 2 nd May	Year 3 Activity Days (further details to follow)
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 7 th May	Year 4 Meeting for Parents re-Les Maingys Visit from 6.00pm in the Junior Hall
Thursday 8 th May (a school day)	Amherst 80 th Liberation Day Picnic (see separate letter for details)
Friday 9 th May	Liberation Day – school is closed for today
Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May	Year 5 Residential Visits to Lihou Island
Thursday 15 th May	New Parents Welcome Meeting from 6.00pm in Infant Hall (New Parents from Sept '25)
Tuesday 20 th to Friday 23 rd May	Year 4 Residential Visits to Les Maingys (further details to follow)
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for Half Term Holiday from 3.00pm
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 nd June	Children return to school after the half term break – normal school times
Monday 2 nd June	Year 6 Transition Day 1
Wednesday 4 th June	Year 2 Fire Station Visit [am]
Friday 13 th June	Girls Cricket Tournament [pm]
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 6 Set Sail [All day]
Wednesday 18 th June	Primary Schools Athletics Event from 4.00pm
Friday 20 th June	Boys Cricket Tournament [pm]
Monday 23 rd June	Year 6 Transition Day 2
Wednesday 25 th June to Friday 27 th June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Fauxquets Valley (further details to follow)
Wednesday 2 nd July	Junior Sports Day [pm] (further details to follow) if cancelled, Backup Date is Wed 9 th July [pm]
Thursday 3 rd July	Infant Sports Day [pm] (further details to follow) if cancelled, Backup Date is Thurs 10 th July [pm]
Friday 4 th July	PTA Summer Fayre (further details to follow)
Friday 18 th July	School breaks up for the Summer Holidays from 1.00pm
Monday 1 st September	INSET Day – Training Day for Teachers and Staff
Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET Day – Training Day for Teachers and Staff
Wednesday 3 rd September	Children return to school for the start of Autumn Term – normal school times

School Times

Infants		Juniors	
8.30am	School opens (Soft Start)	8.30am	School opens (Soft Start)
8.45am	Start of the day and Register	8.45am	Start of the day and Register
12.00noon	Lunchtime	12.00 noon	Lunchtime
1.00pm	Start of the afternoon	1.00pm	Start of the afternoon
3.00pm	End of the School Day	3.00pm	End of the School Day



Please remember that we are an Operation Encompass school.

This is a scheme that runs across the UK in order to provide immediate support for children and young people who are involved in or witness domestic abuse incidents. We are pleased to advise you that schools and colleges in Guernsey and Alderney will be participating in this scheme, which is run jointly with Bailiwick Law Enforcement.

Operation Encompass enables information to be shared with Amherst Primary School prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced, any domestic abuse. This allows Amherst Primary School to provide appropriate support, dependent on the needs and wishes of the child. The Designated Safeguarding Leads at Amherst Primary School have been trained to enable them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that Amherst Primary School is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

Should you wish to find out more about the scheme, details can be found at www.operationencompass.org.

