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Amherst Primary School

Summer Newsletter

SUMMER 2026



Headteacher Message

It is great to see the children back with us after the Easter Holidays ready to begin the Summer term.

As usual, we have a very busy term ahead and we have outlined below some of planned events and key dates for the weeks ahead.

There are also PTA events too, so watch out for these!

Some key events this term are the boys and girls cricket tournaments, our activity days and residentials, Sports Days, and of course our PTA Summer Fair too!

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

Best wishes,

Mr. Hind
Headteacher



School Uniform – Summer

White blouse or white polo shirt

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

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

Sensible black shoes - not boots or sandals.

PE Kit

'House Colour' T-Shirt and dark green shorts and trainers on days when children are timetabled to have PE. In winter black or dark green joggers may be worn instead of shorts.

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

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

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...

<https://www.amherstprimary.co.uk/seesaw/>

Events this term

We have several things to look forward to this term including the IPTA Summer Fair. There are also a number of lunchtime and after school clubs for children to take part in if they are interested.

So please look out for these!

If you would like to help out in school, read to children, assist with trips and visits, support our PTA etc. then please get in touch and we can see how we can work together to help the children who come to Amherst!



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Monday 13 th April	INSET Day – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 14 th April	Children return to school after Easter Holidays
Wednesday 15 th April	Online Safety Digital Workshop for parents from 6.00pm in the Junior Hall
Thursday 16 th April	Girls Football Tournament [pm]
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 4 Meeting for Parents re-Les Maingys Visit from 6.00pm in the Junior Hall
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 6 th May	New Parents Welcome Meeting from 6.00pm in Infant Hall (New Parents from Sept '26)
Friday 8 th May	Amherst 81 st Liberation Day Celebrations (see separate letter for details)
Tuesday 19 th May to Friday 22 nd May	Year 4 Residential Visits to Les Maingys
Thursday 21 st May and Friday 22 nd May	Year 3 Activity Days (further details to follow)
Friday 22 nd May	School closes for Half Term Holiday from 3.00pm
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school after the half term break – normal school times
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 6 Transition Day 1
Friday 5 th June	Girls Cricket Tournament [pm]
Friday 12 th June	Boys Cricket Tournament [pm]
Wednesday 17 th June	Primary Schools Athletics Event from 4.00pm
Monday 22 nd June	Year 6 Transition Day 2 plus 'Moving Up' Session 1 (children meet new teachers for Sept '26)
Wednesday 24 th June to Friday 26 th June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Fauxquets Valley (further details to follow)
Wednesday 1 st July	Infant Sports Day [pm] (further details to follow) if cancelled, Backup Date is Wed 8 th July [pm]
Thursday 2 nd July	Junior Sports Day [pm] (further details to follow) if cancelled, Backup Date is Thurs 9 th July [pm]
Friday 3 rd July	PTA Summer Fair (further details to follow)
Monday 6 th July	'Moving Up' Session 2 (children meet new teachers for Sept '26)
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Evening from 6.00pm
Friday 17 th July	School breaks up for the Summer Holidays from 1.00pm
Thursday 3 rd September	INSET Day – Training Day for Teachers and Staff
Friday 4 th September	INSET Day – Training Day for Teachers and Staff
Monday 7 th September	Children return to school for the start of Autumn Term – normal school times
Please note – we have not forgotten about a 'special event' for Year 5, who would normally go to Lihou for their residential. As the recent storm damaged Lihou House, this is proving difficult to accommodate, so we are currently exploring alternatives. Updates to follow soon!	

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.

