



Families Bulletin

Monday 19 January 2026 - Friday 23 January 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

The start of term has certainly provided us with some challenges, what with snow and ice last week and the lack of running water this week. Through it all I have to say that our students have been fantastic, switching to online learning with relative ease and just the odd hiccup here and there. Thank you for all of your support in what I know were extremely difficult circumstances for many of you.

I would also like to say a public thank you to my colleagues who made everything possible. Both teachers, leaders and support staff adapted swiftly and put in place the various measures and plans that were needed in order to cause as minimal disruption and as much support as possible to students. A special thanks also goes to the exams team who came in each day and made sure those students sitting public examinations were uninterrupted.

We had a number of things planned for various groups of students this week, a visit from an author, talks from a holocaust survivor and year 9 Options launch event and Find it out Thursday to name a few. These will all be rearranged as soon as we are able to secure new dates.

I hope it was helpful not to have to send your child into school in school uniform on Thursday and Friday. I appreciated that a number of students would not have had clean uniforms. However, from next **Monday 19 January, we will return to full school uniform**. As a gentle reminder this does not include the PE hoodie and ties should be worn at all times within school with the shirt uniform.

Let us hope for a more straightforward week next week. We have the Business Trip to Disneyland Paris departing on Monday to look forward to as well as our Federation schools Music event hosted by Oathall school on Tuesday. It was a great event last year seeing musicians coming together from all four schools (Downland, Oathall, Imberhorne and ourselves). I am sure this year will be just as wonderful if not better again.

Have a lovely (and much less stressful) weekend.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Key Dates

Sunday 18 - Wednesday 21 January 2026	Disneyland Paris Business Trip
Tuesday 20 January 2026	Federation Music Event
Thursday 22 January 2026	Year 8 Consultation Evening
Monday 26 January 2026	Berlin Trip Parents Information Evening
Wednesday 28 January 2026	Flu Vaccination Mop Up Session
Thursday 29 January 2026	Uniform Pop Up Shop - 3.00pm - 6.00pm
Friday 30 January 2026	Year 9 Options Evening
Monday 02 February 2026	Years 10-13 Design and Technology Trip - V&A Museum
Wednesday 04 - Friday 06 February 2026	Pre Loved Prom Event
Thursday 05 February 2026	Year 9 Vaccinations
W/B 09 February 2026	Berlin Residential Trip
Friday 13 February 2026	Year 11 Information Evening
Saturday 14 - Sunday 22 February 2026	School Show Week
Monday 16 - Friday 20 February 2026	INSET DAY
Friday 20 - Wednesday 25 February 2026	Ski Trip - Andorra
	HALF TERM BREAK
	Business Studies Trip - San Francisco

Notice board

Higher Education Fair

Higher Education Fair

Wednesday 04 February 2026 - 4.30pm-7.00pm
Talk in the Main Hall and stalls in P Block Hall

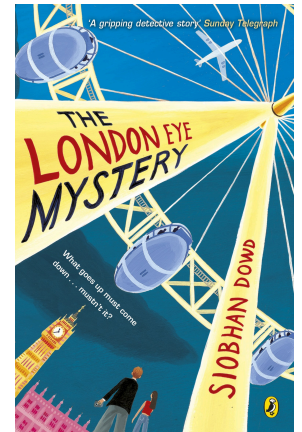


Book of the Week

Unfortunately, due to the water issues last week we weren't able to go ahead with the scheduled author visit. We are working to reschedule this for Year 7 later in the half-term and will keep you updated. Our book of the week this week comes recommended from Year 8, Angelou.

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd -

11.32 a.m. Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. The pod rises from the ground, high above the city. 12.02 p.m. The pod lands and the doors open. Everyone exits - everyone but Salim. Ted and Kat set out to solve this baffling mystery.



St Mary's Recruitment Day



GET INTO Teaching



JOIN US FOR AN ITT SESSION

- Experience**
Join us for one of our Teaching Hub days and experience a live session led by our expert speakers
- Explore**
Talk to some of the current teacher trainees about their experiences this year.
- Enquire**
The Primary Teaching Hub lead Sarah Gale will be available to answer all of your questions.



Friday 30th January 2026
St Mary's Catholic Primary School,
Worthing BN11 4BD
Two sessions 9.30am and 11.30am

CONTACT US TO BOOK A TIME TO VISIT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
tcashman@sphcs.co.uk

Safeguarding

Cyberbullying: What to Watch For

Online bullying can be subtle but damaging. Look out for mood changes, secrecy around devices, or withdrawal from friends. Let your child know you will take them seriously if they report online abuse. Encourage them to screenshot messages, block offenders, and report incidents to the platform or school.

Please contact your child's tutor, community team or safeguarding@sackvilleschool.org.uk if you have any concerns/questions around your child's safety. You can also contact the following organisations, depending on where you live, to get more advice.

West Sussex -

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/request-support-or-raise-a-concern-about-a-child/>

East Sussex - <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/children-families/report-a-concern-child>

Surrey - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/contact-childrens-services>

Kent - <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/guidance/worried-about-a-child>

As always, if you are aware or have any worries regarding the safety of our students then contact our safeguarding team. Contact details below:

Safeguarding Leads:

Mr Millican - amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Street - pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Steer - asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Vallally-Godfrey -

avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Team:

Mr Endersby - jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Hunt - shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Ms Porter - mporter@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Cowlin - pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Quigley - pquigley@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Harper - aharper@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Groves - hgroves@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Valentine -

hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email, safeguarding@mysackville.co.uk



 Mr Millican Designated Safeguarding Lead Assistant Headteacher	 Mrs Steer Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Child Protection Officer	 Mr Street Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Vallally-Godfrey Online Safeguarding Lead Associate Assistant Headteacher
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 Mr Cowlin Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Quigley Assistant Headteacher	 Ms Meloni Headteacher
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 Mrs Harper Attendance Officer	 Mr Endersby CTL PE	 Mrs Hunt Assistant Headteacher
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 Ms Porter Head of Sixth Form	 Mr Groves Deputy Head Sixth Form	 Mrs Valentine CTL Health and Social
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We are here if...
...you feel down or sad
...something is bothering you
...you are concerned about a friend

Email us confidentially by scanning the QR code below:



If you need to talk to someone about an issue that is worrying you, you can speak to your form tutor, Community Team, or a member of your Safeguarding Team

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Sparx Mathematics



Student	Year Group	SPARX XP Points
Aria Madariage	7	1,976
Artem Tytarenko	8	2,754
Freya Barlow	9	1,640
Mica Shay	10	1,758
Phoebe Kelly	11	1,701

Congratulations to our top performers for last week in SPARX Maths!

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

The link for next half terms extra-curricular sessions can be found here:

[Extra-Curricular Opportunities Spring Term](#)

The 'live' document shows our sessions, and new clubs may appear throughout the term. These will be communicated through this document and the Families Bulletin. Once in the document please scroll across to the year group relevant to your child.

Mr Ashley Vallally-Godfrey
Associate Assistant Headteacher

Current Vacancies

We have one support staff role available at the moment. If you would be interested in any of the following or know anyone else who may be, please call Katie Dawson, Headteacher's PA for more information, or apply directly following these links:

- [Exam Invigilators](#)

Sackville School
Exam Invigilator

Varied hours and required through school exam periods.
£14.18 Hourly Rate - Inclusive of Holidays.
Required January 2026

ABOUT YOU

- A GOOD COMMAND OF WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS ROLE.
- AN ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE CONFIDENTLY WITH BOTH STAFF AND STUDENTS.
- THE ABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND IMPLEMENT NECESSARY ACTION IN UNEXPECTED/EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.
- THE ABILITY TO WORK WELL IN A TEAM AS WELL AS BEING ABLE TO TAKE INITIATIVE AND TO WORK ALONE.
- A WARM AND SUPPORTIVE MANNER.

ABOUT US

- SUCCESSFUL AND OVERSUBSCRIBED 11-18 SCHOOL
- EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- A SCHOOL THAT GENUINELY CARES
- FREE USE OF ON SITE GYM AND RUNNING TRACK
- OUR VERY OWN OBSERVATORY ON SITE!
- GREAT STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES

For further information and to download an application form search vacancies at www.sackvilleschool.org.uk

We also publish a half termly newsletter and the latest edition can be seen here: [Sackville Newsletter](#).

Next publication date: **Friday 13 February 2026**

Futures - Find It Out Thursday

Find it out Thursdays



This is a chance for students to explore different professions and learn from those that are in that industry and can give a first hand experience. Different industries are highlighted each week and students have the opportunity to attend one talk per half term. When these terms talks have been confirmed, students will be able to sign up using a Google form that will be sent out. Students can come along and start to investigate career paths open to you and discover the skills that you will be required to develop to join that industry.

So far next term, we have:

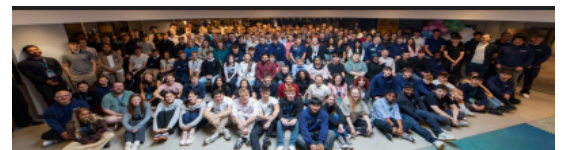
Octopus Energy for plumbing, electricians and other pathways
Karen Windsor from Sculpt and Change Therapies talking about Reflexology and self care therapies

A Children's Ed Psych

and a financial talk with the date to be confirmed. Please use the google form to book on this [link](#).

If you would be willing to come in and speak to students and be part of our Find it out Thursday program please contact Helen Smith on hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Apprenticeship at Thales



Thinking of applying for an Apprenticeship, how about a role at Thales?

Thales creates advanced technology to help keep people safe and make life easier. We work on things like secure communications, high-tech transportation and smart security systems that protect airports, trains and even your data online. We make travelling safer, and information more secure for everyone. We have a variety of apprenticeship roles, including engineering, manufacturing, project & planning, business, finance, procurement and end user support, starting in September 2026 and applications are open now!

Want to learn more? Join us for an informative virtual event on Tuesday 20 January from 17.00 – 18.00

Our virtual event will include lots of information such as:

- > Thales and our different business areas
- > the different future talent programmes available
- > the benefits of working for Thales
- > hints and tips on our application process
- > hear from some of our apprentices

Simply scan the QR code or follow the link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thales-uk-apprentice-virtual-insight-event-tickets-1980096760714?aff=oddtcreator>



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The Thales Group @ThalesCareers

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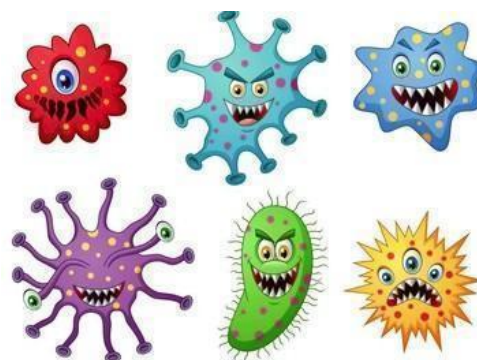
Medication, Illness and Vaccines

NHS Guidelines

Please find some useful information [here](#) from the NHS on when to keep your child off school.

Medication

To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their community team. We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.



Illness

In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant community office, thank you in advance.

Lost Property

Please can we ask that you check the lost property list above for items missing and encourage students to look in lost property for their missing items. Can we remind parents to name everything for a much higher chance of relocating lost property to their rightful owner.

External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Pre Loved Prom

PRE LOVED PROM

SNEEK PEEK AT SOME OF THE PROM OUTFITS ALREADY IN.

SCAN HERE

Sackville School
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

East Grinstead Foodbank
Together with Trussell

PRE LOVED PROM

SUSTAINABLE & BUDGET-FRIENDLY SHOPPING!

BUY OR SELL PRE-LOVED PROM DRESSES & SUITS!

£5 seller fee donated to our local Food Bank the rest of the sale goes to you!

3:30PM - 5:30PM

30TH JANUARY 2026

SACKVILLE SCHOOL
EAST GRINSTEAD

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Crochet Club

Crochet Club

New Club!

EVERY TUESDAY
1:25 PM - 1:45 PM

BRING YOUR OWN WOOL IF YOU HAVE IT, DON'T WORRY IF NOT

EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME IN B11

What will YOU crochet?

B11