



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 05 January 2026 - Friday 09 January 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been a wonderful end to the autumn term with community celebration assemblies, competitions, charity events and our annual Carol Service. Our students have done us proud and have been so ably supported by my colleagues.

One highlight of this week was seeing so many students enjoying the wonderful Christmas lunch prepared by our catering team. It was so good, I managed two myself, not on the same day I hasten to add! I cannot end the week without shining the light on our student performance at the Carol Service. Both musicians and readers did a sterling job to make the evening as special as befits the setting. A special thanks also go to our Governors for serving the refreshments afterwards in the church hall.

As it is the final week of term, we have published our latest Sackville News where you can find dozens of articles and photos from the past term. Please take a moment over the break to flick through and share in the wide variety of things we do at Sackville, to make our students feel a sense of belonging, as well as being part of a community that believes in them and wants to offer them a wide variety of opportunities to flourish.

I for one, am looking forward to being a part of facilitating many more student achievements next term but for now, like many I am ready for a couple of weeks away to reflect, recharge and rejuvenate in preparation for 2026.

Have a lovely break.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Key Dates

Monday 05 January 2026

Tuesday 06 January 2026

Wednesday 07 January 2026

Thursday 08 January 2025

Wednesday 14 January 2026

Thursday 15 January 2026

Tuesday 20 January 2026

Thursday 22 January 2026

Wednesday 28 January 2026

Thursday 29 January 2026

Monday 02 February 2026

Thursday 05 February 2026

W/B 09 February 2026

Friday 13 February 2026

Saturday 14 - Sunday 22 February 2026

Monday 16 - Friday 20 February 2026

Friday 20 - Wednesday 25 February 2026

Return to school - 8.25am

Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening

Ski Trip Information Evening

Year 12 Information Evening

The Science of Learning - Family Workshop

Year 7 Consultation Evening

Federation Music Event

Year 8 Consultation Evening

Flu Vaccination Mop Up Session

Year 9 Options Evening

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Year 11 Information Evening

School Show Week

INSET DAY

Ski Trip - Andorra

HALF TERM BREAK

Business Studies Trip - San Francisco

Notice board

Pre-loved Prom

On Friday 30 January we are holding our first Pre-loved Prom Sale.

We are looking for students and families who have Prom attire they no longer want and would like us to sell on their behalf. This includes dresses, suits, accessories and other prom related items. We will take a sellers fee which we are donating to the local food bank as they are in need of support.

Watch this space, more information will be shared with families before Christmas.

The event itself will be on Friday 30 January from 3.30pm - 5.30pm (P-Block). Students can browse, try and buy the items. We also plan to have stalls to help with the other sides of Prom planning, such as hair, make up, nails, dress alterations, limousines, spray tans and more. We are hoping this will be a one-stop shop for all your Prom needs! If you are interested in having a stall please contact kdawson@sackvilleschool.org.uk

East Grinstead Foodbank

Our last foodbank session of 2025 will be on Monday 22 December (1.00pm–4.00pm).

We will then take a Christmas break, reopening on Monday 05 January 2026 (1.00pm–3.00pm).

Christmas Room and Extended Opening Hours

From Friday 12 December, our CHRISTMAS ROOM will be open with extended hours. 1–4pm. on:

- Friday 12 December

- Monday 15 December
- Wednesday 17 December
- Friday 19 December
- Monday 22 December

We will then close for Christmas and reopen on Monday 5 January 2026, 1.00 – 3.00pm.

What’s in the Christmas Room?

Preloved Teddy Stall

Hot drink and mince pies while they browse

Festive extras such as biscuits, chocolates, mince pies, ham, hot dogs, crisps and sweets

Lots of seasonal cheer!

Holiday Reading List - Mr Angella



Safeguarding

The Slippery Slope of 'Just One Day'

Occasional absences can quickly become a habit. What starts as the odd missed day can soon affect confidence and progress. If your child is well enough to attend, every effort should be made to get them in—small steps make a big difference.

We will always contact you if we are concerned about a child's attendance. If you are worried, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, the Community team or Miss Harper in the attendance office.

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



Mr Cowlin
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Quigley
Assistant Headteacher



Ms Meloni
Headteacher

We are here



if...



Mrs Harper
Attendance Officer



Mr Endersby
CTL PE



Mrs Hunt
Assistant Headteacher

...you feel down or sad

...something is bothering you

...you are concerned about a friend



Ms Porter
Head of Sixth Form



Mr Groves
Deputy Head Sixth Form



Mrs Valentine
CTL Health and Social

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
Sera Sino	7	2,584
Jazmine Clark	8	2,557
Arnav Singh	9	1,305
Sav Seruwagi	10	1,345
Mackenzie Taylor	11	1,585

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 News

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

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 and a Children's Ed Psychologist and will be booking more so keep watching this update

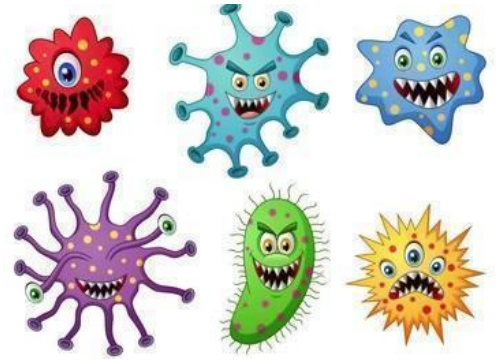
If you would be willing to come in and speak to students and be part of our Find it out Thursday program please contact Helen Smith on hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk.



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

Her Move - January 2026



Her Move FUN RUN

Kick-start your New Year with HerMove
Get Moving 2026!
Sunday 11th January 2026 at 10am
at East Grinstead Sports Club (EGSC)

Join us at East Grinstead Sports Club (EGSC) for a Fun Run!
A relaxed, social event encouraging mums, daughters, and women of all ages to move, have fun, and enjoy **Time Together**. This is a fun run, not a race, hosted by East Grinstead Runners, with the route fully marshalled so you can walk or jog at your own pace.

We're delighted **Dame Kelly Holmes**, will be joining us and will lead a gentle warm-up. Run Leaders from **East Grinstead Runners** will be on hand to support and cheer you on throughout. Drinks and food will also be available.

Supporting Women in Sport's Time Together campaign.
Kick-start the New Year with energy, positivity, and movement!

Please sign up online in advance to attend.
Visit www.hermove.uk or connect with us on Instagram



*Under-16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Basketball Club



EAST GRINSTEAD STORM BASKETBALL CLUB

MONDAYS @ SACKVILLE SCHOOL
5 - 6PM - YR 1-3
6 - 7PM - YR 4-5
7 - 8PM - YR 6-7
TUESDAYS @ IMBERHORN HILPPER



FIND US AT
WWW.STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM
OR EMAIL: OFFICE@STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM

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Ashurst Wood Junior Football Club



ASHURST WOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

U13s Players Needed

We are looking for more players for our U13s for current year 8s or year 7s happy to play up.

The team play matches on Saturday mornings in the Horsham League and training is Thursday evenings, coaches are fully qualified and DBS checked.

For more information and to arrange to attend trial sessions please contact Rachel 07794548186 rachel.dufeu@sky.com

www.awjfc.net Charity No 1136711

SENCo Timetable

FACE January 2026 Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 30 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

Football Training



BEST UNITED

Football Training Camp

Christmas Holidays - East Grinstead Sports Club
Boys and girls welcome Ages 6-13
(22nd & 23rd December)

9- 2.30pm Daily

Tel: 07827017977
buwestsussex@outlook.com



£28 per day!

Early Bird Booking discount of 20% (book & pay before the 1st December)

www.bestunitedfootball.com

Girls Self Defence Camp



GIRL'S SELF DEFENCE

ActivelySafe

Forest Row

- Physical self defence
- Situational awareness
- Confidence strategies
- De-escalation techniques
- Survival mindset
- Use of force & the law

Ages 10-13: Fridays 3.45-4.45pm
Ages 14+: Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm

For more information:
activelysafeuk@gmail.com




Crochet Club



Crochet Club B11

New Club!

It's time to pick up those crochet hooks and join us for crochet club – see Mrs Potts for any information.

EVERY TUESDAY
1:25 PM - 1:45 PM
 BRING YOUR OWN WOOL IF YOU HAVE IT, DON'T WORRY IF NOT

Who's will **YOU** crochet?

EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME IN B11

Winter Holiday Activities



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WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
22-23 DECEMBER 2025
 Bognor Regis, Crawley, Worthing

Music activities for children & young people
 FIND OUT MORE AT westsussexmusic.co.uk/holidayactivities

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WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
22-23 DECEMBER 2025

Rap & Songwriting
 BOGNOR REGIS – The Phoenix Centre, PO21 5JD
 Explore the fundamentals of rap and songwriting. From rhythm and flow to crafting compelling stories through lyrics. This hands-on workshop encourages creativity, self-expression, and collaboration – whether you're new to rap or have experience, you'll gain practical tips to enhance your songwriting skills.

Music Production & DJ
 CRAWLEY – The Mill Primary Academy, RH11 0EL
 Get a hands-on introduction to music creation and mixing. Learn beat-making, sound design, track arrangement with professional tools, DJ-ing, beatmatching, and seamless transitions. This workshop offers practical skills and insights into both the creative and technical aspects of music production.

Play In A Band
 WORTHING – Northbrook College, BN12 6NU
 Come and experience Northbrook College's state of the art music studios to form a rock or pop band. Collaborate on covers and originals, and develop song arrangement, stage confidence, and live performance techniques.

Join for one or both days, lunch will be provided.
 Free for those in receipt of free school meals
 £39 per day for those paying
westsussexmusic.co.uk/holiday-activities

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CD Phoenix Netball

COME AND JOIN **PHOENIX NETBALL CLUB**

U12s and U13s training
Thursdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Lingfield College (indoors)

County League matches in **Falmer or East Grinstead** most Saturday afternoons and occasional Sundays.

Come and give it a go!

To register interest and sign up for a taster session just drop an email to our recruitment team via secretary@cdphoenixsussex.co.uk

CD Phoenix NC has Gold CAPS accreditation

Adopt an Animal

ADOPT AN ANIMAL AT **ST PIERS FARM**

St Piers School & College

£30 per year

WHAT'S INCLUDED:
 Newsletter
 Certificate
 Photo updates

For more information please contact: thefarm@stpiers.org.uk

Scan me! stpiers.org.uk/stpiersfarm/adopt-animal

An ideal gift!

St Piers School and College is part of Young Enterprise. Young Enterprise is the operating name of The National Centre for Young Enterprise which is a registered charity (1049890) (England and Wales).

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Holiday Skate Club

HOLIDAY SKATE CLUB

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
 MOBILE SKATEPARK
 ARTS AND CRAFTS
 GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

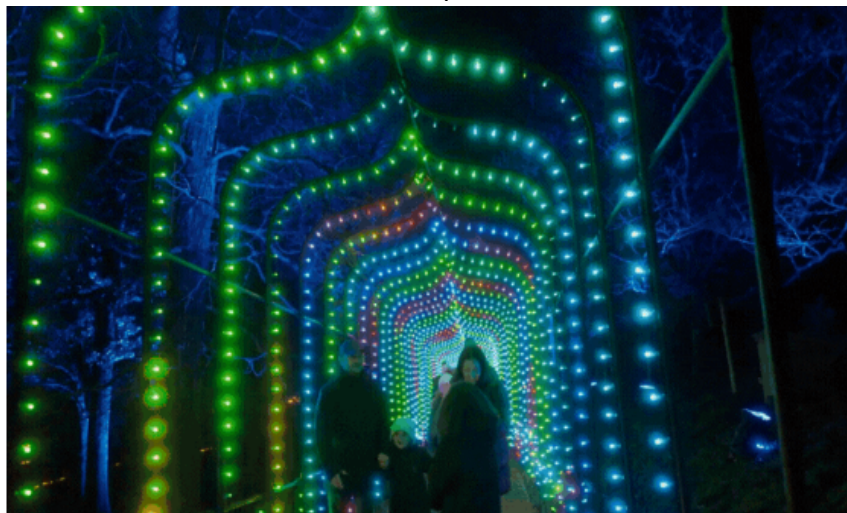
W/C MON 29TH | 4 DAYS (NOT NYD) | 9AM-3PM

BOOK: THEKATECLUB.COM/HOLIDAYSKATECLUB

TAX-FREE CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Leonardslee Lights

A Magical Pre-Christmas Family Experience!
 Click [here](#) for more details and to purchase tickets.



Paint n Go Tunbridge Wells

You are invited to our **OPEN DAY**

Step inside PaintnGo and experience collaborative painting in action

Saturday 20th December
12:00 - 4:00pm
53B Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells
Free entry | All welcome

Drop in, pick up a brush, and see the magic happen

Community initiative in Forest Row for teenage girls

THE GIRL EDIT X HJ SALON

A two hour session of styling, confidence and future visioning.

Feel inspired, creative and empowered for the year ahead

14th Jan @ 5.30pm
HJ Salon,
Forest Row
£15

