



Families Bulletin

Monday 10 November 2025 - Friday 17 November 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been a wonderful first week back following the half term break, and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the highlights from across the school. The corridors have once again been full of enthusiasm and purposeful learning as students have settled quickly back into routines and continued to demonstrate our school values in action; some of our year 9 and 10 musicians went on a trip to Glyndbourne this week to watch Mark Anthony-Turnage's new opera 'The Railway Children', such a brilliant experience for them.

A real highlight of the week was our Sixth Form Open Evening last night. It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 11 students and their families join us to find out more about the exciting range of courses and opportunities available to them next year. The atmosphere was brilliant, with a real buzz of curiosity and ambition as staff and current Sixth Formers showcased what makes our post-16 provision so special. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and to staff and students who helped make the evening such a success.

If you were unable to attend, please don't worry, this is just the start of the transition process. Year 11 students can speak to their form tutor or a member of the Sixth Form team for guidance in the short term, and there will be plenty of opportunities over the coming weeks to explore options and receive personalised advice including 1:1 meetings that will take place later this month. A good starting point if you missed the event is reviewing the Sackville Sixth prospectus on our website [HERE](#).

As we move through this half term, there is much to look forward to: mock exams for our Year 11s, numerous enrichment activities and community competitions, and the many seasonal events that bring our community together as we approach the end of term. You will all also hopefully have seen the launch of our CEW 2026 by now and be in the process of discussing the options with your child(ren). We are all really looking forward to ending the year on a real high again with the freedom and varied opportunities that come from CEW.

Finally, just as a reminder, all of our family engagement events can be found in our Together We Achieve brochure [HERE](#).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated and makes such a difference to the life of our school.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Key Dates

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Thursday 13 November 2025

Monday 17 November 2025

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Thursday 20 November 2025

Thursday 27 November 2025

Friday 28 November 2025

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Monday 02 February 2026

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Wednesday 13 May 2026

Monday 13 July 2026

Year 12 Chemistry In Action Trip - London

Year 10 Parents information Evening

Year 7-11 Flu spray vaccinations

Uniform Pop Up Shop

Year 13 Consultation Evening

Winter Concert

Inset Day

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Year 9 Meningitis vaccinations

Notice board

Absence and Appointments

Can we please ask that when reporting absence and appointments these come through community or attendance.

Together We Achieve Programme

Please find our Together We Achieve programme [HERE](#).

New Website

We are really excited that our new website has now gone live. Please take some time to take a look - [website](#). We hope you will like it and please do let us know if you have any feedback once it goes live!

Design and Technology Department Display

We are looking to create a new display cabinet in the Design and Technology department which shows the evolution of electronic technology from the late 20th to early 21st centuries.

We would be grateful for any retro to the present time items such as mobile phones, from the 80s 'brick' phones through to the current time, computer keyboards, walkmans, ipods, MP3 players, small gaming consoles and controllers etc... that are no longer needed or used and that are not too large as they need to fit in our display cabinet.

If you have any of the above items or similar and would like to donate them to the D&T department please email jward@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

The Winter Concert

The Winter Concert - our annual music extravaganza - is fast approaching - this year taking place on Thursday 27 November 2025. We want to let families know that auditions for solos or small groups will take place in the week after half term. Students who wish to audition should book a time slot by visiting the music office from Monday 20 October 2025.

We look forward to sharing further details about the concert after half term.

Youth Club

We are pleased to announce that East Grinstead Town Council are opening a second Youth Club! This will be starting on Friday 14 November. It will be every Friday (term time only) at the Kings Centre in the pavilion room from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. It is for those aged 13-17 years old and will be free. There will be a small charge for tuck should they wish to purchase a snack. There is no need to book, just turn up. Maximum 25 people per session. This will be a safe space to make new friends, enjoy games and activities, or just relax.

Dropping off and Collecting

We would like to kindly remind all families to park considerately when dropping off and collecting students from Sackville School. Please ensure that you are not blocking driveways, restricting access, or parking in a way that may inconvenience our neighbours or compromise safety around the school site. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone in our community, and we are very grateful for your continued support. Thank you for helping us to be good neighbours and for setting a positive example for our students.

Sparx Mathematics



Student	Year Group	SPARX XP Points
Moses Skaria	7	1,731
Eiryn Hunt	8	1,134
Tilly O'Shea	9	2,000
Alesh Uher	10	2,751
Jasmine Miles	11	1,539

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

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

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

[Extra-Curricular Opportunities Autumn 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 19 December 2025**

Safeguarding

Attendance and Achievement Are Linked

There is a direct link between good attendance and higher academic achievement. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to perform better in GCSEs and other assessments. Even small amounts of missed learning time can add up over the years.

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



Safeguarding at Sackville
PRIORITISING SAFETY & WELLBEING

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

Mrs Harper
Attendance Officer

Mr Endersby
CTL PE

Mrs Hunt
Assistant Headteacher

Ms Porter
Head of Sixth Form

Mr Groves
Deputy Head Sixth Form

Mrs Valentine
CTL Health and Social

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

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.

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.

Autumn Term

13 November - Photographer
20 November - Army
04 December - Airport/Skydiving

If your child would like to attend any of these, please ask them to complete this [Google form](#).

Medication, Illness and Vaccines

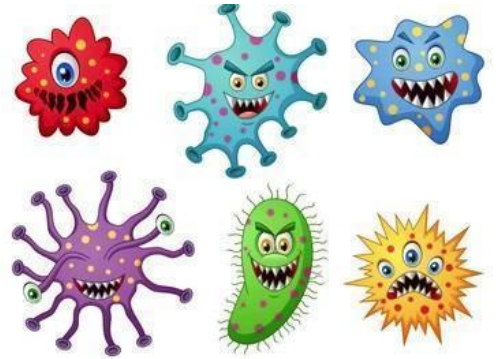
NHS Guidelines

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.



Asthma

With the winter season on our doorstep, we would like to update our records with the treatment plans for any of our students who suffer from asthma.

Please could you complete this [Google Form](#) as soon as possible.

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

Any unlabelled lost property this week can be found [here](#).

If lost property is labelled, it will be returned to communities, so students should also ask there.

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.

Vaccinations

Just a reminder of the following vaccination dates for this year as below:

Monday 17 November 2025 - Flu spray for Year 7-11

The consent is online and this was the [letter](#) sent out recently. If you have any queries please contact the immunisation team on 01273 696011 ext 2043.

External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Girls Self Defence

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

QR codes and social media icons (Instagram, Facebook)

Basketball Club

EAST GRINSTEAD STORM BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
SCHOOL YEARS 1-11

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

TUESDAYS @ IMBERHORNE UPPER
5-6.15 - YR 8-11

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

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Careers Event

Meet the Practitioner Careers Event

350 Careers. One NHS. Your Future.

Event Details

Tuesday 18th Nov 2025
5pm-8pm
East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, RH1 5RH

<https://www.surreyandsussex.nhs.uk/work-us/work-experience>

Explore exciting career paths within the NHS at the Meet the Practitioner Careers Event hosted by Surrey & Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, where you'll have the opportunity to connect with industry experts and discover the diverse roles that make up our healthcare system.

Register Now

Putting people first
Delivering excellent, accessible healthcare

U13 Football

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

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Monday 13th October 10-11:30am

Tuesday 11th November 7-8:30pm

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

£24.

Available to book now
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Student Action Cooperative

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025
9am-10am!
CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO Join the meeting now

The Hidden Weight: Marginalisation and Mental Health

The Student Action Cooperative

"The Hidden Weight: Marginalisation and Mental Health" will explore how injustice affects mental wellbeing. Students will explore ideas that show the connection between discrimination and mental health, as well as discover strategies for healing; including services to access, and strategies to fortify themselves and one another.

Work Experience

Work Experience
Join us to find out more about careers within the NHS

Are you aged 14 or older?
Are you keen to find out about the many roles available in the NHS?
We would like to invite you to join us for our work experience (WEX) events where you will get the opportunity to see how you could part of the NHS.
We are keen to show you how your career pathway could look by offering varied placements across our teams to help offer insights into shaping your future careers.

Previous work experience
We successfully held our first Work Experience event in July 2025 with over 27 students from all over Sussex taking part.
WEX students had placements in various teams including psychology, finance, digital, communications and physiotherapy.

What to do next
Head over to our website to find out more and complete an application form. You can access the application form here

Dates for your diary
27 - 31 October 2025
16 - 20 February 2025
27 - 31 July 2025
Link direct to our WEX webpages

We would love to hear from you, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

SpR.wex@nhs.net SussexPartnership.nhs.uk

SENCo Timetable

FACE November Timetable
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talks)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

Invitation to Thales - Insight Event



Invitation to Thales Crawley Insight Event – 13th November 2025

Would you like to learn more about the Thales apprenticeships? If so, join us for the Crawley Insight event on Thursday 13th November.

The Crawley Thales UK Insight evening will give you the opportunity to learn about our different business areas and what our apprenticeship programmes can offer you. Come and meet some of our current apprentices and find out what it is really like to be an apprentice at Thales. Our Future Talent team will also be there to give you advice on the application process and assessment centres and answer any questions you may have.

This event is for anyone interested in an apprenticeship with Thales, either ready to apply now for our September 2026 intake, or for future years.

Entrance is by invitation only, and we are only able to accept ticket requests from a school email address.

The following time slots will be available:

- Session One 17.00 – 17.45
- Session Two 18.00 – 18.45
- Session Three 19.00 – 19.45


To register for tickets please follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thales-crawley-apprenticeship-insight-event-13-november-2025-tickets-1734915532059?aff=oddticketwater>


This event is by invitation only. Spaces are restricted so tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. For any enquiries please contact support@uk.thalesgroup.com

Due to our strict security requirements, all attendees must be registered in advance, have photo ID, only arrive during the designated time slot and only register for one slot. We will also be operating a no bags policy on the night.

For more information about roles this year or future years, we have a graduate and apprentice future talent platform, where our future talent can engage with digital buddies and access information about Thales. Buddies will be able to offer insights on our roles, share information on what it's like to work at Thales and help develop their skills and knowledge on how to make a good application, as well as how to best perform at an assessment centre. To register scan the QR code:

Welcome to Thales Future Talent Connect platform.





A.I For Multi-Lingual Families

Using A.I to Enhance Accessibility and Communication For Multi-Lingual Families



Use to translate normative communication, for example everyday letters and correspondence, such as notification of non-school uniform days or nits in the class!

Use to adjust simple extended text formats, such as letters or generic support guides. Language can be chunked, dual-coded (visuals added), and transformed to accommodate literacy levels of the audience. Then translated too!

Can offer live translation (including text to speech, speech to text, and combined) options that could support informal conversations such as at drop off, pick up or reception support. This can be an effective way to **start** conversations.

Culturally competent relational practice which prioritises psychological and physical safety, and accessibility, should be felt and experienced by all community members. Please ask your Advisory Teacher for further support or information.

Not to be used in sensitive, confidential or complex scenarios (for example safeguarding). Relational practice is paramount and for the wellbeing of all involved such topic/agendas should be navigated carefully.

Jargon is rarely translated effectively or with integrity of meaning. Where such language cannot be avoided, or where loaded terminology will be used, human interpreters should be utilised.

Language proficiency varies significantly from language to language. Gaps in efficiency and accuracy will greatly undermine the understanding of all involved. Coproduction can only be achieved with all fully informed and acting with agency.

AI cannot replicate the human nature and experience of education and relationships. It cannot authentically develop interpersonal skills that interpreters/advocates can.

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