



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 17 November 2025 - Friday 21 November 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

I would like to start this week's message by saying just how fabulous our Year 11 students have been. Sitting their first mock exams can feel really daunting but they are doing brilliantly. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all the best as they go into week 2. The same applies to Year 10 who will be sitting their B&V mock exam on Monday.

Last night saw **Year 10** parents/carers, students and teachers coming together in the latest of our **Together We Achieve** events. It was fantastic to see such a packed hall for the Information Evening which included the launch of our KS4 Support Hub to the year group, a roadmap of the next 2 years, dedicated sessions on English, Maths and Science as well as a bespoke session on revision strategies, and more. If you were unable to attend please visit our website [HERE](#) for access to the presentations and KS4 Support Hub.

As we look further forward into the term ahead Year 13 have their Consultation Evening next Thursday 20 November. An important evening in the calendar as they move slowly towards their mock exams early next term and applications are ongoing for post-18 opportunities. We also have our annual **Winter Concert** coming up on Thursday 27 November, which I know will be another fabulous evening and opportunity to see our talented students perform. This is followed on **Friday 28 November with a staff training day so the school will be closed** to all students.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: B

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate With The Assistant Head

This week, I had the pleasure of being joined by students from the Yousafzai community to celebrate their achievements in this week's Hot Chocolate with the Assistant Head.

Essie M-K and Liv S (Year 7) who have shown excellent engagement in Year 7 and achieved over 165 achievement points, Charlie H and Bella R (Year 8) who are always focused and getting involved in form time and Learning 4 Life, Emily A, Naomi S and Carl E-S (Year 9) for their resilience, being positive and working hard in maths, Tate M-K (Year 11) has shown hard work in Year 11 so far and Gigi C (Year 12) for her amazing effort in the netball team and being an even better team mate.

Thank you all for your hard work and making us so proud.

Mr Alex Millican

Assistant Headteacher



Key Dates

Monday 17 November 2025

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Thursday 20 November 2025

Wednesday 26 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 7-11 Flu spray vaccinations

Uniform Pop Up Shop

Year 13 Consultation Evening

Parent Information Evening on Supporting Students'

Mental Health and Wellbeing

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

Absence and Appointments

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

Together We Achieve Programme

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

New Website

We are really excited that our new website is now 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.

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 will be on Thursday 27 November 2025 and we are excited to let you know that tickets are now on sale via the MCaS app, priced at £5 each. Families with students involved in the concert should receive an invitation/permission form in the next few days, which we kindly ask you to complete as promptly as possible. We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a great evening.

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, including not parking on double yellow lines, school safety zones and grass verges.

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.

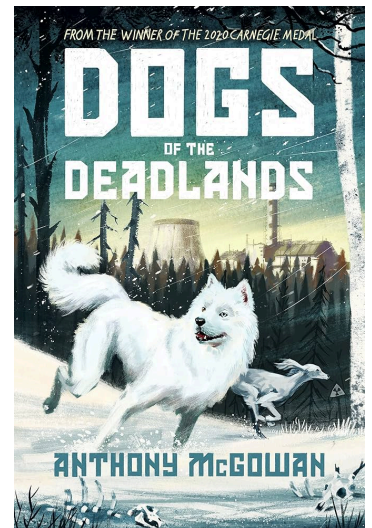
Book of the week

Recommended Book of the Week

Since last year we have been asking students to recommend their favourite books that they are currently reading at home or in the library. Each week we will share a new recommended read taken from our student suggestions. This week's recommendation comes from Year 8.

Dogs of the Deadlands by Anthony McGowan

A gripping survival tale set in the shadow of one of history's greatest disasters—the Chernobyl nuclear meltdown. When a family is torn apart by catastrophe, two loyal dogs, Zoya and Misha, are left behind in the radioactive wasteland. Abandoned, they must navigate a world where danger lurks in every shadow—from hostile humans to wild predators..



Commemorative Medal

Exclusive opportunity - Commemorative medal honouring the centenary of the birth of Queen Elizabeth II. We are delighted to offer families an exclusive opportunity to purchase the official Queen Elizabeth II Centenary Commemorative School Medal for just £2.99 from the Royal Mint. This communication has been shared with all schools.

Her late majesty was born on 21 April 1926. This special medal celebrates her birth and invites students to connect with a monumental period of British history.

The medal features a newly created, official portrait approved by King Charles II. It is a timeless tribute to Britain's longest reigning monarch, honouring her duty, loyalty and compassion throughout her remarkable 70 year reign. The medal measures 32mm and comes in a protective Perspex case. This medal allows students and families to hold history in their hands and celebrate the legacy of a queen who defined an era.

If you are interested in purchasing this exclusive commemorative medal for just £2.99, please log into your MCAS account and navigate to Products - Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative School Medal.

Christmas Box Competition





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In Support for East Grinstead Foodbank



With Christmas fast approaching and in support of East Grinstead Foodbank, we are holding a Christmas Box Competition. Each tutor group will be provided with a box and all students will be asked to bring in Christmas donations during tutor time, to fill these boxes. Students will receive community points for each item they donate and the tutor group with the most donations will win a prize!!

Suggested items include:

- Stuffing
 - Gravy
 - Cranberry sauce
 - Corned beef
 - Large tins of ham
 - cheese straws
 - bread sticks
 - Jelly pots/packets
 - Pringles
 - Tubs mini cheddars/twiglets
 - Chocolate spread
 - Chutney/pickle
 - Boxes of cheese crackers
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- Chocolate Christmas pudding
 - Box of chocolate biscuits
 - Box of dates
 - tubs quality street/heroes/celebrations
 - bars of dairy milk chocolate
 - chocolate coins
 - selection boxes
 - Gift tags
 - Sellotape
 - Christmas crackers
 - Rolls of wrapping paper
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Please can all donations be brought in by **3pm Monday 8th December 2024**, so we can count up all the items and arrange for the boxes to be passed on to East Grinstead Foodbank in support of those who need it in our local community, in time for Christmas

Community Project - Girl's Group

It started with a simple question, asked to a group of Y11 girls in the Girl's Empowerment Group. *'If you could improve one thing and leave a legacy for the girls at Sackville, what would it be?'*



'The PE changing room' was an immediate answer. So, with the support of Miss Mitchell, we took a trip up there and made a wishlist to improve the facilities.



The room was an uninspiring salmon pink and looked very dated and scruffy, it was definitely due for a freshen up.

Plans were put in place and a small group of Y11 girls along with some willing staff including Miss Wright, Miss Mitchell and Mr Harrison started to get to work. Freshened up walls, painted and refurbished racks and new curtains for the cubicles and phase 1 of the improvements are complete. There's some more work to be done to continue to make this as an inspiring area for girls PE but we are proud of the work we have done so far.

Miss Wright, Miss Mitchell and the Girls Group

Parent Information Evening - Supporting Students Mental Health and Wellbeing

We are pleased to invite you to our Parent Information Evening on Supporting Students' Mental Health and Wellbeing, taking place on Wednesday 26 November 2025, from 4.30pm to 6.00pm in the Main Hall.

The event will provide valuable information, practical strategies, and guidance on how we can work together to support young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the support available both in school and within the wider community.

If you would like to attend, please sign up via the link on MCAS to help us plan for numbers.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support our students' wellbeing.

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

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Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email, safeguarding@mysackville.co.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	 We are here if...
 Mrs Harper Attendance Officer	 Mr Endersby CTL PE	 Mrs Hunt Assistant Headteacher	...you feel down or sad
 Ms Porter Head of Sixth Form	 Mr Groves Deputy Head Sixth Form	 Mrs Valentine CTL Health and Social	...something is bothering you
 Email us confidentially by scanning the QR code below:			...you are concerned about a friend

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

Mrs Harper - aharper@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Groves - hgroves@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Valentine - hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk

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

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

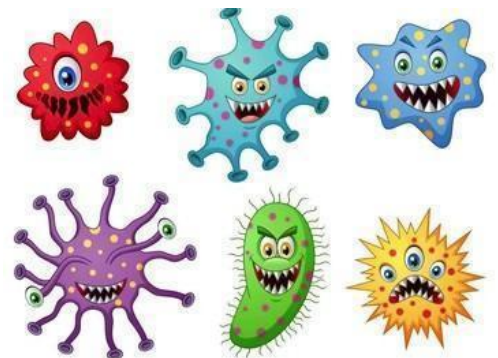
To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should 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

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter icons

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







SENCo Timetable

 November Timetable <small>All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 30 minutes long</small> £24 each or FREE with School Membership <small>Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk</small> <small>Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)</small>	
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





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

EMTAS
Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service



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-17349155320597?aff=odid@creator>

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@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.

