



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 24 November 2025 - Friday 28 November 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

This week has truly had a little bit of everything: mock examinations (a huge well done to Year 11 and Year 10 for their efforts), flu vaccinations, an inspiring 'Physics in Action' trip, our Community Competition, great lessons, and even the odd bit of snow thrown in for good measure!

Next week some of our practical subjects have moderation days and exams, such as Year 11 Rock Climbing and Year 13 Performing Arts. We also have our wonderful Winter Concert to look forward to. This is always a lovely event to get us into the festive spirit ahead of the **INSET day on Friday 28 November**.

Before we know it, we will be in December with an important final three weeks of term to come before a much-deserved break for all students and staff.

Thank you, and have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate With The Head

It was a highlight of my week to meet with students from the Attenborough Community, accompanied by Deputy Community Leader, Miss Parchment.

I want to congratulate Henry (Year 7), Naila and Finley (Year 8), Lorena and Miya (Year 9), Ellie and Cameron (Year 10), and Mia and Jasmine (Year 11). These students were nominated for embodying our core school values, Resilience, Community, Ambition, and Integrity—and for their consistently positive attitude toward learning.

A special mention also goes to Albi and Clara (Year 13), who delivered such eloquent poetry readings during our live Remembrance Day broadcast.

Well done to every one of you. You are shining examples of the fantastic young people we have the privilege of working with at Sackville.



Key Dates

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Thursday 27 November 2025

Friday 28 November 2025

Thursday 04 December 2025

Friday 05 December 2025

Monday 08 December 2025

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Thursday 11 December 2025

Monday 15 December 2025

Tuesday 16 December 2025

Monday 02 February 2026

Thursday 08 January 2025

Parent Information Evening on Supporting Students' Mental Health and Wellbeing

Winter Concert

Inset Day

Gym and Dance Display

Year 11 into 12 Taster Day

San Francisco - Parent Meeting - 6pm

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Year 8 Information Evening

Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening

Disneyland Paris - Parent Meeting - 6pm

Christmas Carol Service - St Swithuns

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Year 12 Information Evening

Notice board

Team Turing needs your help

Our Turing Charity groups have decided that after last year's success of our blue tombola we would like to hold another charity blue tombola before christmas in aid of our chosen charities Dogs Trust and Raystede.

Please can any blue donations be brought to the Turing office before Thursday 11 December 2025.



We are also on the look out for any blue/silver/white christmas decorations if anyone has any that are surplus to requirements to help turn our Turing office into a blue Turing christmas wonderland.



Thank you to all our families for your continuing support.

Mrs Gill Sands

Turing Community Leader

Annual Voice of the Child Survey - Sussex Police

For the past four years, Sussex Police have conducted an annual safety survey for young people.

The purpose of the survey is to collect the voice of children and young people from around the county so that chief officers gain a greater understanding of how safe those young people feel in their communities, and what work/support we can put in place to improve this.

The more voices we can collect, the more effective and positive the change can be.

Please could we ask you to complete the survey.

<https://sussexpolice.welcomesyourfeedback.net/voc25>

PC Nick Mangan EA509

Neighbourhood Youth Officer

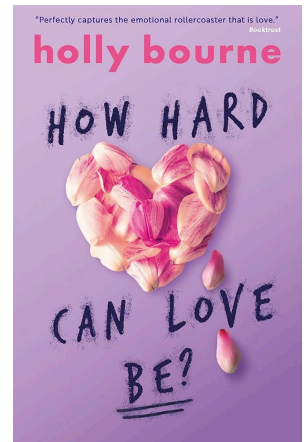
Crawley and Mid Sussex Neighbourhood Policing Team

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.

How Hard Can Love Be? by Holly Bourne

The novel follows Amber as she escapes to an American summer camp, where unexpected romance and emotional growth challenge everything she thought she knew about love and herself. Funny, heartfelt, and empowering, it's the perfect read if you want a feel-good story with sharp wit and big emotions.



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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing | <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Christmas pudding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gravy | <input type="checkbox"/> Box of chocolate biscuits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Box of dates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corned beef | <input type="checkbox"/> tubs quality street/heroes/celebrations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large tins of ham | <input type="checkbox"/> bars of dairy milk chocolate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cheese straws | <input type="checkbox"/> chocolate coins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bread sticks | <input type="checkbox"/> selection boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly pots/packets | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift tags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pringles | <input type="checkbox"/> Sellotape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tubs mini cheddars/twiglets | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas crackers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate spread | <input type="checkbox"/> Rolls of wrapping paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chutney/pickle | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boxes of cheese crackers | |



Please can all donations be brought in by **3pm Monday 8th December 2025**, 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

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 under clubs to help us plan for numbers.

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



**Celebrate Thanksgiving
with an American themed lunch**



**Thursday
27th
November**



**American
themed
food in the
canteen
and the pod**



Sparx Mathematics



Student	Year Group	SPARX XP Points
Teddy Lavan	7	3,510
Levana Renju	8	1,635
Ava Taylor	9	2,349
Poppy Roberts	10	2,280
Autumn Taylor	11	1,797

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

Ski trip February 2026

We may have one or two places opening up for the upcoming ski trip in February 2026 to Andorra. Any interested skiers and families should contact me as soon as possible by email:

dgerretsen@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Mr Daan Gerretsen

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

Social interaction is a huge part of school life, especially during the teenage years. Being in school every day helps students stay connected, develop friendships, and avoid feeling isolated or left out. Regular attendance supports not just academic growth, but emotional wellbeing too.

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



Safeguarding Leads:

 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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Safeguarding Team:

 Mr Cowlin Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Quigley Assistant Headteacher	 Ms Meloni Headteacher
 Mrs Harper Attendance Officer	 Mr Endersby CTL PE	 Ms 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

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

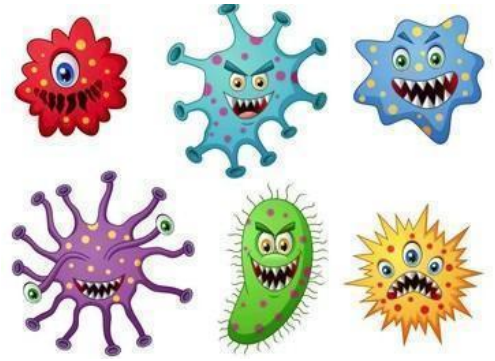
NHS Guidelines

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, we will email home and hand it to students directly, students can also ask in their community.

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

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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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 

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.awffc.net Charity No 1136711

SENCo Timetable



Merry Christmas!
December 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 Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

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




Crochet Club



Crochet Club B11

New Club!

What will **YOU** crochet?

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

EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME IN B11

Adopt and Animal



ADOPT AN ANIMAL AT ST PIERS FARM

St Piers School & College

£30 per year

WHAT'S INCLUDED:
Newsletter
Certificate
Photo updates

An ideal gift!

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

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

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