



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 15 December 2025 - Friday 20 December 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

My highlight of this week was finishing the judging of the **Big Reveal competition** with Mr Street. We were delighted that so many form groups and staff took part this year and with such creative ideas. Now comes the difficult task of judging but the most important thing is the sense of community and belonging that tutor groups and staff have got from participating. Look out for photos and results in the Sackville News next week.

This week we also had a group of **Year 8 Families** join us for an **Information Evening** that covered important topics such as Literacy, Languages and Extra-curricular provision. As always, it would be great to see more families join us for these short events that helps to bring some of the information we share in written form to life and gives you a crucial opportunity to ask questions.

The following night we hosted the first of our Year 11 Consultation Evenings and it was great to see the hall and Sackville centre full and hear the buzz of productive conversation. All families were given a handy post-mock information booklet so if you were unable to attend, please ask your child to visit their Community Base for a copy or you can click on the Year 11 Support Hub on our [website](#) for an electronic version.

Don't forget that next week is our annual **Carol Service at St Swinthan's Church on Tuesday**. Everyone is welcome and it is a great way to celebrate the run into the festive season.

End of term

As we move into the final week of term, there will be a focus on lessons as usual right up to the last day at which point we will come together as a community to celebrate the end of term and how hard the students have worked. Students also have the opportunity to book in for a festive Christmas lunch on one day next week for their year group. This can be booked up through the MCAS app.

Reminder: Students will finish school slightly earlier than usual on Friday at 12.00pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: B

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate With The Head

It was a bumper week for Hot Choc with the Head this week as I held a special meeting with a group of Year 11 Food Tech students. I loved looking through photographs of their work and getting them to explain their planning process and techniques used. They were all able to articulate this incredibly well and are already contemplating the feedback they received ready for their next attempts.

Later in the week, I was joined by a fantastic group of students from the Angelou Community along with Stanley from Holmes and Rhiannon from Year 13 who spoke so well about our unique L.I.F.E. programme we have in the Sixth Form, that really helps set our young people up for life beyond 18, whether that be further study or moving into the workplace. If you would like to find out more about this or our Sixth Form in general, please contact a member of the Sixth Form team.

As always, we discussed reasons for students' nominations which ranged from the most Sackville Stars gained in lessons through to showing general positivity and kindness and community spirit in school.

Well done to them all.

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher



Key Dates

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Monday 15 December 2025

Tuesday 16 December 2025

Wednesday 17 December 2025

Friday 19 December 2025

Monday 05 January 2026

Thursday 08 January 2025

Monday 02 February 2026

Disneyland Paris - Parent Meeting - 6pm

Christmas Carol Service - St Swithuns

Angelou Charity Movie Night

Last Day of Term - 12pm finish

Return to school

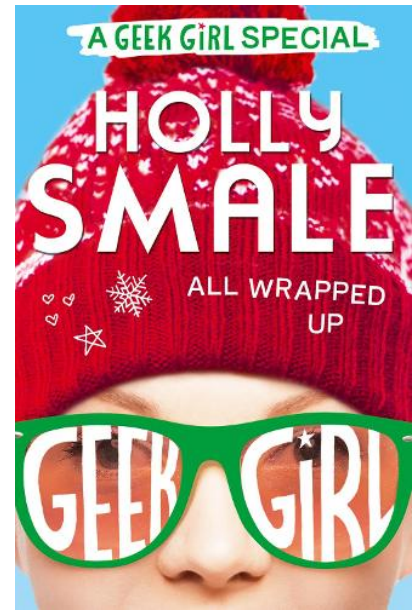
Year 12 Information Evening

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Notice board

Book of the Week

All Wrapped Up follows Harriet Manners as she stumbles through a funny, festive holiday crush. It's a sweet, light story that shows how even awkward moments can turn into something special. Recommended by Year 7, Attenborough. Next week we will be sharing a holiday reading list with recommendations from staff and our Year 7 and 8 reading champions.



Library - Tree of Thanks

Christmas has arrived early in the library! We have lots of festive reads, including new fiction books and Christmas cooking and craft books for creating some festive treats. This year, as part of the Christmas decorations in the library we have a Tree of Thanks. This is an opportunity to think about someone you'd like to say thank you to in the run up to Christmas. If you'd like to add a thank you label to our tree, please pop into the library at break or lunchtime.

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

Donations can come to the Attendance Office if you have any, or the child's tutor group

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!

Safeguarding

What You Miss Matters

Criminal groups sometimes target vulnerable teens to carry drugs or money ("county lines"). Warning signs include unexplained money, gifts, phone changes, or secrecy. Teach your child to spot manipulative behaviour, and let them know they can talk to you if something feels off—even if they've made a mistake.

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



Mr Cowlin
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Quigley
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Meloni
Headteacher

We are here
if...



...you feel down or sad
...something is bothering
you
...you are concerned
about a friend



Ms Harper
Attendance Officer



Mr Endersby
CIT PE



Mrs Hunt
Assistant Headteacher

...you are concerned
about a friend



Ms Porter
Head of Sixth Form



Mr Groves
Deputy Head Sixth Form



Mrs Valentine
GTL 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 |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Leia Wheatley | 7 | 2,335 |
| Joey Metz | 8 | 3,966 |
| Masha Sultani | 9 | 1,330 |
| Ethan Geraghty | 10 | 1,915 |
| Autumn Taylor | 11 | 2,886 |

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](#)
- [Catering Assistant](#) - Closing Monday 15 December 2025

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**

Futures - Find It Out Thursday

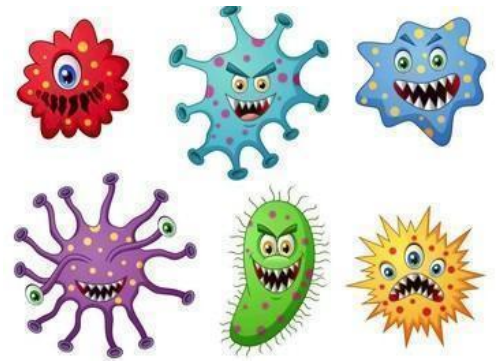
This is a chance for students to explore different professions and learn from those that are in that industry and can give a first hand experience. Different industries are highlighted each week and students have the opportunity to attend one talk per half term. When these terms talks have been confirmed, 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.

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**

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



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

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

| 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 |

| Merry Christmas! December 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) | |
| 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 |

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

ActivelySafe

GIRL'S SELF DEFENCE

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

Winter Holiday Activities

west sussex music

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

Supported youth public funding by
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SIGN UP HERE

west sussex music

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

SIGN UP HERE

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 Trinity College. Trinity College is an approved member of The National Centre for Farm Animal Welfare (NCFAW) (Charitable Trust). Registered Charity Number 1071 (England and Wales).





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: [THESKATECLUB.COM/HOLIDAYSKATECLUB](http://theskateclub.com/holidayskateclub)

TAX-FREE CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED





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

EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME IN B11

What will YOU CROCHET?



Christmas Carol Service - St Swithun's Church

SACKVILLE SCHOOL

Christmas Carol Service

THE HEADTEACHER OF SACKVILLE SCHOOL, JO MELONI, WARMLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN HER, THE GOVERNORS, STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2025

6.15PM FOR 6.30PM START

ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH, EAST GRINSTEAD. REFRESHMENTS SERVED BY OUR GOVERNORS IN THE HALL AFTER THE SERVICE

RSVP to Katie Dawson
kdawson@sackvilleschool.org.uk
 01342 410140

By Monday 15 December 2025 - 3.00pm

