



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 08 December 2025 - Friday 12 December 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been another productive week, with the absolute highlight being our Gym and Dance show. We had a record number of students taking part, around 350 and they all performed brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of them, and I know many of you shared that pride in our packed-out audience.

Events like this remind us that young people develop a strong sense of belonging and personal growth not just from lessons, but from coming to school every day and seizing opportunities.

While academic outcomes are vital, maintaining strong attendance (above 96%) is the key that unlocks that sense of belonging, self-confidence, and the ability to build meaningful relationships with peers and staff. Armed with these tools, we know our students flourish.

How we can help: If you have questions about your child's attendance, or if you have noticed changes such as increased requests to stay home, arriving later than usual, or struggling with specific lessons, please do get in touch.

By working together as early as possible, we can put the right support in place to help your child get the most out of school and set them up for success.

This final two weeks of term will be as productive as ever. We have a Year 8 Information Evening on Wednesday 10 December, and the Year 11 Consultation Evening Thursday 11 December, a crucial follow-up to recent mock examinations.

Then in the final week we have our annual Christmas Carol Service Tuesday 16 December at St Swithan's Church, Celebration Assemblies, Christmas lunch, Community fundraising charity events, our Sackville Big Reveal results and a Festive Jumper day on the last day of term. There is so much for students to be getting involved with and succeeding in, alongside the important work that goes on inside the classroom every day.

Have a lovely weekend

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate With The Head

It was a delight this week to meet with students from the Holmes Community, alongside two fantastic Year 12 students from Yousafzai, Carmela and Lucie.

It was a lovely chatty group led by Lucie and Carmela who put Uzayr and Ben in Year 7, Joey in Year 8, Emily in Year 9 and Ellie in Year 11 all at ease, by asking them questions about school and their hobbies. In fact, they were so good I almost felt surplus to requirements!

It was great to hear about all of the clubs and activities they were part of, as well as how they were getting in in their lessons. The number of Sackville Starts received was a hot topic of conversation too!

Well done to each of them on their hard work and attitudes. Meeting our Sackville Values and SWAY in every way.

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher



Key Dates

Monday 08 December 2025
Wednesday 10 December 2025
Thursday 11 December 2025
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

San Francisco - Parent Meeting - 6pm
Year 8 Information Evening
Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
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

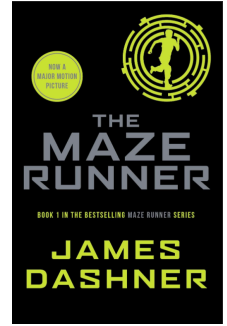
Notice board

Book of the Week

***The Maze Runner (series)* by James Dashner**

The Maze Runner is a fast-paced, suspenseful thriller that drops readers into a deadly labyrinth where survival depends on teamwork and courage. With high-stakes action and constant twists, it's a gripping read that keeps you racing to the end.

Recommended by Year 8, Holmes



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

Holmes Heroes



Christmas Box Competition





Christmas Box Competition

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



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

Mental Health Month

We are delighted to share that this year's Mental Health Month has been one of our most successful yet. Throughout the month, our school community came together to raise awareness, support one another, and help promote positive wellbeing for students, staff, and families.

A heartfelt **thank you** goes out to all the parents and carers who contributed so generously—whether by donating cakes and bakes for our fundraiser, providing raffle prizes for staff, or attending our Mental Health Drop-In Evening. Your involvement and enthusiasm made each event feel warm, supportive, and truly community-driven. We would also like to give a special shout-out to the wonderful staff members who embraced the challenge of growing moustaches in support of **November**. Their efforts not only sparked plenty of smiles but also helped raise money and awareness for men's mental health.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make Mental Health Month such a meaningful and uplifting success. Your kindness and participation continue to make our school a place where wellbeing is valued and supported.



Year 8 Information Evening

Sign up on MCAS for the Year 8 Information Evening being held on Wednesday 10 December 2025, where families and students can find out more information about mental health and wellbeing support, promoting a love of reading, the extracurricular activities on offer and helping your child to learn languages at home.



Attenborough Christmas Fair

Following on from the success of last year's Easter event we are bringing a lunchtime Christmas Fair to Sackville next Friday in the D-Block Hall. We are raising funds for Cancer Research this year and would love students from across the school to share in the fun. Hope to see you there!

Sam Ellis

Head of Community and Teacher of Languages



Family Focus Group

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent FFG meeting on school attendance. We had a really positive discussion about the barriers to school attendance and some of the strategies / communications we can put in place to support families with attendance.

Mr Street and Mr Millican started the session by summarising the school's strategies for engaging with students and encouraging good attendance which are outlined in the document [here](#).

Safeguarding

What You Miss Matters

It is easy to think, "It's just one day," but students often miss more than just lessons—they miss discussions, group work, teacher feedback, and peer support. These moments can't always be caught up through homework alone.

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	 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

Sparx Mathematics



Student	Year Group	SPARX XP Points
Oliver Bergjford	7	3,291
Rihanna Hilmi	8	3,070
Valeria Syvun	9	1,265
Peri Coban	10	1,526
Mea Mulligan	11	1,730

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](#)

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

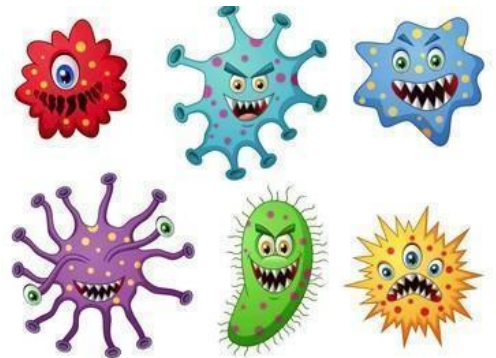
This is a chance for students to explore different professions and learn from those that are in that industry and can give a first hand experience. Different industries are highlighted each week and students have the opportunity to attend one talk per half term. When these terms talks have been confirmed,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

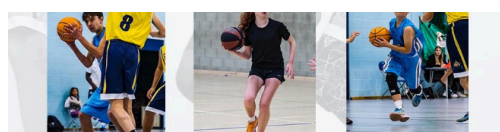
Please can we ask that you check the lost property list above for items missing and encourage students to look in lost property for their missing items. Can we remind parents to name everything for a much higher chance of relocating lost property to their rightful owner.

External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Basketball Club



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



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

 **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

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)

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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

QR codes for Instagram and Facebook.



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, BN11 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
 £30 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

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St Piers School & College

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Holiday Skate Club

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EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
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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




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 create?



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

