



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 9 March 2026 - Friday 13 March 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been lovely for the students to be able to get outside in the fresh air a bit more this week with the dry weather. The weather has also been a welcome change for our sports teams who have been pitting themselves against other schools this week. Congratulations to our U14 Boys Football team who came out victorious in the District cup final against Warden Park this week, winning 5-0.

In other news our students have been taking part in a number of World Book Day activities this week and the latest of our Communities to start their morning with a wellbeing-mile community walk were Holmes. What better way to start the day.

If you would like to keep up to date with what our students are up to, please follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), or via our [website](#).

Finally, we have our next Families Focus group meeting next week. Please see below for details and sign up if you are able to come along. It would be fantastic to see some new parents/carers come along to hear about a particular aspect of school development and have your say in a collaborative space.

I hope you all have lovely weekends.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate With The Head



We had a wonderful group of students from the Yousafzai Community receiving nominations this week. I was joined by Henry and Archie (Year 7); Jacob and Megan (Year 8); Sasha (Year 10) and Rosie (Year 13). It was a pleasure to hear about what they all enjoy about school and to learn about their hobbies and interests and the clubs they have attended or looking forward to in the summer term.

What a perfect start to my day.

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Key Dates

Tuesday 10 March 2026
Wednesday 11 March 2026

Thursday 12 March - Saturday 14 March 2026
Monday 16 March 2026
Wednesday 18 March 2026
Thursday 19 March 2026

Friday 20 March 2026
Tuesday 24 March 2026
Wednesday 25 March 2026
Wednesday 25 March - Saturday 28 March 2026
Friday 27 March 2026
Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April 2026
Tuesday 21 April 2026

Wednesday 06 May 2026
Monday 13 July 2026

Year 12 and 13 Spanish Trip to BFL, London
A Level Art and Photography Trip
Families Focus Group 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Year 12 Biology Trip to Bodyworlds, Berlin
Year 7 History Trip to the Tower of London
Uniform Pop Up Shop 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning 9.30am - 11.00am
Year 11 Consultation Evening
Debate Club - Public Speaking Competition
Online Parent Carer Forum 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Primary Dance Festival 2.00pm - 6.00pm
Year 12 Geography Field Trip
Early Closure 12.00pm
HALF TERM
Year 7 Workshop - Lindsay Galvin (**Rearranged from January**)
Year 7 Workshop - Dead Poets Live
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Notice board

Families Focus Group

Our next Families Focus Group meeting will take place at Sackville on **Wednesday 11 March at 6.00pm**. These meetings provide an important opportunity for open dialogue, updates and discussion, and are available to all parents and carers. The agenda for Wednesday's meeting is as follows:

1. Challenge Partners Feedback
2. Culture for Learning Communication
3. Teaching and Learning - What does this look like at Sackville?
4. AOB

Please use this [Google Form](#) to secure your place by **Tuesday 10 March 2026**. This will also ensure we know how many to cater for. We look forward to seeing you there.

Paul Street

NOTICE - Mrs Slater Food Tech Students

Students who have Mrs Slater for food tech will not have any cooking the week beginning Monday 9 March 2026, due to practical exams.

International Women's Day and Equity at Sackville

We are proud to celebrate International Women's Day this year along with our theme for the week of equity!

To mark this occasion, our message to all members of the Sackville Community is "Give to Gain", prompting us to think about what we can do in our community to empower and promote equality and equity amongst all genders. There will be some exciting opportunities for all students to get involved with on Friday 13th March:

- To donate to the green and purple sweet and ribbon sale, where all money raised will be allocated to the Student Leadership Team, to fund a project or improvement in the school to raise gender equality and equitability.
- A pledge wall, where we invite students to reflect on the actions they can take to break down gender stereotypes and celebrate the successes of all.
- To wear a green or purple t-shirt or top to show their support of International Women's Day and Equity at Sackville School



Arthur and Walter's Charity Bike Ride

One Island. Two bikes. 4,900 feet of elevation. Arthur, 12 and Walter, 9 are cycling around the Isle of Wight to raise money for their schools. This is not just a flat ride by the seaside; it is a gruelling test of endurance with more ups and downs than a yo-yo!

They are pushing their pedals to the limit tackling over 18 hills and climbing over 4900ft in elevation to hit their fundraising goal.

If you can spare a few pounds to support their schools, they would be incredibly grateful. Let's help them conquer the hills!



Here is the [link](#). Which can also be found by searching - One Island Two Bikes

Free Taster Sessions - Ariel Drama Academies

We are very excited to announce that we will be offering FREE trial sessions at our East Grinstead Academy from Saturday 21st March onwards!

This follows our upcoming showcase on 15th March, and we would love to invite anyone interested in performing arts to come and see what we're all about.

If you're curious about training with Ariel and would like to experience the energy, creativity, and talent of our students, we're offering complimentary tickets to attend our showcase at The Hawth Theatre on 15 March.

Parents are very welcome to attend free of charge too.

If you would like to take us up on this offer, please send your ticket request to Holly Whitmore (hwhitmore@sackvilleschool.org.uk). For more details, please contact Nicci Hopson on 01444 250407, or visit arielct.com.

We can't wait to welcome you to the show , and maybe to Ariel Drama Academy, East Grinstead!



Safeguarding

Avoiding Catch-Up Stress

Students who miss school often feel overwhelmed trying to catch up. Regular attendance prevents this snowball effect, helping your child stay on top of their learning and reducing stress.

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.

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

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Ms Porter - mporter@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Cowlin - pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk

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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 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
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 Mr Cowlin Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Quigley Assistant Headteacher	 Mrs Meloni Headteacher
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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:



 Ms Porter Head of Sixth Form	 Mr Groves Deputy Head Sixth Form	 Mrs Valentine CTL Health and Social
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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

Together We Achieve

Please find the live link to our Together We Achieve Programme here - [Together We Achieve 2025-26](#)

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

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

[Extra-Curricular Opportunities Spring 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.

We see the return of:

Music Tech Group - Mondays after school

Sackville Singers - Wednesday lunchtime

Y11 Band - Thursday after school (just for a few more weeks up to leavers assembly!)

KS3 Band - Fridays after school

Racket Sports - Monday after School in the sports hall

Please sign up via MCAS

Mr Ashley Vallally-Godfrey

Associate Assistant Headteacher

Sackville News

We also publish a half termly newsletter and the latest edition can be seen here: [Sackville Newsletter](#).

Next publication date: **Friday 28 March 2026**

Current Vacancies

We have two support staff roles 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:

- [Community Pastoral Assistant](#) - closing date 16 March 2026
- [Exam Invigilators](#)



Sackville School
Pastoral Assistant
Grade 4 - pro-rata £21,548 - £21,890
Full Time - 37 hours a week, term time only

Required April 2026
Closing date: 16 March 2026
Interview: 19 March 2026

ABOUT YOU

- ARE YOU ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT WORKING WITH FAMILIES AND STUDENTS?
- DO YOU HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND ASPIRATIONS FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE?
- ARE YOU A GOOD COMMUNICATOR WITH EXCELLENT ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS?
- ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?

ABOUT US

- SUCCESSFUL AND OVERSUBSCRIBED 11-18 SCHOOL
- EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- A SCHOOL WITH A GENUINE COMMUNITY FEEL
- FREE USE OF ON SITE GYM AND RUNNING TRACK
- STAFF TEA EVERY THURSDAY
- FRIDAY FITNESS WITH STAFF FOOTBALL AND STAFF ZUMBA
- OUR VERY OWN OBSERVATORY ON SITE!
- GREAT STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES

For further information and to download an application form see working at Sackville School www.sackvilleschool.org.uk

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Futures - Find It Out Thursday

Find it out Thursdays

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.

Next term we have talks on Finance, Marketing and Consultancy and Venture Capital. Please use the google form to book on this [link](#).

We are always looking for people to come in and speak to students about their jobs and professions. Would you be willing to share your experience and join part of our Find it out Thursday program? Please contact Helen Smith on hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

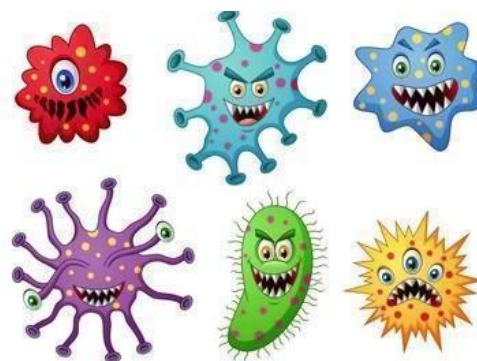
Medication, Illness and Vaccines

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.

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

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.

Please find the up to date lost property list [here](#).

External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Meridian Rotary



Meridian Rotary 
Rotary Colour Run

Raising Funds for
Cut out Cancer

Sunday 19th April 2026
 East Grinstead Sports Club, St Hill Road, RH19 4JU
 Starts 10:00am

Adults £18 Children 5-15 £12, Family of four £50.00
 Ticket includes white T shirt and novelty sunglasses

www.ticketsource.co.uk/meridian-rotary-colour-run
 meridianrotary.co.uk

East Grinstead Sports Club is proud to be the location of the Colour Run
 Come and join the fun for a great cause

 **CUT OUT CANCER**

Scan the QR Code for your tickets



Lingfield Circus



Sunday 21 June 2026

 
Lingfield Circus
 is coming to town!

 Doors open: 12:30pm
 Show starts: 1:30pm
 Racecourse Road, Lingfield, RH7 6PQ
 Ticket price: £15
 Family price: £55

Join us for a spectacular family fun day.
 Happy Circus brings its unique, accessible non-animal show to Lingfield!
 Expect laughter, acrobatics and unforgettable entertainment for all ages.

Come along, enjoy the show & support
St Piers and Dormansland Primary School

Funds raised through ticket sales go to St Piers and Dormansland Primary School

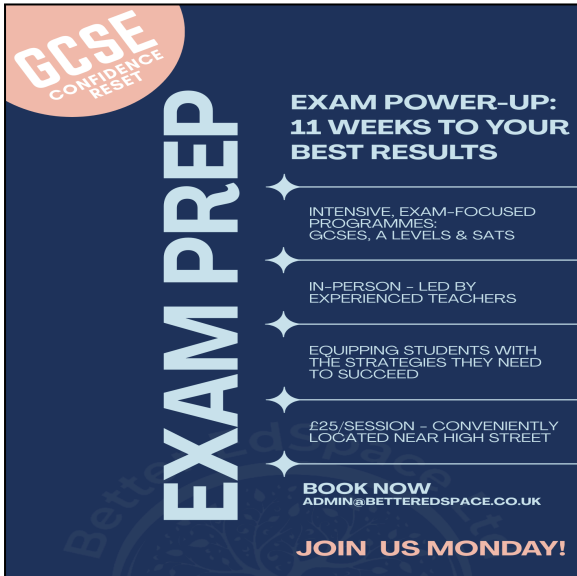


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LEARN NEW SKILLS
HAVE FUN
PERFORM!!

SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE TRIAL TODAY!

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10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY TOUR

1100ft Inflatable Obstacle Course
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SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND
9th-10th MAY 2026

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for 10% ALL TICKETS

Mud Monsters Run

Fun mud & obstacle run!



Use code:
SACKVILLE
For 5% off & 10% donation

Kids run for ages 4-12




Free Photos, Medal and much more...

Next event 17 May 2026
East Grinstead
3km, 5km or 10km options
Fun obstacles
Kids run on same day (2km)
www.mudmonstersrun.co.uk



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Sussex Dance Company

SDC THE SUSSEX DANCE COMPANY **East Grinstead**

NEW DANCE CLASSES COMING TO
EAST GRINSTEAD | **AGES 10-16**

Spring Term 2026

STARTING APRIL 18TH 2026

Lyrical | Commercial Street Dance | Contemporary
Tricks, Turns & Leaps



Venue: Imberhorne Upper School
ULTIMATE TASTER WORKSHOP |
7TH MARCH 2026 @ 2:30-4:30PM
£18 PER PERSON
£2 DISCOUNT FOR SACKVILLE STUDENTS
REGISTER ONLINE
www.sussexdancecompany.co.uk

The Juno Project

THE JUNO PROJECT Raising resilient girls in the digital age - online offer for parents!

Do you have a daughter approaching, or in, her teenage years?

Join us for a 2-hour virtual workshop that will help you gain clearer insight into the challenges your daughter may be facing.

We will share simple tools and guidance to help you support her emotional growth through the teenage years and build practical strategies that suit you and your family.

Thursday 7th May
Online
2pm- 4pm **OR** 6.30pm-8.30pm
Suggested: £15
Low cost/benefits: £5



Scan QR for registration form

Find out more about our work:
<https://bit.ly/JunoOurStory>



Photo of the Week

Lilly S in year 11 focussing on reflections within photography

