



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 16 March 2026 - Friday 20 March 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been another busy week as we hosted another training day for aspiring leaders from other schools in conjunction with the SSAT; we had a film crew in gathering footage of some of the things we are doing to support positive belonging in school for a West Sussex County Council led project to help get all young people back into school to pre-pandemic levels of attendance.

We also welcomed a lovely group of young people from other schools who are looking to join our Sixth Form in September. A group of fabulous Year 10 students received some amazing training from an organisation called Coach Bright, also in conjunction with the SSAT. They are being trained as young leaders and will eventually be coaching a group of year 7 students. Coaching is such a powerful way to help people grow and develop and it is great to see that as well as using it with teachers and leaders, our students will be getting the direct benefit.

We also ran trips to London and Berlin, numerous sports fixtures, and we ended the week by marking the end of a few weeks looking at Equity with an Equalities day on Friday.

Next week is no less busy..! We have events such as an exciting history trip for year 7 to the Tower of London, year 8 Safer You special workshops, School Book Fair, an English event where a group of young orators will pit themselves against the three other Federation schools in our annual Oracy event; we also have students representing the school in a maths competition; year 10 mock interviews, year 11 oral exams and more amazing sports opportunities with a DofE expedition to round off the week...to name a few.

I am really proud to lead this team of colleagues, for their hard work and commitment to making learning at Sackville so exciting and varied for our young people. And to so many of our students, for rising to the challenge working hard in lessons and making the most of other opportunities in offer. We would love to see even more students getting involved with our wide variety of enriching activities, including clubs and community competitions. As part of this, we are looking at ways for you and your child to be able to track their engagement over the course of their time at Sackville so we can celebrate their engagement and achievements outside the classroom just as much as inside. More on this in the coming months.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate With The Head



As ever, it was the highlight of my week to host this week's Hot Choc with the Head, this week with students from the Holmes community.

A busy room with lots of achievements to celebrate; Luke (year 7) has received so many Sackville stars for his hard work and always being positive, Eloise (year 7) was nominated for being an excellent representative and always volunteering for community events; Albina and Matilda (year 8) for always being positive and kind, and for always trying, even when things get tough; Samantha and Kian (year 9) for being brilliant charity representatives and Kian for helping Mrs Richards with the community chess competition; Jacob and Sebastian (year 10) again for positive, hardworking and consistent attitudes and effort; Sanulya and Zayn (year 11) have worked exceptionally hard which has paid off with fantastic mock results. Finally, Caitlin and Molly in Year 12 for all their help at the recent year 9 consultation evening.

Keep up the good work.

Ms Jo Meloni

Headteacher

Key Dates

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

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

Tuesday 21 April 2026

Wednesday 06 May 2026

Monday 13 July 2026

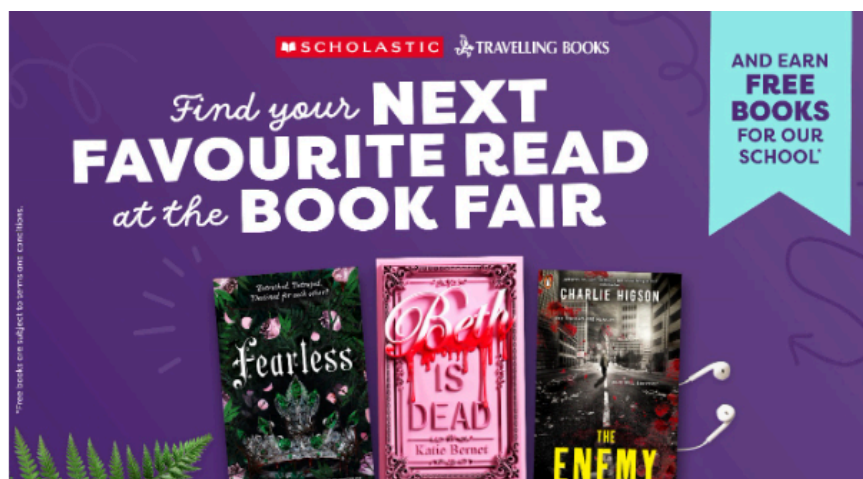
Year 7 Workshop - Lindsay Galvin (**Rearranged from January**)

Year 7 Workshop - Dead Poets Live

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Notice board

Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting the school **from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th March** in the LRC.

Come along to the LRC for a chance to buy some great reads at fabulous prices and earn some free books for your school.

Families Focus Group (FFG) - Wednesday 11 March 2026

Thank you to everyone who joined our recent FFG meeting. Ms Meloni opened the meeting by updating parents and carers on the national landscape in education and the impact those developments will have on Sackville School. You can see a copy of her presentation below:

 FFG Meeting March 2026.pptx.pdf

The group then discussed how the school communicated both positive and negative behaviour and how this could be improved. The group shared how much they value those personal emails home, especially those highlighting their child's efforts in **extra-curricular activities**. It was also highlighted that achievement points and reward certificates were valued but the criteria was a little out of sync. I am pleased to report that this has now been resolved.

The group was also clear that they would value more information about the reasons for both rewards and sanctions. Whether it's a celebration or a hurdle, families will then have the information and context to support their child. The group also asked if staff could be crystal clear with students about the "why" behind a consequence, ensuring restorative conversations happen so everyone can move forward positively. These are things the school will look into over the Summer term.

Mr Cowlin then talked about our developments in teaching and learning and what that looks like in a typical Sackville classroom. Again you can see a copy of his presentation below:

 T&L FFG Mar 26.pdf

We are very keen to encourage more families to join this group so if you are interested then please do not hesitate to contact me, pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 13 May at 4.00pm**, we hope to see you there.

Paul Street
Deputy Headteacher

Safeguarding

Body Image and Mental Health

Teens often face pressure to look a certain way. Talk about the unrealistic standards shown on social media and promote body positivity. Help them understand that appearance doesn't define value. Keep an eye out for signs of disordered eating or anxiety—and seek support if needed.

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.

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 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	 Ms 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.

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

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- OUR VERY OWN OBSERVATORY ON SITE!
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For further information and to download an application form see working at Sackville School
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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.

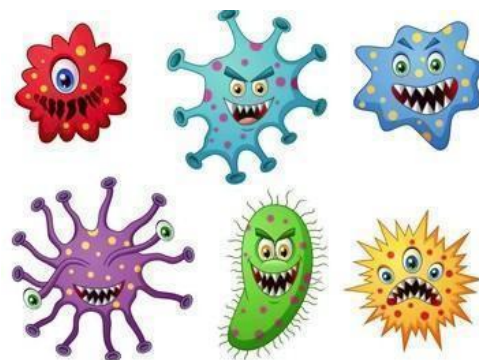
Medication, Illness and Vaccines

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

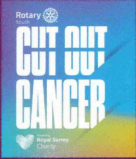
Raising Funds for
Cut out Cancer

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



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 Dormanland Primary School

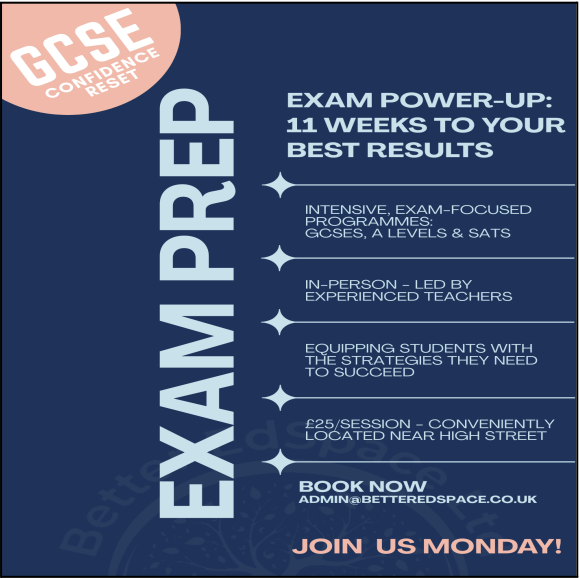
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Spring Term 2026
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Venue: Imberhorne Upper School

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7TH MARCH 2026 @ 2:30-4:30PM
£18 PER PERSON

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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

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East Grinstead - Health and Wellbeing Event



**SATURDAY
14TH MARCH
10AM - 2PM**

**EAST GRINSTEAD
FREE HEALTH AND
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Meridian Hall,
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- ✓ HEALTH AND WELLBEING MOT
- ✓ MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND ADVICE
- ✓ INFORMATION ON LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES
- ✓ LIFESTYLE AND WELLBEING GUIDANCE

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All ages welcome!

An East Grinstead Town Council Event

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CD Phoenix Sussex Netball



**CD Phoenix Sussex
Netball Club**

**PERFORMANCE
TRIALS 2026**

**U13 TRIALS
26 MARCH & 23 APR**

**U14 & U19 TRIALS
26 MARCH**

**U16 TRIALS
16 APRIL**

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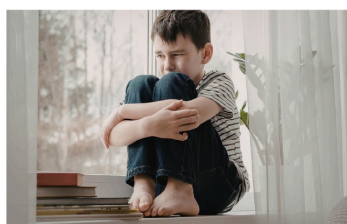
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FREE online talk by
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FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



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