



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



# Families Bulletin

Monday 04 May 2026 - Friday 08 May 2026

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

I hope that as the calendar month turns another page, the start of May brings with it fresh optimism and opportunity for the coming weeks.

We have lots to celebrate at Sackville at the moment including so many students who we recognised in celebration assemblies last week. We also received confirmation that the work we have been doing with WSCC over the past two years on Autism Awareness has led to us achieving a high standard of awareness and practice.

In other news I wanted to give a big shout out to our Year 11 students who have been sitting their language speaking exams this week. This can feel like a really short, high pressure situation in which to perform and in truth, it is. However, our languages team has been really pleased with their preparedness and performance...so well done to all. That's one more thing ticked off your list.

We all have a long Bank Holiday weekend to look forward to and when we return, the main written exams begin for Year 11, alongside their lessons where crucial work will continue right up to when we break up at May half term. Please work with us to ensure your child's attendance remains high throughout this period and that they take the opportunities available to them throughout their exam period.

Have a good weekend.

Jo Meloni

Headteacher, BA (Hons), NPQEL

Week: B

Timetable: 4 + 1

# Hot Chocolate With The Head

I had the pleasure of spending some time with students from the Holmes Community this week and what a fantastic group they were. Recognised for their brilliant attitudes to learning and achievement demonstrated by the number of community points and Sackville Stars they have earned, as well as community service such as being a reading buddy or supporting a new student settling into school.

Well done to each of them for their hard work, positive attitudes and community spirited approach.

Jo Meloni

Headteacher



## Key Dates

**Monday 04 May 2026**

Wednesday 06 May 2026

**Thursday 07 May 2026**

Thursday 07 May 2026

Friday 08 May 2026

Thursday 09 July 2026

Monday 13 July 2026

Wednesday 13 May 2026

Thursday 14 May 2026

Tuesday 19 May 2026

Friday 22 May 2026

**Monday 25 May 2026 - Friday 29 May 2026**

Monday 01 June 2026

**BANK HOLIDAY**

Year 7 Workshop - Dead Poets Live

**Start of 3+2 Timetable Due to Exams**

Sports Award - 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Attenborough Event - Celebrating the life of Sir David

Attenborough

Arts Fest

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Families Focus Group - 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning 9.30am - 11.00am

Online Parent Carer Forum - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Last day of term

**HALF TERM**

Federation Dance Event at Chequer Mead

# Notice Board

## Attenborough - Red Sweet Sale

We are going to hold a red sweet sale on Friday 08 May 2026 to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Sir David Attenborough. We are looking for students to bring in red sweets for us to sell to raise funds for Cancer Research. Please can any donations be in by Wednesday 06 May 2026. Thank you in advance. Other students across the school community will be welcome to buy these sweets on Friday.

# Safeguarding

## Building Good Habits for Life

Secondary school sets the foundation for adulthood. Regular attendance helps build the kinds of habits that lead to success—showing up, being prepared, and following through. These are life skills that go far beyond school.

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](mailto:amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

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Mrs Steer - [asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Vallally-Godfrey - [avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

### Safeguarding Team:

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Mr Groves - [hgroves@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:hgroves@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Valentine - [hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email, [safeguarding@mysackville.co.uk](mailto: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
 Mr Cowlin Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Quigley Assistant Headteacher	 Ms Meloni Headteacher	 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
 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	

# Together We Achieve

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

## Book of the Week

### Book of the Week

To coincide with our Year 7 visit from Dead Poets Live, our Book of the Week is *Tomorrow We Begin* by Matt Goodfellow.

This collection of poems is powerful, moving, and directed specifically at a young adult audience, with poems like 'English Year 8', 'Rugby Club' and '15th Birthday'.

You can preview the book, and sample a couple of Matt's poems, [here](#).



## Extra-Curricular Opportunities

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

### [Extra-Curricular Opportunities Summer 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 22 May 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:

- [Exam Invigilators](#) - Next Interviews in July due to exams

## 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.



This term we have talks on Civil Engineering, RAF and Norland Nannies. 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](mailto:hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

## Medication, Illness and Vaccines

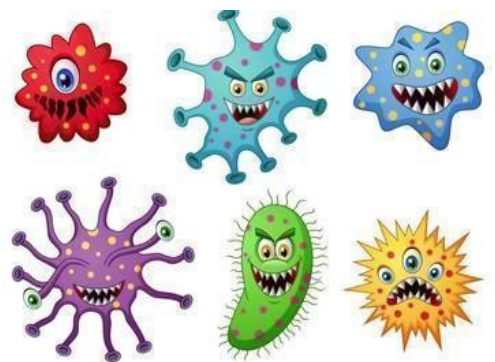
### NHS Guidelines

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.

The latest spreadsheet showing current lost property can be found [here](#).

## External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

### 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  
St Piers and Dormansland Primary School

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THE CHARITY COMMISSION  
REGULATOR  
Registered Charity No. 11887

### Exam Prep

**GCSE  
CONFIDENCE  
RESET**

**EXAM POWER-UP:  
11 WEEKS TO YOUR  
BEST RESULTS**

INTENSIVE, EXAM-FOCUSED  
PROGRAMMES:  
GCSES, A LEVELS & SATS

IN-PERSON - LED BY  
EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

EQUIPPING STUDENTS WITH  
THE STRATEGIES THEY NEED  
TO SUCCEED

£25/SESSION - CONVENIENTLY  
LOCATED NEAR HIGH STREET

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**JOIN US MONDAY!**

## Labyrinth Challenge

**"Where the UK Comes to Bounce"**



**LABYRINTH CHALLENGE**

**10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY TOUR**

1100ft Inflatable Obstacle Course  
Worlds Biggest Bouncy Castle  
Huge Jungle Mania Course for Tiny Adventurers

**SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND**  
**9th-10th MAY 2026**

[WWW.THELABYRINTHCHALLENGE.COM](http://WWW.THELABYRINTHCHALLENGE.COM)

**USE CODE - SCHOOL10**  
**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...

**MUD MONSTERS RUN**  
#GETDIRTY

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

[www.mudmonstersrun.co.uk](http://www.mudmonstersrun.co.uk)

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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>



## U13Fun Racket Sports

**EAST GRINSTEAD TENNIS, SQUASH & RACKETBALL CLUB**

**FUN RACKET SPORTS OPEN AFTERNOON!**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

FOR FAMILIES • FOR ALL AGES • ALL WELCOME

**TENNIS, PICKLEBALL & TABLE TENNIS**

**SQUASH, RACKETBALL & MORE**

**1:00PM - 4:30PM**

**ON THE COURT**  
Try tennis, squash, racketball, pickleball and even table tennis!  
Meet our friendly club members for advice at your level, test your skills against the ball machine, or get tips from our expert coaching team.  
Rackets and balls are provided - just bring your towel!

**THE SOCIAL SIDE**  
BBQ fired up from 3:00PM - 3:00PM  
Our fully staffed bar will be open all afternoon for cold drinks, ice lollies, tea and coffee.

**THE FINAL WHISTLE**  
Finishing up at 4:30PM? Stick around to watch the FA Cup Final on the big screen in the clubhouse!

**WHAT WE OFFER**  
Top-tier courts, a fantastic social scene, and a way to play racket sports all year round.  
*Come down and see why we love it here!*

**GET ACTIVE • HAVE FUN • EVERYONE WELCOME!**

WE'RE A FRIENDLY CLUB FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

FIND OUT MORE <https://www.egtsc.org/>

## Carousel Homework

### Five ways to support your child with their Carousel homework



Carousel is an online quizzing platform that we use for homework. Students have access to question and answer flashcards which they use independently to learn important knowledge and then complete a quiz to test their knowledge.



As time goes on, students will learn more and more in school. In order to make sure they don't forget all this information, Carousel uses evidence-based strategies to help strengthen their memories over the long term.

**1** The best way to use Carousel is over time, not just all in one evening. Instead of doing all the work the night before it is due, make sure students do one short round of flashcards on one day, another round of flashcards on another day and the quiz on a third day. As much as possible, they should spread it out. For example:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Teacher sets homework	5-10 mins flashcards	10-15 mins flashcards	Quiz + mark	5-10 mins flashcards	Retake quiz	Homework due

**2** When they are doing the flashcards, make sure they are speaking out or writing down their answers, rather than just thinking about it in their heads.

**3** Ask them some questions from the flashcards and make sure that their answers are the same (or very similar to) the flashcard answers.

**4** Mark their quiz with them and make sure they are being honest about what they got right and wrong.

**5** Make sure that if they get less than 80% on the quiz, they go back to the flashcards first, and then retake the quiz.



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## EG Meads FC Girls

# EG MEADS FC GIRLS U13

\*CURRENT YEAR 8

EAST GRINSTEAD MEADS FC GIRLS U13 ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE THE SQUAD IN ADVANCE OF NEXT SEASON MOVE TO 11V11. IF YOU'RE UP FOR A NEW CLUB PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

## LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE? JOIN OUR TEAM!

THURSDAYS | 7.00 PM | EG SPORTS CLUB

TRAINING THURSDAYS | MATCHES SUNDAYS  
FA QUALIFIED COACHES | FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE | COMPETITIVE SPIRIT  
CONTACT: ROOP CARSON | 07572037153 | ROOP.EGMEADS@GMAIL.COM

## Tennis Coaching

### Tennis coaching for all levels

- Tennis coaching for all ages from 10-18 years (Year 6-13)
- Every **Saturday @ Sackville School (term time only)**
- 6 week course - only **£10 per session!**
- FIRST SESSION FREE!**



LTA Level 3 tennis coach and qualified PE Teacher



**Beginners**  
Years 6-7  
9:30-10:30am

**Intermediates**  
Years 8-9  
10:45-11:45am

**Advanced**  
Years 10-13  
12-1pm

FIRST SESSION FREE!

REGISTER NOW  
ajtenniscoaching@gmail.com

## Ashurst Wood Junior - Football Club

# ASHURST WOOD JUNIOR Football Club

## UNDER 14S SATURDAY TEAM

Recruiting players for the 2026/27 season  
Year 9 in September  
All Positions Considered

Guaranteed Match Time  
Friendly Players & Parents  
FA Qualified Coaches

Training: Thursdays  
Matches: Saturday Mornings

Contact: Rachel  
07794 548186  
rachel.dufeu@sky.com

## West Sussex Music

Looking for a musical opportunity for your child?

If your child already plays an instrument, West Sussex Music has Rock/Pop bands and Orchestras ready for them to join. If they would like to sing or explore the world of drumming, we also offer fun and supportive groups for complete beginners!

Please see the below flyer for more information



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**WEST SUSSEX MUSIC CENTRE**  
Bognor Regis, Chichester, Crawley, Horsham  
Midhurst, Worthing

**Want to make music with others?**  
Youth orchestras, rock bands, drum groups, choirs, SEND groups, beginner classes, lessons and more...

**FIND OUT MORE AT**  
[www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-centres](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-centres)

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**WEST SUSSEX MUSIC CENTRE**

**BOGNOR REGIS**  
The Phoenix Centre, PO21 5JD  
Thursdays  
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Junior Orchestra  
Young Voices

**CRAWLEY**  
The Mill Primary, RH11 0EL  
Fridays  
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme

**HORSHAM**  
Milla's School, RH13 5HR  
Saturdays  
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Drum Lab  
Junior Wind Orchestra  
Junior String Orchestra  
Training Wind Orchestra  
Training String Orchestra  
Young Voices  
West Sussex Youth Choir  
West Sussex Youth Wind Orchestra  
West Sussex Youth String Orchestra  
West Sussex Youth Orchestra

**QM Studios, RH12 1GZ**  
Thursdays  
Play In A Band

[music\\_centre@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:music_centre@westsussexmusic.co.uk)  
[westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-centres](http://westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-centres)

**MIDHURST**  
Midhurst Rother College, GU29 9DT  
Tuesdays  
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Junior Orchestra

**CHICHESTER**  
St Joseph's CE Junior, PO19 1DQ  
Saturdays  
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Drum Lab  
Junior Orchestra  
Youth Orchestra

**WORTHING**  
Bohunt School, BN14 8AH  
Saturdays  
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Drum Lab  
Junior Orchestra  
Youth Orchestra  
Young Voices

**Northbrook College, BN12 6NU**  
Wednesdays  
Play In A Band

**FIND OUT MORE**

## Performing Shakespeare Club

Years 7 and 8

# Performing Shakespeare Club and Competition 26/27

Every Wednesday 3 - 3.45  
in D16.

Do you enjoy performing?

Would you like to compete for a chance to perform at the Globe?

Come along to look at how Shakespeare is performed, and to put those skills into practice yourself.

Competition rounds start in November 2026, so we need to start practising now!



Sign up on MCAS, first date Wednesday 6th May.  
Sign up on MCAS.  
First come first serve!