



Sackville School
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 11 May 2026 - Friday 15 May 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

I wanted to start with a big shout out to Year 11 who began their main written exams yesterday and to Year 13 A Level Art students who finished their mammoth sitting over three days for their final pieces.

Also this week we celebrated our Annual Sports Awards Evening which is always a lovely opportunity to celebrate the successes, achievements and growth of our sports teams and individuals from the past year. We had the privilege of hearing from guest speaker Justin Bishop, ex London Irish and Irish international player but more importantly...ex-Sackville student! Justin talked about the ups and downs of his career with a clear message that **life is not about how hard or how many times you fall, but how well you can pick yourself up and carry on**. Such an important message for all of our students to hold onto as they go through life.

Our Attenborough Community have had a great time celebrating the 100th birthday of their namesake, Sir David Attenborough this week with cake sales, a whole school quiz and a mass red 100 community gathering for a memorable team photo. Sir David is such a strong ambassador for young people and we wish him a collective very happy birthday.

The exams continue in earnest next week with the first English Literature Paper for Year 11 and B&V for Year 10 to name just two. We wish them all well with their final preparations over the weekend, hopefully alongside some valuable downtime and fresh air.

Have a good weekend.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher, BA (Hons), NPQEL



Week: A

Timetable: 3 + 2

Hot Chocolate With The Head



There is no better way to recharge than a hot chocolate huddle with the legends of **Angelou** and **Holmes**!

Stepping in for Ms. Meloni whilst she was needed elsewhere in school this week was an absolute highlight. We dove deep into their favorite subjects, the stories behind their well-earned nominations, and some seriously big weekend plans. A special shout-out to **Sahar**, who is basically a one-person sports franchise this Saturday with both football *and* cricket on the cards!

To the rest of the crew - I am expecting full reports on Monday! Seeing the talent and character in this group makes me incredibly proud to be your Deputy Head. Have a brilliant weekend everyone!

Mr Pete Cowlin

Deputy Headteacher

Key Dates

Tuesday 09 June 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

STEM Trip - The Big Bang Fair

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

Plea For Newspaper

Please can we ask for donations of newspapers and magazines for our Art department. Any donations can be brought into class or left at reception.



Metro Bus

We are writing to the parents/guardians of all young people living in the Forest Row area who are in possession of a Freedom Ticket issued by the Authority to travel to/from Sackville School.

Journeys between the village and East Grinstead are currently provided by Metrobus (routes 270 and 291) and Compass Travel (route 261). As you may be aware, bus service 261 is being withdrawn, its last day of operation being Friday 08 May. If your children use service 261, you will particularly wish to note the information below.

The 261 will be replaced on 09 May by a new service, route 500, operated by Metrobus. This will operate 24 hours per day, and to the south will extend beyond Uckfield to/from Hailsham and Eastbourne and, at the other end, beyond East Grinstead to/from Gatwick Airport.

In the mornings towards East Grinstead, the 500 offers journeys from Forest Row at 7.25am and 8.49am so it is likely that young people currently using the 261 at 07.49am will wish to use alternative journeys on services 270 or 291.

In the afternoon, there is a service 500 journey from East Grinstead towards Forest Row soon after the end of the school day. This will operate slightly later than the current 261, departing East Grinstead High Street at 3.09pm.

It should be noted that the 500 will not serve Ashurst Wood, operating directly via the A22 in that area.

More information about the new service 500, including the full timetable, may be accessed [here](#). Timetables for the 270 and 291 can also be found on the Metrobus [website](#).

If your children use service 261 at present, you will no doubt wish to share this information with them and check alternative morning journeys as appropriate. For any young people intending to use the 500, you may wish to make the point that buses heading southwards will be showing an ultimate destination of Eastbourne in the destination screen and those travelling northwards towards East Grinstead will be showing an ultimate destination of Gatwick Airport.

Dead Poets Live

This week we hosted a fantastic poetry workshop with Year 7, courtesy of Dead Poets Live. If any students particularly enjoyed this opportunity, they may be interested in the Foyle Young Poets of the Year award, which is open to all young people. Find out more by following this link: <https://foyleyoungpoets.org/>

Mr Zach Angella

Leader of Key-Stage 3 English & Whole-School Literacy Lead

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Families Focus Group (FFG) - Wednesday 13 May 2026

Our next Families Focus Group meeting will take place at Sackville on **Wednesday 13 May at 4.00pm**. 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. One to one devices
2. Masters of knowledge (Homework)
3. AOB

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Paul Street
Deputy Headteacher

Stay Connected: Beyond the School Gates

We are thrilled to invite you to join our growing online community. While much of the magic happens inside our classrooms, we are actively sharing the daily life, achievements, and vibrant spirit of Sackville School across our social media platforms.

Following us is the perfect way to get a "behind the scenes" look at what is really going on behind the school gates. We would love for our families, and friends of the family, to follow our journey on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) via the links - Sackville School EG.

Building a Professional Network

Our community of families and friends boasts an incredible wealth of talent, from skilled tradespeople to corporate professionals. We are looking to harness this expertise to better the futures of our young people.

How you can help:

Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) - We are building a professional network aimed specifically at aiding our students' career development.

Safeguarding

Self-Harm and Warning Signs

Emotional distress can sometimes lead to self-harming behaviours. Warning signs include isolation, changes in clothing (to cover arms/legs), or sudden mood shifts. If you are concerned, talk gently and without judgement. Seek help from school counsellors or GPs early—early support makes a big difference.

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>

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

The poster features a grid of team members with their names and roles. To the right of the grid is a section titled 'We are here if...' with a list of scenarios: '...you feel down or sad', '...something is bothering you', and '...you are concerned about a friend'. Below this is a QR code and the text 'Email us confidentially by scanning the QR code below:'. At the bottom, it says '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' and 'KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY'.

Mr Millican	Mrs Steer	Mr Street	Mr Vallally-Godfrey
Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Online Safeguarding Lead
Assistant Headteacher	Child Protection Officer	Deputy Headteacher	Associate Assistant Headteacher

Mr Cowlin	Mr Quigley	Ms Meloni
Deputy Headteacher	Assistant Headteacher	Headteacher

Mrs Harper	Mr Endersby	Mrs Hunt
Attendance Officer	CTL PE	Assistant Headteacher

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

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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 complement our current Year 8 English focus on detective stories, our books of the week this week come from Robin Stevens. The *Murder Most Unladylike* series is consistently one of our most popular in the library, noted for the sharp writing and clever plots, with 9 books in the series.

The first, *Murder Most Unladylike*, sees Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own secret detective agency at their school.

The sequel, *Poison is not Polite*, follows an adventure in the school holidays with a poisoning at a tea party.



Zach Angella and Louise Rogers

Leaders of Key-Stage 3 and 4 English and Whole-School Literacy Leads

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.

Medication, Illness and Vaccines

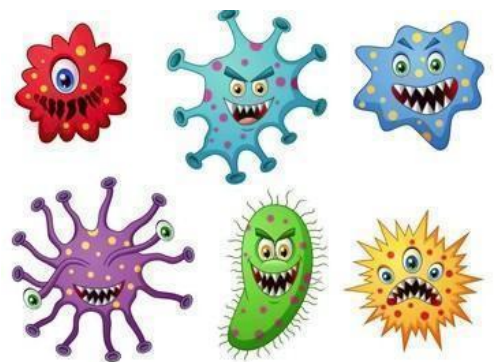
NHS Guidelines

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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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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1100ft Inflatable Obstacle Course
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U13 Fun Racket Sports



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SATURDAY 16TH MAY

FUN RACKET SPORTS OPEN AFTERNOON!

FOR FAMILIES • FOR ALL AGES • ALL WELCOME

1:00PM - 4:30PM

TENNIS, PICKLEBALL & TABLE TENNIS

SQUASH, RACKETBALL & MORE

ON THE COURT
 Try tennis, squash, racketball, pickleball and even table tennis!
 Meet our friendly club members for a bit 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 trainers!

THE SOCIAL SIDE
 BBQ fired up from 1:00PM - 3:00PM
 Our fully stocked 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!

WE'RE A FRIENDLY CLUB FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

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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
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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



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LTA TENNIS FOR BRITAIN

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

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07794 548186
rachel.dufeu@sky.com

Moonlight Walk



Moonlight WALK



Three routes!

Walk with purpose, in celebration of those who matter most



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**Saturday
27th June
6pm**

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KNOLE PARK

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fundraising@hospiceintheweald.org.uk

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Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



Java and Jazz - Live Show

THE QUEEN OF CAMDEN CONCERT

Amy Winehouse

By Cali Rivlin

Live show

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tickets
now



Featuring Amy's original guitarist Robin Banerjee, Live at Michael Hall theatre (Forest Row) with a 6-piece band!

SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2026

Cali Rivlin
www.calirivlin.com

Tickets & info:
www.javaandjazz.com



May Half Term - Tennis Camp

Want to improve your tennis game ready for the summer tennis season, plus get fit and have lots of fun?!

Sign up for the AJ Tennis Academy tennis camps this May Half Term!

Dates: Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 May

Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Venue: Sackville School Tennis courts

Who: Year 7-10, all abilities welcome!

If you are interested, please email Mr Jones by Wednesday May 20 May -

ajones@sackvilleschool.org.uk.



The poster for the AJ Tennis Academy May Half Term Tennis Camps features a green and white color scheme. At the top left is the AJ Tennis Academy logo, which includes a stylized tennis player. To the right of the logo, the text 'MAY HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS!' is written in large, bold, green letters. Below this, the tagline '— PLAY • IMPROVE • ENJOY' is displayed. The main body of the poster is divided into several sections. On the left, there are four green boxes with white icons and text: 'WHEN: 26TH - 27TH MAY' (calendar icon), 'WHERE: SACKVILLE SCHOOL' (location pin icon), 'TIME: 9:30AM - 3:00PM' (clock icon), and 'WHO: YEARS 7-10' (group of people icon). Below these is a white box with green text for 'COST: £ £40 PER DAY' and '£ £70 BOTH DAYS!'. To the right of these boxes is a white box titled 'CAMP HIGHLIGHTS' with four green icons and text: 'FUN GAMES' (trophy icon), 'MATCHES & PRIZES' (trophy icon), 'IMPROVE TECHNIQUE' (bar chart icon), and 'LTA QUALIFIED COACHING' (checkmark icon). At the bottom left, there is a green box with white text for 'CONTACT MR JONES' and two email addresses: 'ajtenniscoaching@gmail.com' and 'www.ajtennisacademy.co.uk'. On the right side, there is a large yellow tennis ball with the text 'BOOK NOW - LIMITED SPACES!' written on it. The background of the poster shows a tennis racket and two tennis balls.

WHEN: 26TH - 27TH MAY

WHERE: SACKVILLE SCHOOL

TIME: 9:30AM - 3:00PM

WHO: YEARS 7-10

COST:

£ £40 PER DAY

£ £70 BOTH DAYS!

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- FUN GAMES
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BOOK NOW - LIMITED SPACES!

Elite Saturday Summer Football Training Programme

Join our Saturday football sessions at Oriel School 3G, running 02 May – 25 July (13 Saturdays) for U13–U15 boys and girls...11.00am - 1.00pm.

STAY SHARP - IMPROVE FOUNDATION - LEVEL UP

Sessions led by *OMG Football* and supported by experienced UEFA and FA qualified coaches, including a specialist GK coach 🙌

SAFEGUARDED ENVIRONMENT - ENHANCED DBS CHECKED STAFF

GUEST APPEARANCES:

- Coaches from leading Premier League clubs confirmed
- Young pro players' visits confirmed.

Players will develop key technical and tactical skills including: Ball mastery, Shooting, passing, dribbling and 1v1 attacking and 1v1 defending

- UEFA principles of the game
- Advanced attacking concepts

- Athletic development included – sessions also feature SAQ, strength and movement training delivered by GB kickboxer, schools sports specialist & PT Lisa Boardman.

Location: Oriel School 3G

Dates: 02 May - 25 July 2026 (13 Saturdays)

Times: 10.00am - 12.00pm (Boys and Girls)

- All players are welcome with a great attitude and desire to improve.
- Flexible pricing options:
- 5 flexible sessions – £125...you can pick any five dates over the Saturdays during the summer term.

Five sessions – £75

10 sessions – £150 (+ FREE 121 with Coach A. Worth £40)

13 sessions – £195 (+ FREE 121 with Coach A + FREE Small Group Session place. Worth £75 in total)

Train with top coaches, improve your game, and enjoy high-quality sessions on a full-size 3G pitch.

Limited places available – book early.

If you are keen for your child to attend, please request to join the Spond group below....

If you have any questions please email - info@sseliteacademy.co.uk or WhatsApp message Simon on 07958 531605 for more info.