



Sackville School
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 14 September 2026 - Friday 18 September 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Our students have been so impressive this week both in lessons and around school. It has been an absolute pleasure to walk the corridors, pop into classes and engage with them at break and lunchtime. I don't think I have had another week whereby so many students have asked ME how I am and how my day is going. Now, either I am looking more tired than I thought I was after just two weeks back or.... it's just a great example of what polite young people we have in the school. I am going with the later and long may that continue.

We had our first trip of the year out yesterday with 30 students from years 7-9 visiting Lords cricket ground. Whilst there they received some expert cricket coaching and attended a careers fair highlighting future employment, apprenticeship, and career opportunities within the sports and cricket industries. What a fantastic opportunity for our students who conducted themselves extremely well.

Open Evening and Open Mornings

We are looking forward to welcoming some of you and many new families to our annual **Open Evening next Thursday 17 September**. If you know any families who are interested in coming to see what we do but are **concerned they may live out of catchment please do encourage them to come along to the Open Evening and speak to us**. We are entering into a number of years with lower child birth figures so our intake is constantly changing and we regularly take children from outside the immediate East Grinstead area and run a paid shuttle service to some locations where there may not be an obvious bus route.

All bookings for our Open Evening and Open Mornings can be accessed via our booking system on the main school website <https://www.sackvilleschool.org.uk/>

Jo Meloni
Headteacher, BA (Hons), NPQEL, CPCC

Hot Chocolate with the Head

I had the pleasure of meeting a small group of our new Year 7 students today for Hot Chocolate with the Head. For new families, this is a weekly event whereby I select a specific year group of we rotate Communities to nominate a group of students who have stood out that week or over a longer period of time, demonstrating a commitment to our school values and Sackville Way.

Congratulations to Mayra, Tobi, Joshua, Emily, Henry, Beulah, Evelyn, Maddison, Aaron and Edie for being the first nominees of the year. They have each demonstrated at least one of the following school values, Ambition, Positivity and Kindness.

What a great start for them all. Keep up the good work.



Key Dates

Tuesday 15 September 2026
Thursday 17 September 2026
Thursday 17 September
Friday 18 September 2026
Wednesday 23 September 2026
Thursday 24 September 2026
Friday 25 September 2026
Wednesday 07 October 2026
Thursday 08 October 2026
Thursday 08 October 2026
Thursday 15 October 2026
Wednesday 21 October 2026
Thursday 22 October
Wednesday 04 November 2026

Duke of Edinburgh Parent/Carer Evening
Opening Evening
Early Closure - 12.35pm
Late Start 9.25am
Year 7 - 11 Flu Vaccinations
Year 10 Information Evening
Year 7 Activity Day - Brighton
Year 11 Information Evening
Year 7 Subject Workshop/Meet the Tutor
Year 6 Open Evening - 5.30pm - 8.30pm
Year 12 Information Evening
Family Focus Group - 4.00pm
KS4/KS5 Celebration Evening
Sixth Form Open Evening - 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Notice Board

Canada Ski Trip 2027

Do you love the idea of learning to ski or perfecting your skiing ability in the Rocky Mountains of Canada? Then our next ski trip that will take us to Jasper in Canada may be the answer!

A small number of places have now become available for this trip which takes place from Friday 26 March 2027 until Saturday 03 April 2027. The cost of the ski trip is £2495 (a payment plan can be arranged) and covers all transport, accommodation, all meals, ski hire and instruction, evening entertainment and a complimentary hoodie.

If your child is interested, please get in touch with me at dgerretsen@sackvilleschool.org.uk before the 15th September.

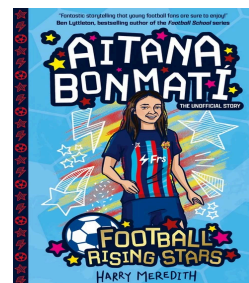
Medical Changes

Please keep us up to date with any medical changes for your child. Use the link to the Google Form below and we will update our records in school.

[Medical Update Form](#)

Book of the Week

We have a non-fiction choice for this week's Book of the Week. A fresh addition to the popular 'Football Rising Stars' series featuring Ballon d'Or winning Spanish midfielder, Aitana Bonmati. This insightful and revealing book tells the story of Bonmati's rise from her upbringing in Catalonia to playing a starring role for Spain and Barcelona.



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](#)

Safeguarding

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, there 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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KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Sackville News

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

Next publication date: **Friday 23 October 2026**

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.



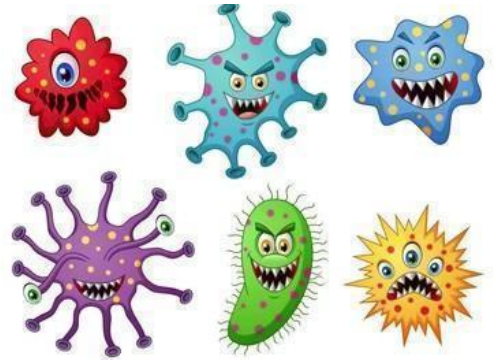
Medication, Illness and Vaccines

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.

Community Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Storm Basketball



EAST GRINSTEAD
BABY BALLERS & GRASSROOTS

GRASSROOTS SESSIONS

BABY BALLERS AGES 2-5			
Mon 5:00-6:00pm	Sackville School	RH19 3TY	Year 1-3 Mixed

GRASSROOTS AGES 8-18			
Mon 6:00-7:00pm	Sackville School	RH19 3TY	Year 4-6 Mixed
Mon 7:00-8:00pm	Sackville School	RH19 3TY	Year 7-9 Mixed
Mon 6:00-7:30pm	Imberhorne School (Lower)	RH19 2DT	Year 10-13
Tue 5:00-6:15pm	Imberhorne School (Upper)	RH19 1QY	Year 7 Boys

All Girls — see sessions in Crawley.

FIRST SESSION FREE
Book your free trial at stormbasketballclub.com/grassroots-sessions karl@stormbasketballclub.com

Her Move

Sports Event - "Her Move" - Saturday 12 September - East Grinstead

Aimed at getting more girls and women active and engaged in sport

<https://www.hermove.uk/event-details/hermove-live26>

Hospice Run



HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

HOSPICE RUN CELEBRATING 20 YEARS TOGETHER

Sunday 20th September | Tunbridge Wells

Click here to sign up!

Website [here](#)

Crawley Down - U18 Girls



CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FC
U18 GIRLS
PLAY • DEVELOP • BELONG

WE ARE SEEKING A GOALKEEPER FOR THIS SEASON

- ✓ CONFIDENCE
- ✓ SKILLS
- ✓ TEAMWORK
- YOUR PLACE HERE

GIRLS FOOTBALL CHANGES LIVES

SAME PASSION MORE PLAYERS

UFA C QUALIFIED COACHING

PLAY SUNDAYS IN THE SUSSEX COUNTY WOMEN AND GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

TRAINING WEDNESDAYS 6.30 - 8PM

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST CONTACT DERMOT

07596572608 | dermot177@yahoo.co.uk

CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FC U18 GIRLS
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW TOGETHER

<https://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk/events/hospice-run-2026>

Parenting Mental Health Service

West Sussex Mind

Parenting Mental Health Support Service

Online Evening Groups

Expert by Experience presentations - 7.30-9.30pm
(including time for Q & A)
Peer support groups - 7.30-9.00pm

Date	Group Topic
Weds 2 nd Sept	Understanding and supporting attachment in children/young people
Weds 16 th Sept	Peer Support
Weds 30 th Sept	Understanding & supporting Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) in children/young people
Weds 14 th Oct	Peer Support

To book onto any of our expert by experience presentations please visit our training page on: www.westsussexmind.org
(If you are already signed up to the Parenting Service, please use the Zoom link provided).

To access the online peer support groups you need to have signed up to our service already. You can do this by calling our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email: helppoint@westsussexmind.org



We are a friendly, supportive group and there is no pressure to share if you don't feel comfortable to do so

West Sussex Mind

Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins July - December 2026 Timetable

New location added

Come and join us in-person:

Worthing - 1-2pm

The Gateway, 8-10 Durrington Lane, Worthing, BN13 2QG

- Tuesday 22nd September
- Tuesday 27th October
- Tuesday 1st December

Southwick - 12-1pm

The Corner House, 45 Southwick Street, Southwick, BN42 4TH

- Wednesday 9th September
- Wednesday 14th October
- Wednesday 11th November
- Wednesday 16th December

Are you a parent or carer to a child/young person who needs some support with their mental health?
You may not know where to start and may need some support of your own. There is no criteria for our drop-in groups, so no concern is too big or too small.

At West Sussex Mind, we know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we provide Peer Support drop-ins in person and online, where you can meet our Parenting Team and other parents who can provide some much needed empathy, understanding and support.

Online parenting support drop-ins:
10:00-11:00am
 • Tuesday 25th August
 • Tuesday 29th September
 • Tuesday 3rd November
 • Tuesday 8th December
 Zoom Meeting ID: 869 2437 6726
 Passcode: 131440

Please feel free to drop-in where we can chat and get you registered with the service. Or to register yourself, please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org

Or for more information, please contact parentingsupport@westsussexmind.org

Please note, due to the sensitivity of our discussions, we ask that you attend without your child/young person.

West Sussex Mind

PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

OUR SERVICE IS OPEN TO ANY PARENT OR CARER WHO IS SUPPORTING A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE AND 18 LIVING IN WEST SUSSEX.

WE SUPPORT YOU TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- PEER SUPPORT GROUPS- BOTH DURING THE DAY (IN PERSON) AND IN THE EVENING (ON-LINE)
- MONTHLY 'EXPERT BY EXPERIENCE' GUEST SPEAKER ZOOM EVENING SESSIONS, COVERING TOPICS SUCH AS SELF-HARM, EBSA, AUTISM AND MENTAL HEALTH, MASKING AND MORE...
- 1:1 SESSIONS WITH A PEER SUPPORT WORKER
- CLOSED FACEBOOK GROUP; REGULAR NEWSLETTERS AND ACCESS TO TRAINING, E-LEARNING AND WEBINARS (ON THE WEST SUSSEX MIND WEBSITE).
- PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSES ACROSS WEST SUSSEX

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT OUR HELP POINT

MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 10AM UNTIL 4PM ON 0300 303 5652
OR EMAIL [HELPPPOINT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG](mailto:helppoint@westsussexmind.org)
OR USE THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE - WWW.WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG

West Sussex Mind

PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSE

FREE

A 6 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING AROUND SUPPORTING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH, OFFERING A SAFE SPACE TO REFLECT AND FIND PEER SUPPORT.

TOPICS INCLUDE SELF-ESTEEM, ANXIETY & EMOTIONS, COMMUNICATION AND MORE!

DATES

- Thursday 17th September
- Thursday 24th September
- Thursday 1st October
- Thursday 8th October
- Thursday 15th October
- Thursday 22nd October

TIME

10am-12:30

VENUE

Felpham Community Hall
Meaden Way
Felpham, Bognor Regis
West Sussex,
PO22 8FA

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!



TO SECURE YOUR PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL:
[PARENTINGSUPPORT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG](mailto:parentingsupport@westsussexmind.org)

Get more out of what you're into!

Greg Jenner in conversation with Katie Kennedy

For ages 13+



Join British historian, broadcaster and author Greg Jenner as he chats to content creator and author Katie Kennedy @thehistorygossip about his phenomenal career, including chart-topping BBC Radio 4 podcast You're Dead to Me and CBBC's comedy sketch show Horrible Histories.



Scan to find out more!

East Grinstead Bookshop will be selling books. You can get them signed too!

22 September 2026 | 6.30pm
Crawley Library
 Southgate Avenue, Crawley, RH10 6HG

GO ALL IN.

West Sussex Library Service
 ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Get more out of what you're into!

Manga Workshops

For ages 11-14 & 15-18



Join bestselling cartoonist James Parsons from Comic Club for a fun and creative comic art workshop this autumn.

Unleash your imagination and learn secret drawing tricks used by the professionals in this fast-moving cartooning session.



Scan to find out more!

Free, but places are limited. Please book your place online.

East Grinstead Library
 32-40 West Street, East Grinstead, RH19 4SR
Saturday 26 September
 Age 11-14: 11am-1.30pm | Age 15-18: 2-3.30pm

GO ALL IN.

West Sussex Library Service
 ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Her Move

Her Move LIVE'26

BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE

GRINSTEAD SPORTS CLUB

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF Sports & Community fun for women and girls of ALL AGES to get active!

At: East Grinstead Sports Club
 Date: Saturday 12th September
 Time: 11.30 - 15.00

Come along and try out a wide range of sports and activities for ALL ages - from padel and pickleball to street dance, tennis, football and much more. We're celebrating girls and women in sport, and offering opportunities for all females to get active. Bring along your friends and family for a fun day out!

Book your FREE tickets or visit www.hermove.uk

BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE*



*Limited numbers available on a first come, first served basis. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Her Move LIVE'26

GRINSTEAD SPORTS CLUB

At: East Grinstead Sports Club
 Date: Saturday 12th Sept
 Time: 11.30 - 15.00

Following the fantastic success of last year's HerMove event at East Grinstead Sports Club, we're excited to be launching this year's event once again and we'd love to offer YOU an opportunity to be involved.

HerMove Live festival this year is all about inspiring more women and girls to get active by giving them the chance to try a wide range of sports and activities in a fun, friendly and welcoming environment. Last year's event saw hundreds of attendees discovering new activities, making connections with local clubs and taking their first steps towards becoming more active.

This year we are holding sessions across the club for **football, pickleball, squash, cricket, dance, golf, running** and we are asking clubs to deliver taster sessions, demonstration or informal drop-in activity that showcases their sports and activities to hopefully inspire more girls and women to have fun and get fit.

NEW FOR 2026! WANT TO TRY FOOTBALL?

We are also hosting a drive for **GIRLS FOOTBALL** and to encourage parents to become coaches. We are working with **EG Meads** to support the event, and we would love it if you could be involved?

We will be running football sessions on the 3G pitch:
 12.00 - 13.00 U11s
 13.00 - 14.00 U12s and over

Places are limited. Please book via the QR code or on our website www.hermove.uk/event-details/hermove-live26