



Sackville School
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 21 September 2026 - Friday 25 September 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Our students continue to make a great start to the new year, and staff have wasted no time at all in their focus on high-quality teaching and learning.

I have been really impressed with how well our new Year 7s are settling in. Seeing them in lessons with their level of engagement and rising to the challenges set makes me feel incredibly positive about the future and what they can achieve.

Last night we hosted our annual **Open Evening**, and it was great to see so many families we know, plus those seeing our school for the very first time. Thank you to those of you who allowed your child to support the evening. They are who our school is all about, and their ability to engage with families and to speak so well about what it's like to be a student at Sackville is invaluable.

If you know any families who are looking for a school to join next year but who could not make our Open Evening, please let them know that we do have a few **Open Mornings that we run over the next few weeks**, and to check our website for details and to book a space. Some mornings are full already, so please do encourage booking as early as possible.

In other news this week, I am **delighted to share that we have now signed contracts to begin work on our new all-weather pitches**. This has been almost a five year drive for me personally to get this project off the ground, during which time we had to redesign previous plans and, importantly, source the funding required to bring this vision to reality. Thanks go to West Sussex County Council for sourcing the funds (c. £1.6 million) for the project, which has predominantly come from Section 106 funding.

Contractors will mobilise as early as next week to begin fencing off the existing redgra area, with the complete works due to take 16-20 weeks, weather-dependent.

I will keep you updated with progress as the weeks and months go by, but I am excited beyond belief with the prospect of what these new facilities will mean for our students and the wider community.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to **five fantastic pieces of artwork designed and created by our students** during Curriculum Enhancement Week and in art club. Each mural represents one of our five Communities and has been installed in and around our D block canopy area.

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



Week: B Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate with the Head

It was a delight to host our first Community Hot Chocolate with the Head yesterday, with the Holmes Community. Huge congratulations to Stephaney, Isla, Charlotte, Samantha and Zach from Holmes, and to Joe and Rose for the fantastic start they have each made to the year.

I also had the pleasure of meeting with eight of our new Year 12 students who have chosen to join our Sixth Form from other schools. It was great to get to know a little bit more about them, and I look forward to hearing about their progress over the course of the next two years.

Welcome to them and their families to our Sackville Community.



Key Dates

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Thursday 24 September 2026

Friday 25 September 2026

Wednesday 07 October 2026

Thursday 08 October 2026

Thursday 15 October 2026

Wednesday 21 October 2026

Thursday 22 October

Wednesday 04 November 2026

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 12 Information Evening

Family Focus Group - 4.00pm

KS4/KS5 Celebration Evening

Sixth Form Open Evening - 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Notice Board

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](#).

Soap Box Super X

The D&T rooms transformed into a hive of masking tape and intense focus across the workshop zones as Year 7 and Year 9 launched their Super X soapbox modeling lessons.

- **Year 7:** If students pick Super X, they will take over the card-cutting desks, taping together tiny prototypes before building miniature race cars to launch down a test track.
- **Year 9:** If students pick Super X, they will occupy the heavy workbenches, taping together scale models while planning chassis builds for actual, full-sized push go-karts.

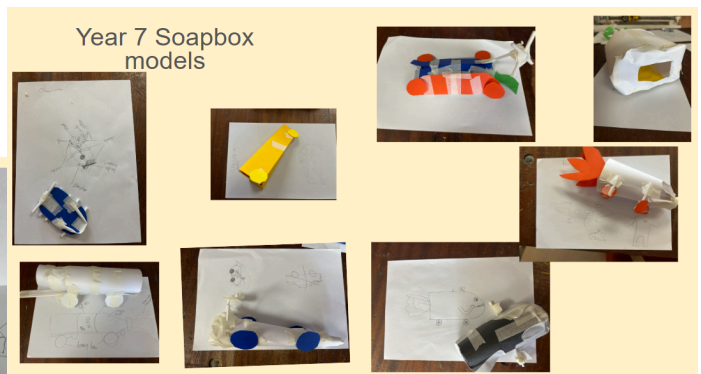
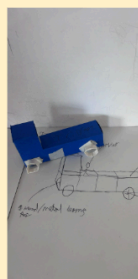
Between peeled tape, stray wood shavings, and debates over who has to push on race day, choosing this option promises pure entertainment.

Miss Georgina Maltby

Curriculum Team Leader of Design and Technology



Year 9 Super X Soap box designing



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We are now recruiting for this year's Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This is open to all of Year 9.

For any questions on how to sign up, please email

scolburn@mysackville.co.uk.

Book of the Week

As our Year 7s get into reading *Once* in their English lessons, our book of the week is actually a series. Morris Gleitzman's incredible sequence of stories can be enjoyed for years to come.



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:

- [Premises Officer](#)
- [Catering Assistant](#)
- [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

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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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We are here if...

 Mr Cowlin Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Quigley Assistant Headteacher	 Ms Meloni Headteacher
 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

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

...you feel down or sad
...something is bothering you
...you are concerned about a friend

Email us confidentially by scanning the QR code below:



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 people who are in that industry.

Each week, a different professional comes in to talk to students about the different aspects of their job, how they entered that industry, the skills and qualifications required, and the different routes available to students thinking of joining that sector. Students have the opportunity to ask those in the know and get first-hand information.



Students can sign up for one talk each half term, so please encourage them to sign up using the Google Form shared with them and take advantage of this opportunity. [Link](#)

Autumn Half Term

This half term we are lucky enough to have the following people coming in to speak to students

- **Logan Construction**

Are you interested in the construction industry and the opportunities that this has to offer? Sign up to hear from the company that is building the extension to QVH.

- **Norland Nannies**

Would you like to be a fully qualified nanny or like to investigate what is involved? If so, sign up for this talk to find out more.

- **Vets**

Is veterinary medicine an industry you would like to join? Would you like to work with animals? Come and hear about the industry and what is involved in looking after people's pets.

If you or someone you know would be willing to come in and speak to students about your profession, how you joined it, and what qualifications and routes are open to people. Hearing from people who are doing it day to day is invaluable to students while they explore options open to them. If you would be willing to come in and inspire the younger generation, please contact Helen Smith on hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

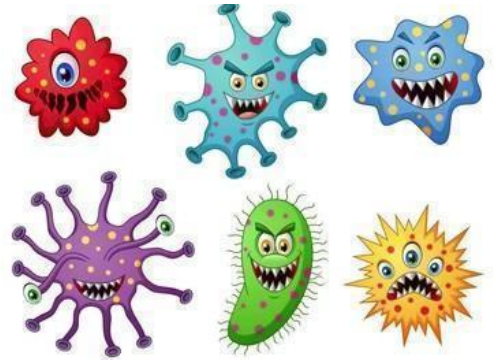
Medication, Illness and Vaccines

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.

Community Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Bus Challenge

With September being Catch the Bus month, why not swap and try travelling by bus for one of your regular journeys?

Whether it's travelling to work, heading into town, meeting friends or enjoying a day out, making the switch could help you save money, avoid parking and discover a new way to get around.

Last August, journeys made by children aged 5 to 15 tripled across the county thanks to the UK Government's Great British Summer Savings initiative.

Give it a go, leave the car at home and catch the bus!

Plan your Bus Journey [here](#)

View discounted fares [here](#)

16 to 20 Bus Saver [here](#)



Yvonne Arnaud - Youth Theatre

YVONNE ARNAUD
YOUTH
THEATRE

For ages 13 to 16 years
Wednesdays Term Time, 5:30pm

Whether you're a budding actor, a behind-the-scenes enthusiast, or just curious to try something new, our **Youth Theatre** provides the perfect space to build confidence and creative skills, make friends and have fun.

Book Now:
Yvonne-arnaud.co.uk

Free bursary places available
For further information email our Creative Learning team:
creativelearning@yvonne-arnaud.co.uk

yvonne-arnaud.co.uk Box Office: 01483 44 00 00 Millbrook, Guildford, GU1 3UX

Storm Basketball Website [here](#)

EAST GRINSTEAD
BABY BALLERS & GRASSROOTS

BABY BALLERS AGES 3-9

Mon 5:00-6:00pm	Sackville School	RH19 3TY	Year 1-3 Mixed
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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 10Y	Year 7 Boys

All Girls — see sessions in Crawley.

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

ka1@stormbasketballclub.com

Hospice Run - link [here](#)



Crawley Down - U18 Girls

A recruitment poster for Crawley Down Gatwick FC U18 Girls. It features a girl in a green jersey with the number 1, jumping to catch a ball. The text includes: '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', 'UEFA 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', 'dermo177@yahoo.co.uk', and 'CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FC U18 GIRLS A BRIGHTER TOMORROW TOGETHER'.

Curry and Quiz Night

A poster for a Curry and Quiz Night event. It features a lightbulb with a red flower inside. The text includes: 'SRI LANKA 2027 CRICKET TOUR FUNDRAISER', 'CURRY & QUIZ', 'Cash prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.', 'Sackville School TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE', 'Friday 2nd October', '£25 per person / includes food, quiz entry and access to raffle', 'East Grinstead Rugby Club', 'Doors open at: 7:00pm', 'Game starts at: 7:30pm', 'Scan QR to buy your tickets!', 'Max of 8 per team.', 'Individuals may also come and we will put teams together.', and a QR code.

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, EBZA, 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: helppoint@westsussexmind.org
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	TIME	VENUE
• Thursday 17th September • Thursday 24th September • Thursday 1st October • Thursday 8th October • Thursday 15th October • Thursday 22nd October	10am-12:30	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)

Crawley Library

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

East Grinstead Library

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

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October Timetable - Face

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October Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

Forest Row F.C

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TRAINING MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS ON 4G PITCHES

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BE PART OF A GREAT TEAM
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**RESPECT
TEAMWORK
DEVELOPMENT
ENJOYMENT**

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ANDY ORAM
FOR MORE DETAILS**

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FOREST ROW F.C. | PLAY | PROGRESS | BELONG