



Sackville School
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 6 October 2025 - Friday 10 October 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Our assembly focus this week was on celebration, shining a light on so many examples of personal excellence, students have achieved so far this term, alongside Community achievements. There has been a tangible air of positivity and pride in the air as a result (even if the students don't always like to admit it!)

Speaking of pride, I was incredibly proud to visit the East Grinstead Football ground last night and witness fantastic performances by our U15 Girls and U18 Boys. The Girls played Imberhorne in the first ever HerMove U15 Mayors Cup. Part of an initiative led by Mayor John Belsey. The game finished 4-0 to Sackville who showed great skills and teamwork, but most importantly both teams played their part in raising awareness of sport, wellbeing and health for women and girls.

Our boys were playing in the 21st **Adam Dabell Memorial Match**. The game started with a 2 minute silence, held beautifully by a large crowd of supporters from both schools. Again. Sackville came out on top, but it was a close game, with both teams showing respect for the game, for each other and for the occasion. It was fantastic to see so many students and family members there in support from both schools.

Last but not least and staying with a healthy active theme this week, we have seen over 150 students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh training events ahead of their expeditions over the next few weekends. I am really pleased we have managed to get D of E back up and running thanks to the leadership of My Parry, our external partners and other staff who are giving up their time to support the expeditions in their own time on weekends.

Just a few examples of excellence and community spirit shown by our Sackville Community.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: B

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate with the Head



I had a lovely morning spent with a group of students from the Attenborough Community this week, the majority of which were 'first-timers', which was great to see. They are all showing great ambition and have certainly hit the ground running during the first few weeks of the year.

They were joined by three of our fantastic Year 13 students who shared a few tips on working hard and getting into sixth form and what their aspirations were for next year. It's always inspiring to hear about their ambitions and for the younger students to see what is possible.

Well done to them all.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Key Dates

Thursday 9 October 2025

Thursday 16 October 2025

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Monday 17 November 2025

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Monday 2 February 2026

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Wednesday 13 May 2026

Monday 13 July 2026

Year 11 Information Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm

Year 7 Information Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 6pm

Year 7-11 Flu spray vaccinations

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Year 9 Meningitis vaccinations

Notice board

Farewell to Mrs Plumb

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Plumb, our much-loved Sixth Form Support Manager. Mrs Plumb has been at Sackville in various roles for 10 years, as well as being a parent of former Sackville students.

Countless families and students have benefited from her calm, knowledgeable and supportive presence in the sixth form office, where she has kept the sixth form running smoothly for many years. We will miss her very much but wish her all the best in her new ventures.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. A nomination needs to be supported by two other parents/carers of children who also attend the school and will be contacted for a reference. Nominations should be submitted by completing this google form [Parent Governor Nomination](#), by 3.00pm on Friday 10 October 2025. The letter sent out today can be found [here](#).

Crawley Town FC - Elite and Development Programme

Here at Crawley Town Community Foundation, we run an Elite & Development Programme and would appreciate it if you could circulate the information below to all players who are interested in progressing their football ability. Ages we are looking for would be U12-U16. (Year 7 – Year 11)

Crawley Town FC Community Foundation– Elite & Development Programme

Programme Overview:

The Elite & Development Programme is the first step in our pathway towards our senior team playing in league 2. The goal of the programme is to help improve technical ability and knowledge of the game through high quality weekly sessions. We aim to give players opportunities to grow and progress with us through the age groups with the chance to represent Crawley on a national stage in the U16-U19 Education Programme.

Fixtures:

The programme will allow all groups to play fixtures against professional clubs during every half term across the season. We will be playing against likewise levels at the club's foundation charities. This allows us to match teams up and play competitive fixtures throughout the season.

Opponents: Swindon, Millwall, Watford, Luton, Crystal Palace and Fulham.

Player Profiles:

We will be guaranteeing player profiles to every player at the end of each term. (December, April, July) Our player profiles will include 3 strengths and 3 Areas for development. Alongside personal details such as Age group, Preferred Position, Preferred Foot, and Favourite team. This allows participants to see where they are in their development and what areas they need to target to further aid their progression whilst on the programme. Please share these with your child to reinforce their individualised progress.

Please contact to organise a trial session: Zacklamont@crawleytownfc.com

Bridal and Prom company

At Lace and Favour, we are planning to hold an open Prom event in the October and possibly February half terms for your year 11 and 13 girls who need dresses to attend if they so wish. This event will be at our shop and Prom Pod near Hailsham just off the A22. This is going to be a very exciting event as we have a large selection of dresses of different colours, styles, and sizes available in stock for the girls to try on and find their dream dress, and we want to make the experience of dress shopping as fun as possible for the parents and girls whilst making sure everyone is comfortable and happy.

We would love to send your school invites for the girls if you think this is appropriate? Would this be something you think would be of interest? If so, please can you let me know the best place to send the invites and how many girls there are in year 11 and 13?

Thank you so much for reading my email, if I don't hear from you, on behalf of Lace and favour we hope you have a wonderful prom 2026.

Unwanted Board Games

Please can we ask if you have any unwanted board games - please can you arrange to bring these into school for the lunch time club that is being held.

Ms Sam Colburn

Spooky Mail



Extra-Curricular Opportunities

I am writing to inform you of the extra-curricular sessions that will be running this term here at Sackville.

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

[Extra-Curricular Opportunities Autumn 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

Safeguarding

Every Day Counts

Did you know that just one day off every two weeks adds up to nearly **four whole weeks of missed school a year**? Every single school day matters. When students are regularly in school, they're more likely to keep up with the curriculum, stay confident in their learning, and build strong relationships with teachers and peers.

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.

As always, if you are aware or have any worries regarding the safety of our students then contact our safeguarding team. Contact ...details below:

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

Mrs 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



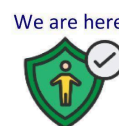
Mr Cowlin
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Quigley
Assistant Headteacher



Ms Meloni
Headteacher



We are here

if...



Mrs Harper
Attendance Officer



Mr Endersby
CTL PE



Mrs Hunt
Assistant Headteacher

...you feel down or sad
...something is bothering
you

...you are concerned
about a friend



Ms Porter
Head of Sixth Form



Mr Groves
Deputy Head Sixth Form



Mrs Valentine
CTL Health and Social

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

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:

- [Sixth Form Administrative Assistant](#)
- [Exam Invigilators](#)

Sackville News

For all the latest news here at Sackville, follow the link below to the news section of our website - [Sackville News](#)

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

Next publication date: **W/B 24 October, 2025**

Futures - Find It Out Thursday

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.

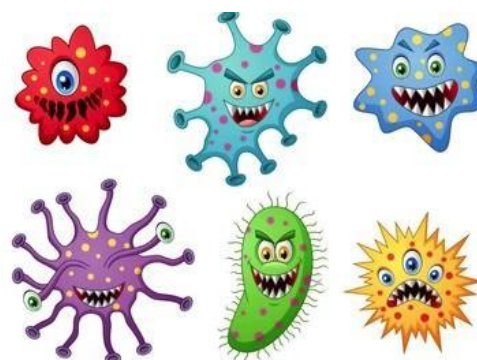
If you would be willing to come in and speak to students and be part of our Find it out Thursday program please contact Helen Smith on hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Medication, Illness and Vaccines

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.



Asthma - With the winter season on our doorstep, we would like to update our records with the treatment plans for any of our students who suffer from asthma.

Please could you complete this [Google Form](#) as soon as possible.

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

Any unlabelled lost property this week can be found [here](#). If you feel that and items of clothing belong to your child, please email ktalbot@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

If lost property is labelled, it will be returned to communities, so students should also ask there.

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.

External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Girls Self Defence



GIRL'S SELF DEFENCE

ActivelySafe

Forest Row

- Physical self defence
- Situational awareness
- Confidence strategies
- De-escalation techniques
- Survival mindset
- Use of force & the law

Ages 10-13: Fridays 3.45-4.45pm
Ages 14+: Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm

For more information:
activelysafeuk@gmail.com

QR code, Instagram, Facebook icons

Basketball Club



EAST GRINSTEAD STORM BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
SCHOOL YEARS 1-11

MONDAYS @ SACKVILLE SCHOOL
5-6PM - YR 1-3
6-7PM - YR 4-5
7-8PM - YR 6-7

TUESDAYS @ IMBERHORNE UPPER
5-6.15 - YR 8-11

FIND US AT
WWW.STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM
OR EMAIL: OFFICE@STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter icons

Careers Event



Meet the Practitioner Careers Event

350 Careers. One NHS. Your Future.

Event Details

Tuesday 18th Nov 2025
5pm-8pm
East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, RH1 5RH

<https://www.surreyandsussex.nhs.uk/work-us/work-experience>

Explore exciting career paths within the NHS at the Meet the Practitioner Careers Event hosted by Surrey & Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, where you'll have the opportunity to connect with industry experts and discover the diverse roles that make up our healthcare system.

Register Now

Putting people first
Delivering excellent, accessible healthcare

Work Experience



Work Experience

Join us to find out more about careers within the NHS

Are you aged 14 or older?

Are you keen to find out about the many roles available in the NHS?

We would like to invite you to join us for our work experience (WEX) events where you will get the opportunity to see how you could part of the NHS.

We are keen to show you how your career pathway could look by offering varied placements across our teams to help offer insights into shaping your future careers.

Previous work experience

We successfully held our first Work Experience event in July 2025 with over 27 students from all over Sussex taking part.

WEX students had placements in various teams including psychology, finance, digital, communications and physiotherapy.

What to do next

Head over to our website to find out more and complete an application form.
You can access the application form here

Dates for your diary

27 - 31 October 2025
Applications open from 15 September

16 - 20 February 2026
27 - 31 July 2025

Link direct to our WEX webpages

We would love to hear from you, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Spt.wex@nhs.net | SussexPartnership.nhs.uk

Inclusive Classroom



CONFERENCE 2025

Connected Cultures, Inclusive Classrooms

Creating a sense of belonging in every school

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025
Avisford Park Hotel
9am - 3pm

£75 per delegate to include lunch and refreshments

Keynote Speaker
DR FRANCISCO MELARA GUTIERREZ
Senior Lecturer in Education at the University of Chichester

Workshops:

- Partnering with Families
- Telling Our Stories
- Talking Through Books
- The Intersection of SEN and EAL

Keynote Speaker
RICHARD O'NEILL
A sixth-generation master storyteller and author from the Romani tradition

To book:
<https://tinyurl.com/5keuzsm3>

Pre-loved Prom Dress

PRE-LOVED PROM DRESS SALE

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025

12PM - 4PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

VENUE: BISHOP LUFFA SCHOOL, PO19 3HP
ENTRY VIA WESTGATE

BUY OR SELL YOUR PROM DRESS -
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
US VIA THE EMAIL, BELOW

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
 St Wilfrid's Hospice
Making a difference to local lives

HOSTED BY BISHOP LUFFA PTA

@BISHOPLUFFAPROMDRESSES BLPROMDRESS@GMAIL.COM

East Grinstead foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1205343

A.I for Multi-Lingual Families

Using A.I to Enhance Accessibility and Communication For Multi-Lingual Families

- Use to translate normative communication, for example everyday letters and correspondence, such as notification of non-school uniform days or nits in the class!
- Use to adjust simple extended text formats, such as letters or generic support guides. Language can be chunked, dual-coded (visuals added), and transformed to accommodate literacy levels of the audience. Then translated too!
- Can offer live translation (including text to speech, speech to text, and combined) options that could support informal conversations such as at drop off, pick up or reception support. This can be an effective way to **start** conversations.

Culturally competent relational practice which prioritises psychological and physical safety, and accessibility, should be felt and experienced by all community members. Please ask your Advisory Teacher for further support or information.

- Not to be used in sensitive, confidential or complex scenarios (for example safeguarding). Relational practice is paramount and for the wellbeing of all involved such topic/agendas should be navigated carefully.
- Jargon is rarely translated effectively or with integrity of meaning. Where such language cannot be avoided, or where loaded terminology will be used, human interpreters should be utilised.
- Language proficiency varies significantly from language to language. Gaps in efficiency and accuracy will greatly undermine the understanding of all involved. Coproduction can only be achieved with all fully informed and acting with agency.
- A.I cannot replicate the human nature and experience of education and relationships. It cannot authentically develop interpersonal skills that interpreters/advocates can.

EMTAS
Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service

Free Sports Day

Her Move LIVE!

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS

SPONSORED BY
 GRINSTEAD SPORTS CLUB

Try it. Move it. Love it! A day of FREE Sport & community fun for women and girls to get active.

At: East Grinstead Sports Club
Date: Saturday 27th September from 11.00 - 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!

CLICK HERE to book 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.

Student Action Cooperative

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025

9am-10am!
CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO
Join the meeting now

The Hidden Weight: Marginalisation and Mental Health

The Student Action Cooperative

"The Hidden Weight: Marginalisation and Mental Health" will explore how injustice affects mental wellbeing.

Students will explore ideas that show the connection between discrimination and mental health, as well as discover strategies for healing; including services to access, and strategies to fortify themselves and one another.

U13 Football

ASHURST WOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

U13s Players Needed

We are looking for more players for our U13s for current year 8s or year 7s happy to play up.

The team play matches on Saturday mornings in the Horsham League and training is Thursday evenings, coaches are fully qualified and DBS checked.

For more information and to arrange to attend trial sessions please contact Rachel
07794548186 rachel.dufeu@sky.com

www.awfc.net Charity No 1136711

Rugby Fest

EGRFC GIRLS RUGBYFEST

rugby

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025 09:30-12:30

Celebrate a fantastic Women's Rugby World Cup with us at East Grinstead RFC for a morning packed with fun, rugby-based games and activities and

MEET ONE OF OUR WORLD CUP WINNING RED ROSES!

Open to all girls aged 5-16 - no experience needed. Join our friendly, inclusive RugbyFest event and give rugby a go.

To register, email GIRLS@EGRFC.COM with:

- Your name
- Your daughter's name, age & school year
- A contact number

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

East Grinstead RFC, The Gearon Pavilion, East Grinstead, RH19 4JU