



Sackville School
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 19 May 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Sometimes in life we find ourselves in situations where we wonder, 'how did I get here?!' I asked myself that very question last Sunday when I stood on the edge of the platform on the Spinnaker Tower, 100m above sea level with nothing between me and the ground below than a red climbing rope.

Despite quite a windy weekend we had been given the go-ahead for our charity abseil for St Catherine's Hospice and I am please to say that myself and Mr Dupoy, along with just one of our fundraising Year 13 students, Amelia, completed our abseils unscathed and with memories that will stay with us for quite some time I am sure. Amelia was phenomenal, undertaking the challenge just as her A Levels were about to start and I am sure Mr Dupoy will not mind me saying that he had to overcome a real fear of heights and was an incredible role model for our students.

Whilst I momentarily questioned how I got myself into that position, I quickly remembered that we were part of a bigger team who collectively raised over £19,000 for the hospice. I wanted to say a huge thank you to anyone who sponsored us. We will pop some photos in Sackville News next week and look forward to the remaining students completing the challenge after their exams.

In other news this week, we hosted a visit from Clare Hayes, Assistant Director of Education and Skills at West Sussex County Council. She spent most of her visit touring the school, going in and out of classrooms speaking to staff and students. She was really impressed with the work we are doing but most importantly our students who spoke with her so confidently and positively about school.

Finally, it was fantastic to see so many of our students being recognised and rewarded for their hard work and achievements, in this week's celebration assemblies. Pretty much every assembly over ran, as each Community had so much to celebrate! Well done to everything each student has done to contribute to their collective Community points, charity work, competition entries, attendance, behaviour and progress. It is always a delight to see them applauding each other and feeling a sense of pride and belonging.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: B

Timetable: 3 + 2

Hot Choc With the Head

It was lovely to spend time with a fantastic group of students from Angelou Community this week. It was particularly pleasing to see that the majority of them had been nominated for their excellent work on student voice, being their form representative and for putting themselves forward on charity committees.

Well done to each of them for their hard work and commitment to charitable endeavours.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher



Key Dates

Monday 19 May 2025

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Tuesday 10 June and Thursday 12 June 2025

Wednesday 25 June 2025

Thursday 26 June 2025

Friday 27 June 2025

Thursday 3 July 2025

Tuesday 8 July 2025

Wednesday 9 July

Friday 11 July 2025

Monday 14 July - Friday 18 July 2025

Friday 18 July 2025

Wednesday 23 July 2025

Play Your Way To Wimbledon Year 9-13 doubles competition

Play Your Way To Wimbledon U14 singles competition

Taylor Made Uniform in School (3.00-5.30pm)

Inset Day

Year 11 and 13 Prom

Turing Colour Run - 1.30-3.00pm

Year 11 into 12 Evening

Year 5 Taster Day

Sports Day

Families Focus Group - 5.00pm

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - In School

Year 12 Work Experience

Last Day of School - Early closure

Taylor Made Uniform in School

Notice board

Tennis Club - Tennis club is up and running at Sackville! Come and give tennis a try!

Reminder that all sessions run 3.00-4.00pm:

- Monday - Year 9-10 BOYS
- Tuesday - Year 7-10 GIRLS
- Thursday - Year 7-8 BOYS

East Grinstead Skate Fest - Thursday 29 May 2025 in Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath and East Grinstead

At all three:

- DJ Neel with DJ workshops and playing tunes
- Audio Active – rap and lyrics
- Charlie Pedals – get your wheels checked
- Places Leisure – activities
- WSCC Early Help – activities
- First Aid – Life Care Training

East Grinstead

- South Coast Skateboarding – lessons
- Scooter Coaching with Terry
- Spray Can Art with Julian – Jays Paint
- Henna Art with Amisha - tbc

Federation Music Day -

On Monday 2 June we are excited to join staff and students from the music departments in our federation partner schools - Oathall, Downlands and Imberhorne - for our inaugural 'Federation Music Day.' This event is being coordinated and hosted by Oathall and we are lucky to be joined by musicians from 'Ensemble Reza' as well as visiting instrumental teachers - it should be a really inspiring day of music making!

Students who attend one of our extra curricular groups will be invited to attend (please look out for more details very soon if this is the case), but as always if your child is interested in taking part then please do ask them to speak to us in the music office or get in touch with Mr Webb - awebb@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Families Focus Group

I would like to thank all the parents who turned up to this week's Families Focus Group. As always you acted as a great sounding board for new school initiatives and raised thought provoking questions to assist us with our continuing school development.

The first agenda item looked at attendance and Mr Millican outlined the challenges around attendance post covid and discussed strategies for improving future attendance.

We discussed how as a school we are outward facing on a number of fronts, working with West Sussex

schools, our feeder primaries and that key staff have joined working parties feeding into the national conversation to improve attendance.

The discussion then moved on to what kind of communication is helpful as a parent.

- There was a strong feeling that being proactive and looking towards the next week's attendance was important.
- Clear communication around the register cut-off was also suggested as a way of improving punctuality.
- The group liked suggestions around Week's VS Streaks (a new strategy we are launching soon), there was some concern around the lottery of rewarding good attendance but it was accepted that to try another marginal gain is important.
- We discussed the sustainability of awards being an important consideration for school and bespoke interventions and recognition must be included within our approach.
- Attendance rewards should be aligned with those of the rest of the school.

The group then discussed tutoring at Sackville as part of a review the school is doing this time around tutor time and the role of the tutor. The discussion was focussed around four questions:

- ☐ What is the purpose of the tutor group?
- ☐ What makes a good tutor?
- ☐ How would you improve your child's tutor experience?
- ☐ How does tutoring support belonging at Sackville?

In summary Sackville families would like tutor groups to serve as a safe, consistent space where students feel noticed, supported, and have a sense of belonging. Tutors need to play a key role in pastoral care by fostering friendships, starting the day positively, and being approachable communicators. To enhance the tutor experience, it is important that tutors share information, encourage involvement, lead their groups with pride, and that this approach is consistent across all tutor groups. This support helps students feel valued and connected within the school community.

We are very keen to encourage more families to join this group so if you are interested then please do not hesitate to contact me, pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk . Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 9 July at 5.00pm**, we hope to see you there.

Paul Street
Deputy Headteacher

Safeguarding

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

Mrs Flude - dflude@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Team:

Mr Endersby - jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Hunt - shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Valentine - hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Dupoy - jdupoy@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Cowlin - pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Bull - sbull@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Vallally-Godfrey - avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk



Safeguarding at Sackville
PRIORITISING SAFETY & WELLBEING

Keeping our students safe is everybody's responsibility

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 which includes Ms Meloni (Headteacher).

Additional members of our Safeguarding Team

Mr Millican - Lead DSL
Mr Street - Deputy DSL
Mrs Steer - Deputy DSL and CP Officer
Mrs Flude - Welfare Officer

Mr Endersby - CIL PE
Mrs Hunt - SENCO
Mr Pearson - CL
Mrs Valentine - Head of 6th form

Mr Dupoy - Deputy Head of 6th form
Mr Cowlin - Deputy Head
Mrs Bull - 6th form Pastoral Support
Mr Vallally-Godfrey - CIL Computing

...something is bothering you
...you feel down or sad
Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email: safeguarding@sackvilleschool.org.uk if...
...you are worried about something at home
...you are concerned about a friend

Current Vacancies

We have three 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:

- [KS5 Attendance and Pastoral Assistant](#)
- [Cover Supervisors](#)

Extra Curricular Activities

Summer 2025 Term

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 23 May, 2025.**

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. Students have to sign up for the talk they wish to attend using the google form distributed to students.

We are postponing next week's talk by a paramedic to Thursday 5 June 2025 so that the students get the chance to look around an ambulance.

If you would like to 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.

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.

Vaccinations

Just a reminder of the following vaccination dates for this year as below:

Friday 11 July 2025 - HPV vaccination for Year 8

The consent will be online and details will be sent out 4-6 weeks prior to these dates. If you have any queries please contact the immunisation team on 01273 696011 ext 2043.

Lost Property



Please could you ensure that all items of school uniform, PE kits and pencil cases are labelled. This will make reuniting property a lot faster, easier and more successful.

We are trialling a new system to help get unlabelled lost property back to students, we have a google document that is updated regularly with any garments that find their way to the lost property, if you believe an item is something you are looking for, please contact

Mrs Hill (shill@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

Lost Property Itinerary - as of Friday 16 May 2025.

We advise that if students ever lose any uniform or property then they should visit their community office after they have checked with Mrs Hill if their property has been handed in.

** Please can we ask that if you have any unwanted school uniform - can this be donated back to school for the second hand uniform shop, especially ties and girls blouses and Year 10 and Year 11 uniform - Also PE kits. Many thanks **

External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Mind - West Sussex



Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins

Spring/Summer Timetable



Come and join us in:

Working

The Colfax, 8-10 Durrington Lane, BN13 2QG
1500 - 1600

- Tuesday 11th March
- Tuesday 25th April
- Thursday 20th May
- Tuesday 19th July
- Tuesday 2nd September
- Tuesday 14th October
- Tuesday 25th November

If you are a parent or carer to a child or young person who needs some support with their mental health, you may need some advice to start and may need some support of your own.

If we of West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support drop-ins across the county, where you can meet our Parenting Team and other parents who can provide some much needed experience and understanding.

Online parenting support drop-in:

Zoom

10:00-11:00

- Tuesday 5th May
- Tuesday 17th June
- Tuesday 20th July
- Tuesday 26th August
- Tuesday 20th Sep

Zoom link: <https://westsussexmind.zoom.us/j/2423676267>

Meeting ID: 8184QmEFCB1hP4Xp4XoYl

Crawley

Beehive Family Centre, Durrington Square,
RH11 8XW

10:00-11:00

- Tuesday 15th April
- Tuesday 27th May
- Tuesday 15th August
- Tuesday 23rd September
- Tuesday 4th November

Please feel free to drop-in where we can and get you registered with the service.

Please call 01293 565226, please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm or email info@westsussexmind.org

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

or email info@westsussexmind.org

or email parentsupport@westsussexmind.org

Parenting Support Service -
online groups 2025:
every other Wednesday evening



Peer support groups
7:30-9.00pm

- Weds 2nd April
- Weds 30th April
- Weds 28th May
- Weds 25th June
- Weds 23rd July

Expert by experience presentations
7:30-9:30pm

- Weds 16th April - Supporting children/young people with anxiety
- Weds 14th May - Supporting children/young people who self harm
- Weds 11th June - Exploring attachment
- Weds 9th July - Supporting children/young people with Autism and ADHD

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 9652 or email, help@point@westsussexmind.org

We are a friendly group of 6-8 young people and one adult. Always a chance to ask our experts questions too

To book onto any of our expert by experience presentations please visit our training page on www.westsussexmind.org





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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.

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- 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 335 6652
OR EMAIL HELPPOINT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG
OR USE THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE - WWW.WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG

Performing Schools - East Grinstead



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FACE Timetable



Autism: Improving Communication
 Raising Self-Esteem
 Supporting Healthy Screen Use
 Supporting Healthy Sleep
 Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness
 What is ACT?
 Introduction to OCD
 Anxiety Explained

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 Supporting a Child with ADHD
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 Addictive Behaviour
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 Decreasing Depression
 Improving Family Communication

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FACE Summer Timetable	
all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours	
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 10am
Decreasing Depression	16 June 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	17 June 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 June 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	24 June 10am
Autism Improving Communication	24 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	30 June 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	30 June 7pm
Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am

Football



Join the Meads AC U12 Boys Football Team!

Is your son entering Year 8 this September and has a passion for football?

If he is excited to play at an intermediate level in the Horsham and District League, we have a fantastic opportunity for him! Meads AC is expanding to an 11-a-side team and we are looking for both new and experienced players for the upcoming season.

Why Choose Us?

- FA Gold Standard Club: Our club features qualified coaches with safeguarding certification, providing a safe and nurturing environment for your child.
- Competitive Matches: Engage in exciting league and cup games every Saturday morning in the local area.
- Training Sessions: Develop skills and foster teamwork during our weekly training on Wednesdays at EG Sports Club

Don't let this opportunity pass by to be part of a vibrant team.

Email EGMEADSAC@GMAIL.COM



ASHURST WOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Current Year 7s wanted for 25/26 Season

We are looking for more players as we move to U13s and 11v11 next season.

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
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SEASON**

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Current Year 7s considered too.

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DRAGON
DEVELOPING RESILIENCE AGAINST GROOMING ONLINE

DRAGON-SHIELD

Are you a parent or carer of one or more children aged 9 to 17 who wants to help develop resources for parents/carers about online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA), particularly online grooming (OG)?

Would you like to advise us on adapting our ground-breaking, research-based DRAGON-Shield training for child-safeguarding practitioners into resources to help parents/carers to build their knowledge about OG communication to better support their children?

How can you help?

Working with the Breck Foundation, we are looking to recruit parents/carers of one or more children aged 9-17 to consult on developing our **DRAGON-Shield training for a parent/carer audience**. You will be invited to:

- Attend a **virtual welcome meeting** with the DRAGON and Breck Foundation teams (30 minutes) - Monday 19th May 2025
- Complete a **brief online survey** to help identify current knowledge and perceived needs (15 minutes) - May 2025
- Attend **2 virtual co-creation workshops**, led by the DRAGON team with support from the Breck Foundation (4 hours overall) - Monday 19th May and Monday 16th June 2025.

Based on your input, the **DRAGON** team will then develop **DRAGON-Shield for parents/carers**: an OG prevention and support-oriented resource for a parent/carer audience in a format aimed at widespread dissemination.

What's in it for me?

- Free, exclusive access to ground-breaking research-based training** about how communication works in OG.
- Access to advice and support** from the DRAGON team, as required.
- To be part of shaping plans for adapting DRAGON-Shield for parents/carers** across the world to enhance the protection and support that child victims of OG receive.
- A priority space in a subsequent project to pilot the DRAGON-Shield for parents/carers resource** (anticipated September - October 2025)

How do I get involved?

Sign up by 18.05.2025 and join us to realise our aim of safeguarding children from sexual abuse.

Tell me more about DRAGON-Shield for child-safeguarding practitioners

DRAGON (<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/project-dragon-2/>) is a not-for-profit, research programme based at Swansea University. Our mission is to apply our research to protect children from OCSEA through the development of practical tools. **DRAGON-Shield for child-safeguarding practitioners** is one of our core tools. It is the **only training suite in existence** that explores the ways groomers and children communicate with each other during OG conversations. You can learn more about **DRAGON-Shield** in a **brief demo video**. You can also read more about how **DRAGON-Shield for child safeguarding practitioners** was developed and the results of its piloting and independent evaluation [here](#).

Art of the Week

8V art groups hybrid animal tiles - Sophie K, Phoebe S and Kye A



Hybrid creature clay tiles by Melissa T, Antonia T, Eddie M and Riley P



Sea life final pieces by Year 10 students - Kennedy B, Daisy M, Natalie L, Milli C, Aaron K and Sofia N

