

FRIDAY FLYER



AMBERLEY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
<https://www.amberleyschool.com/>

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe it is already mid November! We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as we can next week at Oak Class's celebration assembly. Please find below very important dates and information about the weeks leading up to Christmas including an invitation to come into school next Wednesday morning for a Cuppa & Chat!

Please see important diary dates and information below:

2024	
Tuesday 19 th November	SPLASH! Assembly
Wednesday 20 th November	8.30am: Cuppa & Chat in School Hall
Friday 22 nd November	9am: Oak Class Celebration Assembly
	Mufti Day
	Forest School for Oak Class
Tuesday 26 th November	9.30am - 11.00am: Amberley Primary Open Morning
Friday 29 th November	Forest School for Oak Class
Tuesday 3 rd December	Guitar Demonstration Assembly
Wednesday 4 th December	9am: School photographer (individual photographs)
Friday 6 th December	Mufti Day
	Forest School for Oak Class
Tuesday 10 th December	pm: KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 11 th December	5.30pm: KS1 Nativity Performance (doors open 5.00pm)
Thursday 12 th December	3.15 – 5.15PM: Christmas Festive Afternoon & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	Forest School for Oak Class
Tuesday 17 th December	2.00pm: KS2 Carol Concert at St Michael's Church
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December	2.00pm: Christmas Service at St Michael's Church
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 23rd Dec to Friday 3rd Jan	Christmas Break
2025	
Monday 6th January	First Day of Spring Term
Friday 10 th January	Drama Workshops for all classes
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February	Half Term

Final Ofsted Report

We are absolutely delighted to be able to let you know that we have received the final report from our recent Ofsted inspection and the school has achieved 'Good' across all areas assessed:

- Quality of Education (including Early Years);
- Behaviour and Attitudes;
- Personal Development;
- Leadership and Management.

I cannot commend our school community highly enough for the hard work that has led to this outcome. The staff team and governing board have worked relentlessly to ensure that we were prepared for the inspection and they are a credit to the school - in verbal feedback, the inspectors praised the consistent, high-quality teaching across all classes and commented on the strong supportive teamwork shown by all members of staff. Thank you to every single one of our staff team for their commitment to and passion for our school, not just during the inspection but every single day.

The children were an absolute credit to both the school and you, their parents/carers. In feedback, we were told that the children were respectful, keen to articulate and talk about learning and were able to say that they feel safe, valued and have a voice. Congratulations to them for being so amazing, not just during the visit but all the time!

I would like to express my gratitude to you all for your support during the inspection. We are thankful to you for filling in the Parent Survey; the inspector reported that the responses were positive and the overall feedback was that parents feel their children are happy and flourishing. Thank you for your support; it is never taken for granted and is greatly valued.

Enjoy reading the report, which can be found on our website on the following link <https://www.amberleyschool.com/Ourschool/OfstedReport/> and thank you again for all your wonderful support.

Mrs Martin
Executive Head Teacher

Please come and help us celebrate our wonderful Ofsted Report!

**Come into school for a Cuppa and a Chat!
on Wednesday 20th November
from 8.30am
Refreshments will be provided for the children too.**

We look forward to seeing you.



Happy Retirement to our Caretaker and Friend, Mr Patel!

Our celebration assembly this morning for Mr Patel only touched the surface of how much we will miss him! Mr Patel has been an immensely valuable, funny and friendly member of staff at Amberley for 15 years. He has made a huge impact on the wellbeing of staff, pupils and parents! From making sure our school is clean, warm and safe, to running a very energetic Football club! We know that Mr Patel didn't want to retire before Christmas but unfortunately, his hip doesn't follow the yearly calendar events! We wish him a very speedy recovery from hip surgery and that he can enjoy his retirement pain(ish) free!

We know that this will not be the last we see of Roy. We welcome him back any time and will keep him updated on Amberley events! He has given so much of his extra time to our school and we are forever grateful. Happy Retirement Mr Patel!



Christmas Festive Afternoon – Thursday 12th December, 3.15pm to 5.15pm

This year FASA would like to invite your child to participate in an afternoon of festive fun on Thursday 12th December from 3.15pm to 5.15pm.

With Christmas music playing, the children will have the opportunity to buy Christmas presents for their family members and wrap them up to bring home to pop under the Christmas tree.

There will also be a crafts table where they can make their own Christmas decorations, a child's tombola, a sweet treat table and possible other stalls for them to purchase some treats for themselves. We will also be holding a wonderful raffle (as ever with prizes donated from our amazing local businesses) and will be selling raffle tickets from Monday either via Emma (Hugo and Henry's Mum) or Marisa (Jude's Mum) or from the school office.

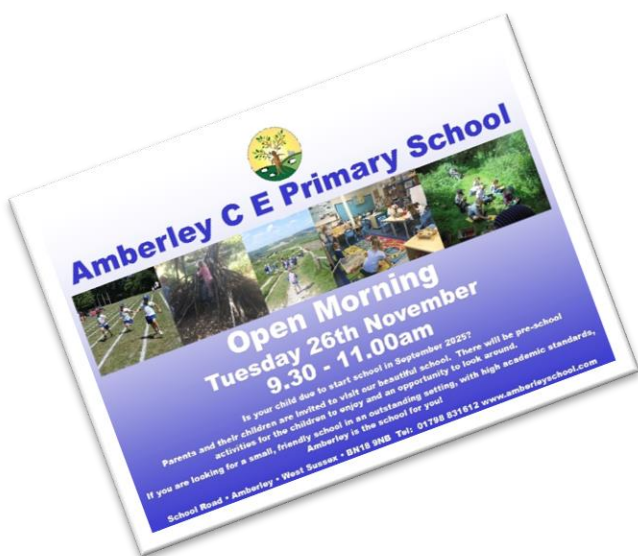
To be able to participate in the festivities, your child will need to purchase a ticket in advance (either from Marisa or Emma). This will cost £3 and includes entry to the afternoon's festivities, a hotdog and a drink. Your child will also need to bring pocket money on the day to buy the Christmas presents which they will then wrap and take home (we suggest that any money brought into school should be put in a named envelope and handed to your child's class teacher for safe keeping during the day). This ticketed event will indicate to us how many children we may have so that we can organise enough presents for them to buy!

If your child does not wish to participate or hasn't purchased a ticket, please pick them up at the usual time of 3.15pm.

On the afternoon we invite parents, carers and family members to come along from 4.30pm onwards to join in the fun. The raffle will be drawn at 4.45/5.00pm.

Mufti Days: Fridays 22nd November and 6th December

We are also intending to have two Mufti Days in exchange for items for the tombola/raffle. These will be held on Friday 22nd November and Friday 6th December. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



REMINDER - Next Amberley Primary Open Morning – Tuesday 26th November, 9.30am – 11.00am

Our next Amberley Primary Open Morning is being held on Tuesday 26th November for children who are due to start school in September 2025. We would like to get as many people as possible to attend, so if you know of anyone who has primary school age children who you think might be interested, please let them know.

West Sussex Music Holiday Songwriting and Rap Course

West Sussex Music are offering a Songwriting & Rap course during the winter holidays, on 2nd and 3rd January, with free **HAF** funded places available for children receiving free school meals.

This is an exciting opportunity for young people aged 8 – 16.

Participants will explore the fundamentals of rap, including **rhythm, flow, and rhyme schemes**, while also learning how to craft compelling stories and messages through song. The workshop encourages creativity, self-expression, and collaboration, offering a hands-on approach to writing, revising, and performing original pieces. Whether new to the craft or experienced, attendees will gain practical tips to improve their songwriting and/or rap techniques.

The workshop includes a hot lunch, and all participants will receive a **Digital Badge** after completing the workshops.

Due to high demand and **limited places**, please book early to avoid disappointment, places are first come, first served. You can find out more about these workshops and book a place [here](#).

Kind regards,

Mrs R Westwood
Senior Teacher
Amberley CE Primary School

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

Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins Autumn Timetable



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

We at 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 empathy and understanding.

The Parenting Support Service at West Sussex Mind has a lot to 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 (who has lived and professional experience). These are in blocks of three and can be delivered at a time convenient for you
- Closed Facebook group; regular newsletters and access to training, e-learning and webinars (on the West Sussex Mind website).

Come and join us in:

Lancing

Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing BN15 8AJ
13.30-14.30

- Wed 2nd Oct / Wed 6th Nov / Wed 4th Dec

Worthing

The Gateway, 8-10 Durrington Lane, Worthing,
BN13 2QG
13:00 - 14:00

- Tue 22nd Oct/ Tues 19th Nov/ Tues 17th Dec

Bognor Regis

Arun West Family Hub, Laburnam Grove,
Bognor Regis PO22 9HT
11:00-12:00:

- Wed 25th Sep / Thur 24th Oct / Thur 21st Nov /
Thur 19th Dec

Crawley

Bewbush Family Centre, Dorsten Square, Crawley
RH11 8XW
10.00-11.00

- Tues 10th Sep/ Tues 8th Oct/ Tues 12th Nov/
Tues 10th Dec

Horsham

i-Rock, Hurst Cafe, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DN
13.00- 14.00

- Tues 3rd Sep/ Tues 1st Oct/ Tues 5th Nov/
Tues 3rd Dec

To access the Parenting Service you will need to register with us. If you would like to attend one of our groups, you can drop into a session and then register with the service, or contact us via our Help Point and state you would like a Parenting referral to access the groups.

**Please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652
or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org**