



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 10 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

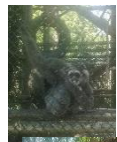
Another scorcher of a week but the children have been amazing coping with it all. Thank you!

We've had a busy week with several special event days.



Y3 Roman Day

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed an exciting Roman Day on Tuesday. They made Roman God masks, created colourful mosaics, and took part in a fantastic Roman army drill led by Mr Tillyard, where they learnt how to use the famous tortoise formation to protect themselves from flying "water" projectiles. A fabulous day all round!



Year R Trip to Howletts

EYFS enjoyed a wonderful trip to Howletts zoo on Thursday. They saw lots of animals despite the warm weather and all had an amazing time. A huge thank you to our helpers who came with us, as we couldn't have done it without you! The children were impeccably well behaved and represented the school well, which was commented on by other members of the public. Well done Cheetah and Leopard classes you were a pleasure to take on your first school trip and we are so very proud of you all!



Year 1 Trip to Maidstone Museum

On Thursday also, Year 1 pupils stepped back in time during a hands-on Victorian workshop, where they explored old-fashioned jobs, toys and school routines, handling real artefacts that brought history vividly to life. They then enjoyed a self-guided museum tour, confidently navigating the exhibits, asking thoughtful questions and showing impressive curiosity throughout the day.



Fire Fighter Recruitment

Headcorn Fire Station are recruiting on-call firefighters. See below for more information.



Next week is the last full week of this academic year! We will begin to send property and books home across next week so please send your child to school each with a large carrier bag to take things home in. Please note, lost property will be laid out at points next week in the Visitors' carpark. Please check this out as we have quite a few items again.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

15th – 17th July: Year 6 Residential

Monday 20th July: Non-uniform Disco Day! (YR Disco 1.30pm, Y1&2 Disco 2.15pm, Y3 Disco & 4 3.30-4.30pm, Y5&6 Disco 5-6pm)

Tuesday 21st July: Year 6 Leavers' Performance @ 9.00am for 9.15am prompt start

Tuesday 21st July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 2pm

Tuesday 21st July: End of Term 6 / End of Academic Year

FREE Morrisons Café Breakfast All Summer

Between 29th June and 6th September 2026, families can access **FREE Kellogg's breakfasts** in all Morrisons Cafes. This is available to both children and adults, who can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.



In addition to the Kellogg's Breakfast offer, **Morrisons 'Kids Eat Free'** offer will continue to run in all its Cafés, allowing families to enjoy a free meal and drink for one child aged 16 or under when they purchase an adult main meal costing over £5 from The Breakfasts and The Classics menu.

Assemblies

As we approach the end of the school term, our assemblies will focus on celebrating and saying goodbye to members of our school community. We will take time to recognise and thank staff who are moving on, as well as wish our Year 6 pupils the very best as they prepare for their next exciting chapter. These assemblies will be an opportunity to reflect on the memories we have shared, celebrate achievements, and send everyone leaving us off with our warmest wishes and good luck for their future endeavours.

Goodbye & good luck



Music of the Week **A Million Dreams**

Lost Property

As we approach the end of term, we've collected a significant amount of lost property, particularly water bottles! We'll be putting everything out in the Visitors' Carpark at the end of the day at points next week. Most items are unnamed or have names that are difficult to read, so please do have a look and see if anything belongs to your child. Any unclaimed items will be recycled/donated at the end of the year.



Children's books will be sent home next week!

Please ensure your child brings a suitable bag to carry books home, as they've worked extremely hard this year and will be bringing home a large number of books – they may be quite heavy! For Year 5 children who are planning to take the Kent Test in September, a selection of their books will be kept back temporarily to support any potential school appeals. These books will be returned at a later date.



British Heart Foundation – Watch this and Save a Life!

The British Heart Foundation are providing a FREE course: **Learn CPR in 15 minutes for free with RevivR**. Many of us will witness a cardiac arrest in our lifetime. Be ready for that day with RevivR, it's a fast, free and easy-to-use online tool.

https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes?&utm_campaign=revivrppc~24-115&utm_medium=ppc&utm_source=google&utm_content=adcopy&utm_term=Headline&gclid=aw.ds&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=15868423888&gbraid=0AAAAAD6mX55so67lkudcvMhn_2amPITMB&gclid=EAlaIqobChMI9rDX8qXFIQMVFx9BAh3xIhr1EAAYASAAEgLIFFD_BwE

E-Safety Update: Why turning off screens is so hard for children

Ever wonder why asking your child to switch off the tablet triggers a full meltdown? It's not bad behaviour — it's brain science. Games and videos are designed to keep young minds hooked, and stopping abruptly feels genuinely jarring for children.

The good news: a few small changes can make transitions much smoother — no shouting required.



Quick tips for calmer switch-offs:

- Give a warning before time's up, not just a sudden "off now"
- Build in a wind-down routine, same as bedtime
- Offer a clear next activity, so screens aren't just replaced by nothing
- Stay calm and consistent — kids push harder when the boundary wobbles

Want the full picture? Read the original article here: theconversation.com/why-turning-off-screens-is-so-hard-for-children-and-four-tips-to-make-it-easier

On-call Fire Fighter Recruitment Drive

Could you make a difference in your local community?

Headcorn Fire Station is looking for on-call firefighters. This is a unique opportunity to make a real difference in your community and be paid to do so. On-call firefighters respond to the same wide range of emergencies as whole time firefighters, while balancing the role alongside their normal employment, studies, or family life.



If you're over 18 and live or work close enough to Headcorn Fire Station to be **operationally ready within five minutes of an alert**, you could apply to become an on-call firefighter. Full, paid training is provided, and successful applicants become part of a professional, supportive team committed to protecting and serving the local community.

Our weekly training (drill) night is held on Mondays at 7pm, so feel free to drop in and have a chat with the crew. We will also be available at the times listed below to answer questions about the role, training, and recruitment process. Alternatively, visit the Kent Fire and Rescue Service website for more information and to apply. Applications close: Thursday 30 July 2026

Meet the crew and find out more. All sessions are at Headcorn Fire Station:

Wednesday 8 July, 2pm–3:30pm

Friday 10 July, 7pm–8:30pm

Thursday 16 July, 7pm–8:30pm

Saturday 18 July, 2pm–3:30pm

Tuesday 21 July, 7pm–8:30pm

Saturday 25 July, 2pm–3:30pm

We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about becoming an on-call firefighter. **Apply online:** [Kent Fire and Rescue Service – On-Call Firefighter Recruitment](#).

JAG Summer Holiday Camp

🕒 Summer Holiday Early Bird Ending Soon – Big Days. Big Energy. All Summer Long
This summer, Holiday HQ brings high-energy adventures, creative challenges and unforgettable experiences to our school — but early bird places won't last.

📖 Book Early and Save

🎯 Early Bird Discount – Save 10%

Book by Sunday 5th July using code STORIES10 at checkout

🕒 Secure your place now before slots fill up

Book now 🖱️ [Headcorn Primary School](#)

Delivered by Junior Adventures Group (JAG), no two days are the same, and children come home happily tired, full of stories and excited for what's next.

[Check out our Activity Schedule!](#)

Maidstone Library - Summer Reading Challenge

The Challenge runs from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 5 September and is free for children aged 4 to 11. It helps children keep up their reading over the summer and return to school with greater confidence.



This year's theme is Read to the Beat, celebrating music, rhythm and the enjoyment of reading.

We have created a [downloadable Summer Reading Challenge promotional pack](#) for schools with ready-to-use materials, including newsletter text, posters and social media content.

Next Week's Curriculum Overview



Year R Cheetah & Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curricular Focus

Maths: Using our mathematical knowledge to solve simple number problems.
Literacy: Drawing Club this week will be a book of choice chosen by Leopard and Cheetah Class.
Topic: Water safety.

RWI Links:

[Set 3](#)

[Set 2](#)

PE Day: Wednesdays



Year 1 Tiger & Lynx Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

We had a fantastic trip to the Maidstone Museum last week where we looked at artefacts from the past linked to our history topic of childhood and school life. We also took part in an exciting Victorian workshop. Thank you to everyone who helped and offered to help, we really appreciate your support.

Handwriting: This week, we will continue to focus on hill to 'sister' letter formation. Please click on the letters to open the video link [ma](#). Your support in encouraging your child to watch the video and practise their letter formation at home is appreciated.
Maths: We will recognise and name both 2D and 3D shapes. Looking for these shapes in the environment and describing their properties using mathematical language such as edges, sides, faces, vertices and corners.

English: We will use similes to help describe the way the robot feels at different points in the story. We will learn that when we write similes we use like and as to link two things that are similar.

History: This week, we will share the key learning from our trip. We will look back at photographs and use these to write a recount.

RWI Links:

Miss Schofield – [Word Challenge](#)

Mrs Brennan – [Word Challenge](#)

Miss Harman-[Word Challenge](#)

Miss Arthur/Mr Allen- [Word Challenge](#)

Mrs Maher - [Word Challenge](#)

Mrs Goodwin/Miss Hayes – [Word Challenge](#)

PE Days: Tuesdays & Fridays / Book Change: Tuesday and Fridays / Arithmetic All-Stars: Wednesdays



Year 2 Puma & Panther Classes: Next Week's Curriculum

Maths: We will be completing work on position and direction.

English: We will be completing some descriptive writing based on our class text.

Other: Finishing our bag tags in DT. We recently began our 'Changing Me' unit in PSHE. This unit includes an RSE lesson. This lesson will follow on from the pupil's learning in Year 1 where they learn about the physical differences between girls' and boys' bodies and use the correct names for these parts.

Friday: Swimming Taster Session: see separate info about what is needed!

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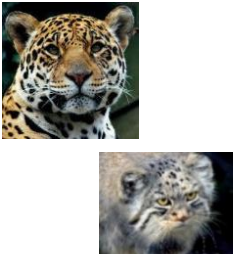
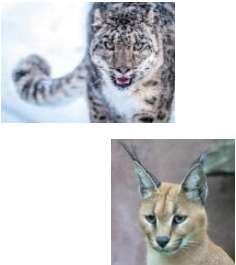
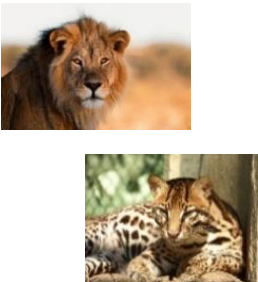
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PE Days: Mondays & Thursdays / Book Change: Fridays / Arithmetic All-Stars: Fridays

	<u>Year 3 Jaguar & Pallas Cat Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u> Maths: We will be starting our Statistics unit collecting data and looking at 2-way tables. English: We are going to re-tell or twist a well-known Roman God or Goddess story. Other: In our last RSE session we are looking ahead to the future and what changes we will make next year. In Science we will be investigating shadows. Please could children bring in a large named plastic bag ready to take home their books. As we come to the end of the year, no reading books will be sent home this week. Please can you bring in any other school reading books at home next week. PE Days: Monday:Outdoor and Wednesday:Swimming / Book Change: Thursdays / Spellings, Times Tables & Arithmetic All-Stars: Mondays (Y3A) & Thursdays (Y3B) / Ongoing challenges on Sum Dog & TT Rockstars close on Sundays
	<u>Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u> English: In English we will be reviewing our time in Year 4 as we create our own newspapers for the new Year 4's in September. Maths: We will be starting a new unit on position and direction, exploring how we use co-ordinates to plot information. History: We will be looking at the fall of 3 Ancient Civilisations considering their causes and consequences. PE Days: Monday & Thursday: Swimming / Book Change: Mondays and Fridays (Reading Records checked on Fridays) / Spellings, Times Tables & Arithmetic All-Stars: Fridays
	<u>Year 5 Caracal & Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u> English: We will be completing the final chapter of our <i>Odysseus</i> story. Can we write an ending that's even better than the original? Maths: Our final topic is volume (capacity rather than sound!), which will keep us busy during our last few days. PSHE: We will be looking ahead to our future class and discussing how we can make each school year even better than the last. DT: On Wednesday, we will be building our Greek temples. Please bring in any resources you need by then. Any extra materials you are happy to donate for others to use would be greatly appreciated. PE Days: Tuesday & Friday:Swimming / Book Change: any day but Reading Records in on Tuesdays & Fridays / Spelling Tests & Arithmetic All-Stars: Fridays
	<u>Year 6 Lion & Ocelot Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u> Next week is a busy one in Year 6! We have our dress rehearsal to KS1 on Tuesday morning - please make sure all costumes are in school for this. On Wednesday, we head off to our residential trip, run by Challenger Troop. It's sure to be an action-packed few days that will see the children gain independence, take risks and make some fantastic memories! PE Days: Monday & Friday:Swimming / Book Change: any day that is needed / Arithmetic All-Stars & Sumdog Tasks: Wednesdays / Homework due in on Fridays