

Headcorn Primary School

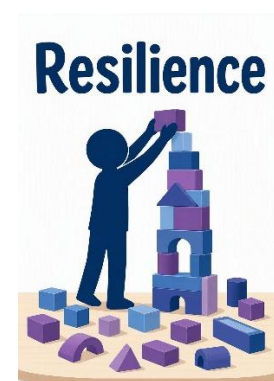
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Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,

We are already three weeks into the academic year and it has been a brilliant start to the year here at Headcorn. We have been working hard to establish our routines for transitions and have relaunched our school values with the children through assemblies and by displaying them prominently in classrooms. Please continue to reference these values at home and praise children when they demonstrate them.



Handwriting and Presentation

This term, we are focusing on developing children's handwriting and presentation skills. We have introduced a new scheme of learning to support this in Key Stage 2 and will be holding dedicated handwriting sessions at the beginning of writing lessons. This will give children the opportunity to focus on developing cursive handwriting across Key Stage 2, while also strengthening handwriting skills in Key Stage 1.

We have already seen the early impact of this work in classrooms and will continue to celebrate success through our celebration assemblies and the use of Dojos. We hope you will be able to see the impact in your child's work during the Book Look session on 29th September (see key dates below).

If you would like resources to support handwriting at home, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to provide additional practice sheets and guidance.

Reading at Home

We encourage regular reading at home as we recognise that reading fluency is a key foundation for success across the whole curriculum and throughout a child's education. If you are unsure about the reading arrangements (for example, book change days) for your child's class, please speak directly to the class teacher or contact them via the School Office for clarification.

Reading at home every day would be fantastic but reading at least five times a week will also make a significant difference. Regular reading practice helps children develop their fluency, comprehension, and, most importantly, a lifelong love of reading.

Policies

A reminder that key school policies can be found on our website here:

[School Policies](#)

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These documents are important in shaping the work we do as a school. We have added several new policies recently and will continue to share this link so that you can easily access them.

Over the coming weeks, we will be reviewing our Attendance and Behaviour Policies. If you have strong views or feedback regarding either of these policies, please do get in touch, as parental input is always valued when developing and reviewing our procedures.

Please do read ahead to check the dates for the year and some information around a change to Year 2 collection routine which will impact the number of adults within this area from next week so worth everyone who uses the space to have a read. Have a brilliant weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next week.

Mr Sean Johnson
Headteacher

Dates for Academic Year 2026 2027

We are still in the process of analysing the survey results and pulling out key threads but one thing that has become clear was the want for key dates in advance. In order to support with this, we've put together the tables below outlining the key dates across the school year as we know this helps with getting time away from work and other commitments.

There may be additional things that come up throughout the year and we will endeavour to communicate those to you with good timing.

TERM 1	
Tue 29 th Sept	Parent Book Look 3.20 – 4pm (more information below)
Fri 23 rd Oct	PTFA Non-Uniform Day – PTFA to confirm plan.
Fri 23rd Oct	End of Term 1

TERM 2	
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET Day 2: No children in school
Tue 3rd Nov	Start of Term 2: Children in school
Tue 3 rd Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 6.30pm
Wed 4 th Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 6.30pm
Thu 5 th Nov	EYFS New Parent Tour 10.00 – 11.00am
Sun 8 th Nov	PTFA Fireworks from 4pm
Mon 9 th Nov	Parents' Book Look 3.20 – 4pm
Tue 10 th Nov	EYFS New Parent Tour 10.00 – 11.00am
Thu 12 th Nov	EYFS New Parent Tour 10.00 – 11.00am
Fri 13 th Nov	Children in Need Day – Non-Uniform
Tue 17 th Nov	EYFS New Parent Tour 10.00 – 11.00am
Thu 19 th Nov	EYFS New Parent Tour 10.00 – 11.00am
Fri 20 th Nov	Individual Pupil Photos
Tues, 8 th Dec	Flu Immunisations
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Mon 14 th Dec	Year R Nativity Performance
Tue 15 th Dec	Year 1 Nativity Performance
Wed 16 th Dec	Year 2 Nativity Performance
Thu 17 th Dec	KS2 Church Services: Y3 Y4 @ 10am / Y5 Y6 @ 11am
Fri 18 th Dec	Christmas Party Day / Non-uniform
Fri 18th Dec	End of Term 2

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TERM 3	
Mon 4th Jan	INSET Day 3: No children in school
Tue 5th Jan	Start of Term 3: Children in School
Tues 12 th Jan	Parents' Book Look 3.20 – 4pm
Fri 12th Feb	End of Term 3

TERM 4	
Mon 22nd Feb	Start of Term 4: Children in School
Weds, 3 rd March	Parents' Book Look 3.20 – 4pm
Thu 4 th March	World Book Day
Thu 25th March	End of Term 4

TERM 5	
Mon 12th April	INSET Day 4: No children in school
Tue 13th April	Start of Term 5: Children in School
Tue 20 th April	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 6.30pm
Thu 22 nd April	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 6.30pm
Thu 29 th April	Parents' RSE (Relationships Education) Talk @ 2.30pm
Thu 29 th April	Parents' Book Look 3.20 – 4pm
Mon 3 rd May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: PTFA May Fair
Wk of 10 th May	KS2 (Y6) SATs Week
Thu 27th May	End of Term 5
Fri 28th May	INSET Day 5: NO children in school

TERM 6	
Mon 7th June	Start of Term 6: Children in school
Wks 7 th & 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check to be completed
Thu 10 th June	Class Photos
w/c 14 th June	Year 1 & Year 2 Retakes Phonics Screening
Fri 18 th June	Sports Day
Fri 25 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 2 nd Jul TBC	Year 6 Leavers Performance dependent upon secondary transition week
Thu 1 st /8 th July TBC	Whole School Transition Day dependent upon secondary transition week
Thu 1 st /8 th July TBC	Meet the NEW Teacher 3.15 – 4pm same as whole school transition day
July TBC	Year 6 Residential
Wed 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 2pm
Wed 21st July	End of Term 6 / End of Academic Year

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Book Look – 29th September

We will be holding our first book look on Tuesday 29th September from 3.20pm through to 4pm. We are just finalising arrangements for how best to organise adults around the site and best approach for families with children across classes/key stage. We will share early next week some clear guidance to ensure it is a smooth, positive and lovely opportunity to see your children's learning so far.

Year 2 – End of Day Collection



To facilitate a smoother end of the day and reduce the number of children being collected from our KS2 playground, we are going to make some changes to Year 2 collection at the end of the day. From next Monday (21st September), both Year Two classes will exit via Mrs Harman-Bray's class (black arrow). Parents to line up side-by-side in two separate class lines alongside the classroom windows on the pavement (red arrow). The majority of parents will then leave following the purple arrow, up the steps and out of the wooden gate at the top. We recognise that some parents with buggies may need to go up the stairs backwards or turn and exit via the green gate and we would appreciate everyone's support with this. **Morning drop off will continue as normal.** We will be trialling this approach

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and we recognise it may create new challenges with additional parents and children in this area. We will evaluate its success, and we may have to change or revert to our previous approach if this is unsuccessful. We appreciate your support as we try to make our systems work more smoothly for everyone.

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