



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 6 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic day yesterday's World Book Day was, full of fun activities, amazing costumes, reading, books, books and more books! Thank you to everyone who came in to read to their children - the school was buzzing with activity. An enormous thank you to Mrs B-H for organising this special day! Here just a selection of the many photos that were taken over the day. Many more will be shared on the class Sway pages soon! Enjoy!



I hope you have a good weekend.
Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 2nd April: End of Term 4
- Friday 3rd April: Bank Holiday: Good Friday / Easter Weekend
- Monday 20th April: Start of Term 5
- Thursday 30th April: Parents' RSE Talk @ 2.30pm
- Thursday 30th April: Parents' Book Look @3.15 – 4pm
- Monday 4th May: May Bank Holiday & PTFA May Fair
- 11th – 14th May: Year 6 KS2 SATs week
- Tuesday 19th & Thu 21st May: Parent Teacher Consultations 3.34 – 6.30pm
- Friday 22nd May: End of Term 5
- Monday 1st June: INSET Day 5 (No children in school)
- Tuesday 2nd June: Start of Term 6



Assemblies

As we head towards Mother's Day, we're taking time to recognise Women's History Month.

In our assemblies next week, we'll be learning about a range of women from the past and present who have made a real difference to the world. We'll look at different fields, from sport and science to campaigning and the arts, and think about the positive impact these women have had.

It's a chance for us to reflect, to learn something new and to celebrate the achievements of women both in history and today.





Music of the Week: Miss Symond's choice of "Respect" by Aretha Franklin fits this theme perfectly.

JAG Easter Holiday Club

Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April

Two themed weeks — **Wildlife & Discovery** and **Survival & Adventure** — children will enjoy screen-free days filled with outdoor adventure, teamwork and hands-on challenges.

Early bird discount – Save 10%

Book by Monday 9 March 2026 using code **OUTDOOR10** at checkout.

Sibling discount – Save 10%

Automatically applied when booking more than one child.

Multi-day booking discount – Save 4%

Book four days or more within the same week.

Book today:

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>

HEADCORN FC MARCH ON WITH BRILLIANT AWAY WIN!

Headcorn travelled to Boughton Monchelsea on Wednesday 4th March in glorious spring sunshine with one eye firmly on the top of the table — and they delivered in style, running out convincing 3-0 winners to keep their unbeaten run very much alive.

It wasn't without its nerves, mind you. Jake Aldrich twice rattled the crossbar in an agonising opening spell that had the sidelines holding their breath, but Headcorn's quality eventually told as a well-worked team move opened the scoring before half time, giving the lads a deserved 1-0 lead at the break.

The second half saw Headcorn continue to press, though a killer second goal proved elusive for long spells as the finishing touch let them down on a few occasions. That was until Mason Boakes took matters into his own hands — a fantastic solo goal that lit up the afternoon and made it 2-0, giving Headcorn the breathing room they needed.

Keeper Louis Gallagher also deserves enormous credit for a spectacular save that kept the clean sheet intact, somehow steering a goal-bound effort away from his bottom corner in a moment of real quality.

The icing on the cake came when a free kick was awarded and Harley Scott was played in to coolly finish for 3-0 — his second goal of the game and the perfect end to a brilliant afternoon.

A huge thank you to all the parents who lined the touchlines and cheered the boys on — your support was absolutely fantastic and made a real difference. Up the Headcorn!

Group A

Team	P	W	D	L	NR	GF	GA	Pts
Headcorn	5	5	0	0	0	21	1	15
Loose	6	5	0	1	0	21	7	15
Coxheath	3	2	0	1	0	15	5	6
Tiger	5	1	1	3	0	5	16	4
Staplehurst	2	1	0	1	0	7	5	3
Boughton Monchelsea	3	1	0	3	0	9	18	3
East Farleigh	4	0	1	3	0	2	19	1
Senacre	3	0	0	3	0	1	11	0

E-safety Update - PARENTAL CONTROLS: PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN ONLINE

It's not about snooping — it's about safety. Here's how one mum keeps her daughters safer on social media, and how you can too. Keeping up with social media apps can feel overwhelming, but here's the good news: modern parental controls, combined with honest conversations, really work.

One mum, Jenny, shared her brilliant strategy. First, she sets all social media accounts to private — so strangers can't find or message her daughters. She uses Apple Family Sharing to set screen time limits and approval requirements for purchases (you might use Google Family Link or Microsoft Family Safety, depending on your device).

But here's the gamechanger: she regularly reviews settings. Apps change constantly. New features pop up. Jenny recommends checking in once a month — it makes a real difference. Most importantly, Jenny involves her daughters in the conversation. Rather than imposing rules, she explains the 'why' and listens to their concerns. "When children understand it's about safety, not snooping, they're much more on board," she explains.

The Real Secret: Keep Checking In

Setting controls is just the start. Repeatedly checking in with your child is fundamental to keeping them protected online. Have relaxed, genuine conversations about what they're doing, who they're talking to, and whether anything's worried them. These chats might happen over dinner or on the school run — the key is consistency and genuine interest.

Jenny's Top Tips

- ✓ Keep social media accounts private
- ✓ Set screen time limits on devices
- ✓ Review settings regularly — apps change!
- ✓ Involve children in the conversation
- ✓ Trust your instincts

For detailed guides on parental controls for specific apps and devices, visit Internet Matters:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/parent-stories/how-i-use-app-parental-controls-to-support-my-children-on-social-media/>

Your child's safety online starts with you. You've got this!

Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: Sorting objects in different ways

Literacy: Jack and the Beanstalk

Topic: Growing plants

RWI Links:

[Mrs Priestley's and Miss Anthony's group](#)

[Mrs Day's and Miss Gelder's groups](#)

[Miss Young's group](#)

[Mrs Griffiths' group](#)

PE Day: Wednesdays



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

We have recently introduced daily handwriting sessions to the children. We would appreciate your support by encouraging your child to watch the video and practise their letter formation at home. This week's letters are [b](#) and [q](#). Please click on the letters to open the video links.

Maths: We will be partitioning numbers up to 50 into tens and ones. Initially, we will use base 10 to build the numbers and we will then be recording them by drawing them.
English: We continue work on our new text, Rapunzel. We will investigate the setting, characters and make predictions. We will draw on our previous knowledge of the story.
Science: We will be observing data that compares the length of day light throughout the year. Looking at each month and observing that there are more daylight hours in the summer and less in the winter.

RWI Links:

Miss Schofield - [a-e](#), [i-e](#), [o-e](#), [u-e](#)

Mrs Brennan - [a-e](#), [i-e](#), [o-e](#), [u-e](#)

Miss Harman- [ph](#), [wh](#), [kn](#)

Miss Arthur/Mr Allen- [ar](#), [oy](#), [ea](#)

Mrs Maher - [ay](#), [ow](#)

Mrs Goodwin/Miss Hayes - [ai](#), [oa](#), [ew](#), [ire](#)

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



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

Maths: Measuring in centimetres and metres.
English: We will begin reading an alternative version of Jack and the Beanstalk.
Other: We will be learning about plants as part of our new science topic!

RWI Links:

Miss Harman's group: [kn sound](#) and [ph sound](#)

Mrs Brennan's group: [a-e sound](#) and [i-e sound](#)

Miss Fisk and Mrs Stone's group: [are sound](#) and [ur sound](#)

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



Year 3 Jaguar & Pallas Cat Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: We will be continuing to learn about fractions, this week looking at non-unit fractions and how we can compare and order these by looking at the numerators.
English: We will be developing our skills of comprehension and learn to write a persuasive letter in relation to our new class text.
Other: In Geography we continue our exciting topic on, 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles;' looking this week at the physical processes that cause earthquakes. In PE we are learning how to serve when playing badminton.

Please remember to check your child's/children's Yellow Reading Records for their weekly 'Arithmetic All-Stars Challenges.' This provides a valuable opportunity for you to see how your child is progressing in arithmetic, including their strengths and any areas they may be finding more challenging. Discussing the questions together and talking through any mistakes can help reinforce learning and support your child at home.

PE Days: Mondays & Thursdays / Book Change: Thursdays / Spellings, Times Tables & Arithmetic All-Stars: Mondays (Y3A) & Thursdays (Y3B) / Ongoing challenges on Sum Dog & TT Rockstars close on Sundays



Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: We will continue looking at fractions, focusing on equivalent fractions.

English: We will be looking at expressive poetry based on our new book 'The Rhythm of the Rain'.

Science: We will be looking at classifying living things and the Swedish scientist 'Carl Linneas' who invented the taxonomy of living things.

PE Days: Mondays & Wednesdays / Book Change: Mondays and Fridays (Reading Records checked on Fridays) / Spellings, Times Tables & Arithmetic All-Stars: Fridays



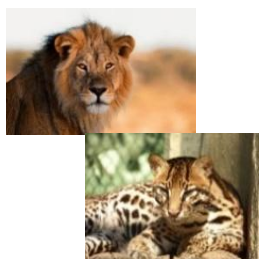
Year 5 Caracal & Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

PSHE: We will look at some of the skills needed to put basic emergency aid procedures into practice and how to get help in an emergency. We will consider the importance of keeping ourselves calm.

Geography: We will investigate coffee farming in Peru and why it is the ideal location for this.

Science: We will investigate the properties of thermal insulators.

PE Days: Tuesdays & Fridays / Book Change: any day but Reading Records in on Tuesdays & Fridays / Spelling Tests & Arithmetic All-Stars: Fridays



Year 6 Lion & Ocelot Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

English: After an exciting whole school writing project which has produced some amazing first-person narratives, we revert back to our Wolf Wilder class text, by writing some non-chronological reports about wolves

Maths: Next week, we expand on our recent learning of decimals and link it to fractions, looking at equivalent values before taking a more detailed look at percentages

Geography: Our important figure for this term's project is Ernest Shackleton, so next week we will learn more about this great polar explorer and build a case study about his expedition to the South Pole in 1914.

Science: Our next lesson sees us getting practical with circuit building, exploring some different enquiries about what happens to different components under different conditions within a circuit.

DT: Our next step into becoming engineers see us experimenting with building paper bridges, seeing which design features prove to be the strongest – Whose bridge will hold the most weight??

PE Days: Mondays & Thursdays / Book Change: any day that is needed / Arithmetic All-Stars & Sumdog Tasks: Wednesdays / Homework due in Fridays