



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 13 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers



I did an assembly about Wellbeing today and we discussed all the different ways that we try as a school to support children's wellbeing. Such as providing our Nurture Room and the staff that work in our Inclusion Team, our new Oasis room, Calm Corner, Forest School, Teddy the School Dog as well as training up our staff to try to understand how to better help and support children in the different ways that they need. Much of our physical provision has been generously funded by the PTFA with your support with their fundraising events.



Today I introduced another venture which the PTFA have financed called Peace Corners. These are mini Nurture provisions in each classroom available to all children who may need a moment to regulate and be ready to learn again. These areas are resourced with a range of sensory toys, visual aids such as lava lamps, soft cushions, etc. Each year group put in a wish list and are in the process of putting these together in their rooms. We will share photos of our corners soon. Thank you once again to the PTFA for the generous gifts for each classroom. We really appreciate it.



CONGRATULATIONS to our **Boys' and Girls' Football Teams** for their epic **WINS against Tiger and Coxheath** this week! We are very **proud** of how well you are all representing the school, not just in talent but in your sportmanship too! See below for all the details of the matches.

New Governor Update

Governance Update by Jack Keeler MBE, Co-Opted Governor

We would like to provide you with an update from our recent Full Governing Body (FGB) meeting held last week. The Governing Board has increased in number to 13 members following a new Instrument of Governance being in place approved by KCC. We are glad to have appointed **Abby Loader** a CEO of a company who lives within the village with her family. Following her presentation to Governors, there is no doubt that

Abby brings a vast knowledge of management in the commercial world. We welcomed her along with our recently elected Parent Governor **Jessica Johnson**, elected by the parent body, who also brings a wealth of experience by being in education herself.

During this last FGB, the Head Teacher provided us with updates on safeguarding and online safety as well as her report at the completion of Term 3, to which Governors asked relevant questions. Feedback was also given following the most recent feedback from the local Authority on our nine-month monitoring of finance. As you can imagine, with many families feeling the strain of rising costs, the school is experiencing similar pressures on its own budget, leading to significant conversations regarding financial year-end projections. At this meeting we also approved the submission to the LA a detailed report of the school's financial standards. Other areas covered related to Curriculum, Premises, Health and Safety and GDPR. Each Governor has a nominated monitoring role which is reported back to the FGB. Reports were also received from individual Governors following their monitoring visits.

As always, the Governors would like to **thank the PTFA** for their constant work and support to the school continuously seeking to provide a better environment for our children not only to learn but play in. Please continue to support them.

Happy Mothers' Day to all the wonderful mums, girls, and young women in our school community. Thank you for the care, time, and encouragement you generously give, and for the example you set for our young people and their families. Your kindness, strength, and guidance help shape the heart of our school every day.

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

Next week's assembly will be about **Eid ul-Fitr**, the festival that marks the end of **Ramadan**. The children will learn about why this celebration is important for Muslims around the world and how families celebrate together with prayer, food and time with loved ones. It will be a lovely opportunity for us to learn more about different traditions and cultures.



Music of the Week:



Mrs Hutchinson's choice - **Days like this -Van Morrison**

The lyrics of *Days Like This* talk about days when things feel good, people are kind to each other, and we can simply enjoy being together. That feeling is very similar to the spirit of Eid, when people celebrate, share meals, give to others and enjoy time with family and friends.


JAG Easter Holiday Club

Tuesday 7 April – Friday 17 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/>

RED Nose Day

Comic Relief is nearly here, and to help raise money we will be holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 20th March**. Children are encouraged to wear **something red or pink** in honour of the famous red noses. If your child has **PE on this day, the lesson will still take place**, so please ensure their clothing and footwear are suitable.



As usual, **no make-up or jewellery** should be worn.

If you would like to donate, please visit: [RED Nose Day Just Giving Page](#)

Let's work together to make a difference and help us reach our **£400 fundraising target**.

Thank you for your support!

HEADCORN 8–1 TIGER SCHOOL *Cornwallis Academy | Tuesday 10th March 2026*

HEADCORN CONTINUE THEIR UNSTOPPABLE MARCH WITH A STUNNING EIGHT-GOAL MASTERCLASS

Headcorn produced a performance of real quality at the Cornwallis Academy on Tuesday, dismantling Tiger School 8–1 in a commanding display that leaves their unbeaten record fully intact ahead of next week's season finale.

From the first whistle, Headcorn were ruthless, clinical, and in complete control — the kind of performance that sends a message to everyone watching.

THE GOALS

Mason Boakes was the standout performer on the day, helping himself to a brilliant hat-trick in what was a tireless, barnstorming display. Boakes looked every inch the difference-maker, and his finishing was sharp throughout.

Headcorn had raced into a commanding 3–0 lead when Tiger School pulled one back to make it 3–1 — a brief moment of hope for the visitors. But if they thought they could mount a comeback, Headcorn had other ideas. The response was immediate, dominant, and utterly ruthless.

Ajai Visram was electric throughout, bagging two goals of his own — including the moment of the match. With the Tiger School goalkeeper off his line, Ajai spotted his chance and unleashed a stunning strike from his own half that caught the keeper completely off guard, squirming agonisingly under his body and into the net. The kind of goal you don't forget in a hurry. Schoolboy error from the keeper — genius from Visram.

Scott Aslett also got in on the act with two well-taken goals, showing exactly why this side is so difficult to contain, before Harley Scott rounded off the scoring to complete a magnificent 8–1 victory.

UNBEATEN. UNBOWED. UNSTOPPABLE.

With their unbeaten run continuing in style, Headcorn now head into next week's final game of the season full of belief, full of momentum, and with every reason to be excited. One game left — and this team looks ready to finish exactly the way they started.

A huge thank you to every parent and supporter who came out to Cornwallis Academy today. Your encouragement from the sidelines means the world to the players and the whole Headcorn family. See you next week for the final — let's make it one to remember! 🙌

League Tables

Group A

Team	P	W	D	L	NR	GF	GA	Pts
Headcorn	6	6	0	0	0	29	2	18
Loose	6	5	0	1	0	21	7	15
Coxheath	3	2	0	1	0	15	5	6
Tiger	6	1	1	4	0	6	24	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

Group D

Team	P	W	D	L	NR	GF	GA	P
Loose	2	2	0	0	0	16	0	6
Boughton Monchelsea	2	2	0	0	0	13	1	6
Headcorn	3	2	0	1	0	6	9	6
Tiger	2	0	0	2	0	2	7	0
Coxheath	3	0	0	3	0	2	22	0

HEADCORN GIRLS SHOW FIGHTING SPIRIT IN BRILLIANT COMEBACK WIN!

Coxheath Primary School, 9th March 2026

A superb second-half performance saw Headcorn's girls come from behind to claim a fantastic 4-2 victory away at Coxheath Primary School — in a game that showcased everything that makes this team so special.

It wasn't without its challenges. Headcorn found themselves 2-1 down at half-time, and the afternoon was made trickier by a refereeing error that saw a penalty awarded to Coxheath following a headed clearance — a decision that should have resulted in an indirect free kick. To the referee's credit, he acknowledged the mistake and apologised at full time.

But this team showed tremendous character. Heads never dropped, spirits never wavered, and the girls came out in the second half and gave everything they had — and it showed.

All four goals on the day were scored by Elsie O'Brien, who was in magnificent form and took her chances brilliantly. But this was a total team performance, and every single player on the pitch played their part in earning this well-deserved win.

A special mention also goes to the parents on the sidelines, whose fantastic support throughout made a real difference. Your encouragement means the world to the girls.

Full Time: Coxheath Primary 2 – 4 Headcorn 🌟

Well done to everyone involved — a result and a performance to be very proud of! 🙌

E-Safety Update - Did You Know YouTube Kids Has a Hidden Gem Feature?

One of the most common frustrations we hear from parents of younger children is that YouTube Kids feels too babyish — the content just isn't what their child actually wants to watch.

The result? Most young children end up on the main YouTube site instead, exposed to its powerful recommendation algorithm that can quickly lead them somewhere you'd rather they didn't go.

But there's a feature that's been quietly sitting inside YouTube Kids for years that very few parents know about: Parent Allowlisting.

Here's what it does. Instead of being stuck with only what YouTube Kids offers, parents can browse the main YouTube site and approve specific videos to appear in their child's Kids app account.

Your child stays within the safer, more controlled environment of YouTube Kids, but they get access to the content they actually enjoy — because you've hand-picked it for them. It's a genuine best-of-both-worlds solution. Your child is kept away from YouTube's recommendation algorithm, you stay in control of what they can and can't watch, and you avoid the battle of trying to convince them that YouTube Kids is good enough.

To help you get started, we've found a short video that walks through exactly what Parent Allowlisting is and how to set it up:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=r-BfdSQpPRPSUMdN&v=eVYsgC7-6ZM&feature=youtu.be>

Next Week's Curriculum Overview



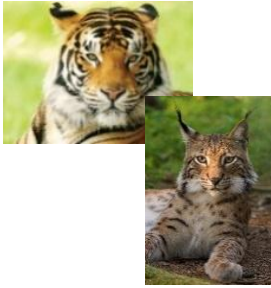
Year R Cheetah & Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curricular Focus

Maths: Continuing counting sequences and identifying missing numbers.
Literacy: Jasper's Beanstalk
Topic: Germination of seeds.

RWI Links

[Sounds for all groups to practise.](#)

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 [p](#) and [h](#). Please click on the letters to open the video links.

Maths: We will be estimating numbers on a number line within 50.

English: We will be writing a description of the Rapunzel using adventurous adjectives.

PE: In Dance, we will continue to work on marching to the beat of 8. We will work in teams to follow a sequence, taking turns to be the leader.

RWI Links:

Miss Schofield - [aw](#), [are](#)

Mrs Brennan - [ure au](#), [ue](#)

Miss Harman- [cious/tious](#)

Miss Arthur/Mr Allen- [air ir](#)

Mrs Maher - [ou or](#)

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

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



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

Maths: Continuing to measure length and height.

English: Continuing reading our new alternative version of Jack and the Baked Beanstalk
Other: We will be planting some seeds in science!

Reminder: We provide snacks for all children in KS1. If you would like to send your own snack in, please ensure it is fruit, breadsticks or a small cheese portion. No yoghurts or anything messy please and **no nuts please due to allergies.**

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 looking at equivalent fractions on a number line and as a bar model.

English: We will focus on Comprehension skills by reading and answering a range of questions based on our class text 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd.

Other: In PSHE we will be learning how to keep safe by identifying things, people and places that we need to keep safe from. In RE we will be learning the symbols and rituals of the Christian Festival Easter.

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: Adding and subtracting fractions.

English: We will be writing a report based on the water cycle.

Geography: We will be looking at the major rivers of the world with a case study of the River Nile.

Please ensure you are practicing your times tables at home in the lead up to our times tables check.

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



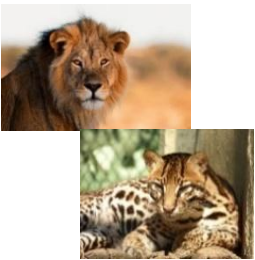
Year 5 Caracal & Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

PSHE: We will consider how the media, social media and celebrity culture promote certain body types. We will talk about the importance of having a positive body image, respecting ourselves for who we are.

Maths: We will investigate what percentages are as decimals and fractions.

Science: We will revisit the results from our thermal conductivity experiment, consider what we can learn from them and present them on a line graph.

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

Maths: After exploring the connections between fractions, decimals and percentages this week, we will now move on to finding percentages of amounts. **Please consider how you can support your child at home by practising how to find simple percentages of amounts together, such as 10% (divide by 10), 50% (find half), 25% (divide by 4) and 1% (divide by 100), using everyday examples like prices in shops or pocket money.**

English: We will finish our non-chronological reports about wolves.

Science: We will be using voltmeters to test the voltage of batteries and cells.

Geography: We will explore and research some significant polar explorers. Children will chose one of these significant polar explorers: R.F Scott, Matthew Henson, Felicity Aston

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