



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 15 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

This week Year 6 have completed their **KS2 SATs assessments**. We are so proud of how maturely they have faced this week: smiling, steadfast and dedicated to trying their very best. **Well Done** and **thank you Year 6!** Remember, challenges such as these are not what define you – they are a very small part of what makes you You – wonderfully unique and special 😊



HUGE Congratulations to our Football team who are through to the **Semi-finals of their football league** when they won against Aylesford Primary School at a home game on Tuesday. We are so proud of you all and Mr Peters! Come on the semis in June! See below for the full match report.

To celebrate the end of term, and the increased temperatures forecast for the end of next week, the **PTFA** are organising an **ice cream sale** on **Friday, the last day of term** at collection time. Card or cash payments will be accepted. **Thank you** for your on-going support of the PTFA who raise funds to ensure your child is provided with experiences, resources and opportunities. We are very appreciative. One of the wonderful opportunities your fundraising has made possible took place this week. **Bounce Beyond** visited the school with 30 trampettes, giving each class the chance to take part in a lively, music-filled workout. The children had an amazing time over the past two days. Even the staff joined in! 😊



Next week, we have our **Go Wild Week** in honour of Sir David Attenborough. As well as the school enjoying a **'No Pens Day'** on Wednesday, the PTFA fundraising is also providing an opportunity for us to bring in **'Animal Encounters'** where the children can encounter some creatures. The last day of term is an opportunity for **optional 'nature-themed' dressing up fun** by either adding some accessories to your child's uniform eg headbands, socks or an animal /nature print T-shirt or even a whole costume if you already have one. See the attached poster for more information about this week and the dress up day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May: Go Wild Week

Wednesday 20th May: No Pens Day!

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

2nd – 12th June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check to be completed

8th – 12th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening & Year 2 Retakes to be completed

Friday 12th June: Sports Day (weather dependent)

Friday 19th June: Sports Day Reserve (weather dependent)

Friday 26th June: Year 6 Leavers' Production

Thursday 2nd July: Whole School Transition Day

Thursday 2nd July: Meet the NEW Teacher 3.15 – 4pm

15th – 17th July: Year 6 Residential

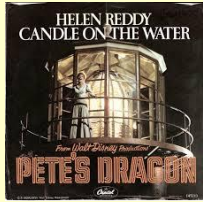
Tuesday 21st July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 2pm

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



Assemblies

Next week, we will be celebrating a special “Go Wild” theme week to mark the birthday of David Attenborough. Throughout the week, the children will take part in lots of exciting natural world themed activities, exploring wildlife, habitats and the wonders of our planet. The week will also help remind us all about the importance of caring for and protecting our natural environment for the future.



Music of the week

Mr Benfield's choice...
Candle On The Water- Helen Reddy

🏆 HEADCORN REACH FINALS DAY! 🏆

Quarter Final | Headcorn vs Aylesford Primary School | Tuesday 12th May

What a night to be a Headcorn fan! In front of the biggest home crowd of the season, Headcorn's boys produced a performance full of character, quality and drama to book their place at Finals Day, and what a ride it was.

From the first whistle, it was clear this was going to be no stroll in the park. Aylesford arrived with purpose and the match had the electric feel of a proper knockout tie. But it was Headcorn who drew first blood, **Harley Scott** coolly slotting home to send the home supporters into raptures.

Headcorn's lead didn't last the half though. Aylesford, to their great credit, refused to buckle and pulled one back just before the break to set up a tense and nervy interval. All square. All to play for.

Whatever was said in that team talk at half time, it worked, because Headcorn emerged a different side. On came **Scott Aslett**, and if ever a substitute announced himself, it was this one.

First, a clinical finish that squirmed beneath the keeper, who, it must be said, had been outstanding all evening with a string of impressive saves. Sometimes the football gods just aren't with you. Then, Aslett saved his best for his second, a **stunning strike from outside the area** that left the keeper with absolutely no chance. Pure quality.

3-1. The crowd roared. Headcorn were flying.

But this is cup football, and Aylesford weren't done. As the clock ticked down, Headcorn's goal came under pressure, and that's where **Louie Gallagher** stepped forward to write his name into the match report. A **dramatic top-corner save**, the kind that goalkeepers dream about, kept the scoreline intact and sparked scenes of celebration from the home faithful.

The final whistle went to huge cheers, and rightly so. This was a **team performance** — resilient, spirited, and utterly deserving.

Headcorn now march on to **Finals Day at Greenfields Community School on Thursday 11th June, kicking off at 1:20pm**. In the semi-finals, Headcorn will face either **Bredhurst or Loose**, while hosts **Greenfields** take on **North Borough** in the other tie — with both winners then meeting in the final. It's a mouth-watering afternoon of football to look forward to, and Headcorn have every right to feel confident after a performance like that.

The players, the staff, and every single one of those brilliant supporters who turned out on a Tuesday evening — you're all part of this. Let's make it a day to remember!

Come on Headcorn! ● ●

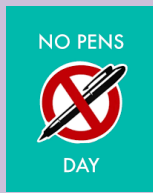
QUARTER FINAL DRAW - Term 5

Headcorn	3	1	Aylesford
St John's	2	3	North Borough
Bredhurst			Loose
Kings Hill	0	1	Greenfields

North Downs Fundraiser

Our wonderful Jack Keeler, a governor and huge supporter of our school for decades, is taking on the Rotary North Downs 9-mile walking challenge on 14th June. He is raising money for Headcorn Primary and Cancer Research UK. If you can spare anything to sponsor him, he would be incredibly grateful. Thank you so much

 <https://gofund.me/3175566b>



No Pens Day – 20th May

On Wednesday 20th May, we will be taking part in No Pens Day, a national initiative organised by the charity Speech and Language UK. This day is designed to put a spotlight on the importance of speaking and listening skills by encouraging children to complete their learning without using pens or pencils.

Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a range of engaging, practical and discussion-based activities that support communication, teamwork and confidence in speaking. These may include group problem-solving, drama, storytelling, and hands-on learning across the curriculum.

We are choosing to participate because strong communication skills are essential for learning, wellbeing and future success. By stepping away from written work for a day, children have the opportunity to develop their verbal reasoning, vocabulary and social interaction skills in a fun and inclusive way.


We look forward to an enjoyable and enriching day of learning!

E-Safety: Find the Right Words

Talking to your child about staying safe online can feel tricky, but a brilliant free resource is here to help. Virgin Media O2 and Internet Matters have teamed up with charities Action for Children and Good Things Foundation to launch **Find the Right Words**, a campaign designed to give parents and carers the confidence to have those important conversations about life online.

At the heart of it is a short film following a mum and her teenage daughter, showing just how quickly things can go wrong when online risks go undiscussed. The message is simple: there's never a bad time to talk to your kids about internet safety. [Virgin Media](#)

Alongside the film, there are two free guides, one to help you have conversations with your child about staying safe online, and one covering the parental controls and safety tools available to you. [Virgin Media](#)

It's well worth a look. You can find the film and free guides here:  [Find The Right Words – Virgin Media O2](#)

Messy Church

Messy Church on Saturday 30th May 2:30pm - 4:30pm, Headcorn Village Hall (Long meadow Hall) Join us for messy fun, with crafts, stories and games. Stay and make pizza for dinner. Suitable for all children, although they must be accompanied by an adult. Due to popularity and our growing community, we ask that you sign up in advance via email to secretary@handschurches.org. Thank you!

Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: Counting beyond 20 and recognising the pattern of the counting system.

Literacy: 'Jack's Amazing Shadow' by Tom Percival (Drawing Club).

Topic: What is a shadow?

RWI Links

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PE Day: Wednesdays



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

This term we will start joining our letters. This week we will continue to focus on hill to jam letter formation. Please click on the letters to open the video link. [cup](#) appreciate your support in encouraging your child to watch the video and practise their letter formation at home.

Maths: We will be practising giving directions by using the language of position and direction. We will use left, right, forwards, backwards and describe turns using half and quarter turns.

English: We will be considering what makes a good debate. Thinking about how we can represent arguments for and against rooftop gardens. We will write a debate article.

RE: We have been learning about places of worship. This week, we will focus on a Synagogue, the Jewish place of worship.

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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 learning about time. Can you practise telling the time to the hour?

Try these online resources & games: [Telling the time interactive clock](#), [Hickory Dickory Clock game](#) Remember there is also work set on Sumdog.

English: Writing an alternative ending to a story. We have also been learning to use apostrophes to show contractions (can't, don't) and to show possession. [Apostrophes for possession](#)

Other: We will be making our own bug hotels in science on Wednesday 20th. **We would be grateful if children could bring in any of the following items:** small cardboard boxes (no bigger than a shoebox), bark pieces, pinecones, hollow plant stems (sunflower, bamboo), bricks with holes, sticks, dry leaves, pebbles, flower pots, cardboard tubes, egg boxes. Thank you 😊

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

Maths: The children will develop their knowledge of money by investigating practical activities.

English: We will be designing and making a travel brochure for historic Pompeii.

Other: In History we will be designing and making a Roman shield. Please could you provide your child with a cereal or shoe box for the cardboard and some foil. In PSHE we are looking into what makes a good global citizen explaining how some of the actions and work of people around the world help and influence our lives. In Art we will be finishing our Mosaic Topic by making one small mosaic to frame and keep in each class.

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



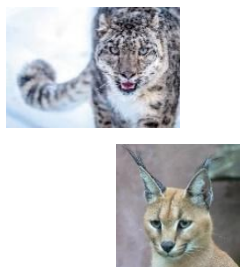
Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: We are finishing off our unit on money, calculating and solving problems.

English: We will be planning and performing our very own Cinderella stories based on what we have learnt about Cinderella stories across cultures.

Art: We will be designing, making and evaluating our own sculptures based on those of ancient cultures such as Egypt and Sumer.

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

Maths: We are really looking forward to our "No Pen Day", where the children will be able to explore our new maths topic of position and direction in a fun, active and practical way.

English: We will be continuing our adventures with Odysseus as he faces yet another challenge that delays his journey home even further... As part of our work, we will need each child to bring in a clean, dry plastic bottle (ideally around 500ml and on the smaller side) by Wednesday for a writing activity. It will all make sense on the day!

Art: We are beginning our own Expressionism artwork, using photographs as a starting point for our creations.

To coincide with their learning in History, we have been successful in booking an **in-school workshop Tuesday 19th May**. The children will be transported to a Greek theatre where they will take part in re-enacting Greek myths and legends. Their day will end by meeting a Greek warrior fresh from battle who will demonstrate his weapons and armour. **The children are invited to come in dressed up as an Ancient Greek for the day but there is no obligation to do so.**

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

NO MORE SATS! Well done to all our amazing Year 6s who have shown remarkable strength and resilience throughout SATs week. We are all very proud of you, knowing that you have given it your best. Whatever the outcome, you should all be very proud of yourselves too.

Fortunately, the fun doesn't stop there! As well as our regular lessons, we will now start thinking about our end of year production (TBC!)

English: We pick back up with our diary entries of our soldier, Georgie Summerfield as he accounts going over the top of the trenches.

History: Next week we look at the weaponry of the First World War and how different it was to the weaponry that we are perhaps more familiar with.

Science: Now we have explored evolution, we look at inheritance and how inherited traits are passed down to offspring

Art: Our next lesson looks at the art movement 'Orphism', which focuses on using colour and shape and have a go at creating our own works of art based on music.

To coincide with their learning in History, Year 6 will be taking part in an **in-school workshop next Friday (Friday 24th April)**. The WWI workshop provides a depth of understanding of the Great War in an impactful but sensitive and age-appropriate manner. The day will end with a moment of reflection for the children.

The children are invited to come in dressed up as a WWI school child for the day but there is no obligation to do so.

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