



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 5 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

First week back of a busy final term of the academic year! This week we have started our KS2 swimming sessions, Year 4 have been starting to do their Multiplication Tables Check (MTCs) and Year 6 have had their World War II Portals to the Past Day.



Our **KS2 swimming lessons** have begun and it is lovely to see the pool so alive and being actively used when it has been dormant for so many months. **Thank you** once again to our **Premises Team** and the **PTFA** and everyone who raises funds for our school so that we can provide these sessions to all those in KS2 throughout this term. Unfortunately, some year groups have had their swimming sessions cancelled, interrupted or postponed due to the variable weather we have experienced this week. Next week doesn't look much more settled so we will take one day at a time. We will endeavour to make up missed sessions as far as possible.



On Wednesday, Year 6 enjoyed an engaging *Portals to the Past* World War II workshop. The children had the opportunity to handle authentic artefacts, try on uniforms, and hold real deactivated rifles. They also learned about evacuation, rationing, and the work of bomb disposal teams during the war. The hands-on activities brought history to life and gave the children a fascinating insight into what life was like in Britain during World War II.



Next week we have the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check happening across the week. We are very proud of the progress that our children have made over this year and know that this will be a positive experience for them to celebrate their learning.



Sports day is planned for next Friday, 12th June – weather permitting! We will keep a close eye on the forecast. YR and KS1's Sports Day will be held in the morning and KS2 will be in the afternoon.

Timings are as follows:

8.30 – 8.50 Drop off as normal

9.30 – 11.30 YR/KS1 Sports Day

12-1pm lunch for all year groups (Parents/carers asked to leave site)

1 – 3pm KS2 Sports Day

3.20pm Dismiss as normal

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

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 a.m. YR/KS1 & p.m. KS2 (weather dependent)

Friday 19th June: Sports Day Reserve a.m. only (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's assemblies will focus on sportsmanship. With Sports Day taking place on Friday, we will take time to think about the importance of winning and losing with grace, showing kindness to others and celebrating everyone's efforts and achievements



Music of the week

As our top champion of sportsmanship, Mr Peter's choice is...

Sam Cooke - Another Saturday Night

E-Safety Update - Who's shaping your child's online world?

At the start of this term we want to flag something brilliant from the **Molly Rose Foundation** — a charity doing fantastic work to support families online.

They've put together a free, easy-to-read guide to help you understand who and what might be influencing your child when they're online — and how those influences can affect their **mood, confidence, and safety**.

No jargon, no lectures — just practical guidance for real families. They also have a whole library of other free resources on their site, well worth a look.

🖱️ Download the free guide here:

[Molly Rose Foundation — A Practical Toolkit for Families](#)

Pots & Pans and Dressing Up Clothes

To help enrich the children's lunchtime play, we are collecting donations of children's character dressing-up clothes and any spare pots and pans you may no longer need.

These items are always hugely appreciated and will be put to excellent use by the children. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Swimming & PE Days for Term 6

This week was the start of our **KS2 swimming lessons**. Thank you to the **PTFA and your support** of our fundraising events which keep our pool open and our staff trained for KS2 swimming lessons. Not many schools still have a pool on site which means that only one year group get to have swimming lessons in their KS2 journey. Thank you also to our **wonderful Premises Team** who work so hard to get the pool maintained and safe for use. We are all very appreciative of being able to offer this opportunity to so many children.



Swimming impacts some **PE days** so here are the days for this term with changed days highlighted:

YR – Wednesdays

Y1 – Tuesdays & Fridays

Y2 – Mondays & Thursdays

Y3 – Mondays & **Wednesdays** (Swimming Wednesdays)

Y4 – Mondays & **Thursdays** (Swimming Thursdays)

Y5 – Tuesdays & Fridays (Swimming Tuesdays)

Y6 – Mondays & **Fridays** (Swimming Fridays to being with)

Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: Automatically recall number bonds up to 5 and some number bonds to 10.
Literacy: *One Day on our Blue Planet in the Savannah* by Ella Bailey (Drawing Club).
Topic: Animals and habitats around the world.

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PE Day: Wednesdays



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

Next week marks the beginning of the Year One Phonic Check. Please keep up with your child's reading and phonic practise at home. Scores will be released to parents within a few weeks of completion. Thank you for your continued support with this. The children have worked so hard and we are extremely proud of them.

Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 12th June, fingers crossed the weather improves next week! The children have been practicing their events. It should be a fun morning.

In handwriting this week, we will continue to focus on hill to top sponge letter formation. Please click on the letters to open the video link. [ab](#) appreciate your support in encouraging your child to watch the video and practise their letter formation at home.

Maths: We will focus on larger numbers between 50-100. We will count forwards and backwards, look at a hundred square to spot patterns and practise counting in 10s.

English: We will write speech bubbles imagining what the characters in our story might say to each other. We will try to include emotive language within our writing.

History: We will learn that one way to find accurate information about the past is to look at first-hand accounts. We will share two accounts from the Victorian times. One from a teacher and the other from a schoolgirl to find out what school life was like in Victorian Britain. We will discuss how reliable first-hand accounts are and whether we can trust them to give us a true picture of the past.

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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 consolidating our learning on fractions and time. Remember to complete set work on Sumdog if you can!

English: Completing some short writing tasks based around our new class text 'The Barnabus Project'.

Other: We will be learning about insect life cycles as part of our 'Animal Survival' topic.

Reminder: We are seeing an increase in the amount of lost property. Please ensure that school jumpers, hats, lunchboxes, and snack pots are labelled. Thank you.

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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 starting at telling the time to 5 minutes and then to the minute, as well as reading the time on a digital clock.

English: We will be writing a non-chronological report on Rome.

Other: In PE we will be continuing in our swimming programme gaining more confidence in the water as well as learning basic cricket skills. In Science we will be investigating reflective materials.

We look forward to seeing you for Sports Day on Friday 12th

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



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

English: We will be writing our own play script.

Maths: We will be continuing our unit on time converting between analogue and digital times as well as to and from 24 hour time.

History: We will be celebrating our topic with ancient Egyptian day exploring hieroglyphics, mummification and artefacts! (See separate email for more details)

PSHE: We will be starting our new unit on 'Changing Me' by looking at how our genes from our parents make us unique.

PE Days: Monday & Thursday:Swimming / 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

English: As Odysseus, we will be writing a speech to share with the crew our experience of hearing the Sirens' song. We will explore the features of a captivating speech before writing and performing our own.

Maths: Next week, we will begin our new topic on decimals. The children will learn how to add and subtract decimal numbers, including exchanging across the whole number boundary.

PSHE: We will be discussing puberty and the changes that happen as children grow. We will send home information about the topics covered, to support any conversations at home.

5B: Ms Woodgate's class will have an additional swimming session on Monday to make up for the lesson that was cancelled due to the storm. Swimming will also take place as usual on Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit, as we will be unable to contact home for forgotten items.

PE Days: Tuesday & Friday:Swimming / 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

We have made a great start to our rehearsals for our production this week. Well done to everyone for their hard work and patience! Please remember to continue learning lines and lyrics to our songs!

English: We will start looking at a new book – Rose Blanche by Christophe Gallaz and Roberto Innocenti, about a young girl who lives in Germany during the Second World War and focusing on developing reading comprehension skills based on reading VIPERS.

Science: Next week, we focus on artificial selection in animals and plants and the advantages and disadvantages it provides.

History: After our brilliant Second World War day this week, next week we look at the causes of the Second World War

DT: This term's DT topic is 'Make Do and Mend', inspired by the campaign during the Second World War to support the clothing rationing. In our first lesson, we will be deconstructing different pieces of clothing, examining function, decorating and materials and how they could be repurposed.

Reminder – Next Friday is Sports Day. As this clashes with our swimming sessions, there will be no swimming next week.

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