



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 12 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week with **Year 1** doing their **Phonics Screening** and **Year 4** completing their **Multiplication Tables Check!** We are very proud of how maturely and calmly the children have approached these tests. They have each tried their very best and that is all we ask of them. Well done!



What a fantastic time we have had today celebrating **Sports Day!** We are so proud of our children and their sportsmanship in cheering on their friends and working so well as teams. An enormous **THANK YOU** to **Mr Harris** for organising today, ably assisted by his fantastic **team of Year 6 helpers**. A special thank you too to the **staff** who willingly donned their **inflatable costumes** to end each session with a fun run to entertain everyone!

Well done to everyone who took part. Here are the results:

EYFS & KS1 Morning Session	KS2 Afternoon Session	Whole School Results
1st place: Red (Ennis)	1st place: Yellow (Farah)	1st place: Red (Ennis)
2nd place: Blue (Peacock)	2nd place: Green (Holmes)	2nd place: Yellow (Farah)
3rd place: Yellow (Farah)	3rd place: Red (Ennis)	3rd place: Blue (Peacock)
4th place: Green (Holmes)	4th place: Blue (Peacock)	4th place: Green (Holmes)

We are also **very proud** of our football team who went to the finals yesterday held at Greenfields Community School in Maidstone. Well done to the **boys' football team** and **Mr Peters** for a fantastic season. Read below for the sports report.



Please don't forget to nominate yourselves or someone you know (with their permission) for our **Parent Governor post** which closes this **Monday 15th June at 5pm**. Please see the parentmail sent out on Friday 22nd May for all the information and nomination form. If you need paper copies, these can be found at the school office.

Have a lovely weekend!
Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

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

Support Jack Keeler in the North Downs Walk

One of our Governors, the wonderful Jack Keeler MBE, who is a huge supporter of our school for 4 decades, is taking on the Rotary North Downs 9 Mile walking challenge on 14th June. He is raising money for the school and for Cancer Research UK. If you can spare a little to sponsor him he would be incredibly grateful.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/vw83nd-jacks-north-downs-walk>



Assemblies

Next week, we will be focusing on an important topic: **Water Safety**.

Throughout the week, there will be a series of informative assemblies and class discussions to help us learn how to stay safe near water. We will be talking about different types of water, such as rivers, lakes, ponds, canals, beaches, and swimming pools, and learning about the dangers they can present.

During our assemblies, we will explore simple but important ways to keep ourselves safe, including what to do if we find ourselves in difficulty near water and how to get help if someone else is in danger.

As the weather gets warmer and many of us spend more time outdoors, it is especially important to understand how to enjoy water safely and make sensible choices around it.

We hope everyone will listen carefully, join in with discussions, and take away some valuable knowledge that could help keep themselves and others safe.

Music of the week



Mr Drury's choice...

Miriam Makeba - Pata Pata

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Finals Day – Thursday 11 June, Greenfields Community School

On the eve of the opening ceremony of the world's greatest football tournament, the FIFA World Cup, Headcorn faced high-stakes football of their own at Greenfields Community School. A long season that began way back in October, and saw Headcorn top their group, culminated in a semi-final against Bredhurst School.

The mind games started early, with Bredhurst suggesting that their recent 22-0 demolition of a group opponent meant Headcorn would be easy pickings. It couldn't have been further from the truth:

Headcorn served up without doubt the toughest game Bredhurst had faced all season.

The semi-final was a tight affair between two evenly matched sides. Both teams went close, but neither net rippled in the first half. Midway through the second, Headcorn failed to clear their box and a loose ball was poked through, squirming under Louie in goal, the wet conditions adding to an already tricky through ball.

Headcorn battled on, forcing some fine saves from the Bredhurst keeper. Jake Aldrich saw a free kick sail just over the crossbar, and Scott Aslett drew a great save in the dying minutes. But when the final whistle blew, Headcorn had been narrowly beaten 1-0, by the eventual tournament winners, no less.

The day was far from over. Headcorn wiped away the disappointment, raised their heads and prepared for the third/fourth place play-off against hosts Greenfields.



On weary legs, Headcorn fought for every ball but found themselves 1-0 down at half time. A tactical switch at the break transformed the game, with Headcorn dominating the second half and equalising through a Hayden Scott strike from distance.

With the scores level at 1-1, it went to penalties. Our three takers, Harley Scott, Ajai Visram and Scott Aslett, stepped up with confidence and all converted from the spot. That left Louie Gallagher facing Greenfields' final penalty with the match on

the line. Louie saved it, winning the shoot-out and capping the season with a third-place medal for Headcorn.

A brilliant end to a brilliant season, unbeaten in the group stage, a quarter-final win over Aylesford, and bronze medals at Finals Day. Every one of the boys should be incredibly proud.

A huge thank you must go to our parents, who have backed the boys all season long, home and away, in sunshine and in rain. Your support from the sidelines has made a real difference, and the turnout at Greenfields was fantastic.

Finally, as a school we could not be prouder of these boys. Beyond the results, it's the manner in which they've conducted themselves that stands out, their sportsmanship, their attitude in victory and defeat, and the way they have represented Headcorn at every fixture. They have been a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Well done, boys.



E-Safety Update

WhatsApp & Your Under-13? (There's a Fix for That.)

Let's be honest — plenty of primary-age children are already on WhatsApp. Meta, the people behind the app, seem to have acknowledged this too, because they've quietly launched **parent-managed accounts** for under-13s. Once set up, you can block 'view once' messages, stop location sharing, and get notified whenever your child adds a new contact or receives a group invite from someone unknown. Think of it as a co-pilot seat for their WhatsApp. We also include a useful guide for those wanting to find out more.

[What it is- How to set it up](#)

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)

Kent Art Competition

NEW to Kent County Show in 2026, the Kent Art Competition is for children aged 4 – 11 and all entries will be featured in our brand-new Kent Art Quarter in the John Hendry Pavilion alongside works by local Kent-based artists.

Kindly Sponsored by Trail Blazers, the Kent Art Competition challenges young people to create a piece of art inspired by farming, farm animals or the countryside.

Each entrant will receive 1 free child's ticket and 1 free adult ticket for the entrant and a parent/guardian to attend the Kent County Show and see their work of art on display!

Artwork submitted should be on an a4 sheet of paper and can be in any medium including paint, paper, collage etc.

Entries close on 20 June. Please see attached flyer and entry form.



Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: The children will build on their skills of recognising small quantities to 5 and move on to seeing the 'numbers within' numbers.

Literacy: Handa's Surprise.

Topic: Exploring life in other parts of the world (African drumming and dance).

Phonics:

[Special Friends](#)

[More Special Friends](#)

[Set 3 Special Friends](#)

PE Day: Wednesdays



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

The children did so well in their Year One Phonic Check this week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them and you all for your hard work. We are so proud of them all. Please continue to support your children by ensuring they read and discuss books throughout the week.

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 [mb](#). Your support in encouraging your child to watch the video and practise their letter formation at home.

Maths: We will compare larger two-digit numbers using the comparison symbols greater than >, less than <, and equal to =. We will look at the pattern's numbers create when we add or subtract one from a two-digit number.

English: We will be writing in role using emotive language and extending our sentences using conjunctions and, because. We will imagine we are the robot in our story and write sensitives about his emotions giving reasons for our choices.

RE: We will review the learning that we have completed about different places of worship. We will consider whether there are similarities between a church, mosque or synagogue and discuss what makes them different. We will present our ideas in a Venn Diagram.

RWI Links:

Miss Schofield – [tious](#), [cious](#)

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

Miss Harman-[Word Challenge Lesson 7](#)

Miss Arthur/Mr Allen-[ure](#), [au](#), [ue](#)

Mrs Maher - [ea](#), [oi](#), [ai](#)

Mrs Goodwin/Miss Hayes –[air](#), [ir](#), [ar](#)

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 finishing our learning on time and moving on to tally charts in our statistics unit.

English: We will continue reading our class text 'The Barnabus Project' and we will also be writing some letters.

Other: We will be continuing with our history unit, 'Magnificent Monarchs'. We will be recapping our learning on Alfred the Great and learning about some new monarchs such as Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II.

Reminders: Please make sure that children bring a light waterproof coat to school as the weather can still be quite unpredictable. Children also need to bring a bottle of water to school every day. Thank you.

A huge thank you to our parent helpers who came on our trip to Godinton House on Wednesday! We really appreciate your help! 😊

RWI links:

Miss Schofield – [tious](#), [cious](#)

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

Miss Harman-[Word Challenge Lesson 7](#)

Miss Arthur/Mr Allen-[ure](#), [au](#), [ue](#)

Mrs Maher - [ea](#), [oi](#), [ai](#)

Mrs Goodwin/Miss Hayes –[air](#), [ir](#), [ar](#)

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 our unit on time using am and pm and looking at years, months and days – please continue practising telling the time at home.

English: When Caesar came to Kent – the children will research and make a TV Report based on the Kent invasion.

Other: Next week we will be starting our new PSHE/JIGSAW unit on 'Changing Me!' Our first session will be, 'How Babies Grow.' In this session we will learn that in animals and humans lots of changes happen from birth to fully grown, and that in mammals it is the female that has the baby. In French we will be learning the French version of the story 'Little Red Riding Hood.'

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

Maths: We are moving on to our unit on shape, starting with angles.

English: We are going to be exploring our new book 'Lyon and the Place Between' by writing persuasive adverts about a circus.

PSHE: We will be talking about why some people may choose or choose not to have a baby and that an egg and a sperm are needed to make a baby (without going into detail about how they meet).

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: Odysseus is faced with a difficult decision. This week, we will be debating the choices available to him and considering the consequences of each option. We will then use our persuasive writing skills to influence his decision by writing a persuasive letter.

Maths: We are continuing our work on decimals, developing our confidence and accuracy when adding and subtracting decimal numbers.

RSHE: This week, we learned about puberty in girls. Next week, we will be discussing puberty in boys. These sessions are delivered in single-gender groups and encourage pupils to ask questions, use appropriate vocabulary, and develop their understanding in a respectful and supportive environment.

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

English: We will continue our narrative pieces in response to the picture book 'Rose Blanche'

Maths: We continue to keep our skills topped up with daily arithmetic challenges and reasoning problems.

Science: We begin our new topic, 'Light Theory', first of all exploring how light travels through some practical demonstrations.

DT: We will be exploring how clothing is constructed, and subsequently deconstructing it, as part of our 'Make Do and Mend' topic. **We kindly ask for donations of any old clothing that you don't mind being deconstructed to be sent into school by Friday next week.**

Our production rehearsals continue to go well. **Please support your child at home by helping them rehearse lines and practise the songs. We also ask that costumes are sent into school by the end of the week - do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this.**

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