



Coxheath Primary School Newsletter

09.01.2026

Dates for the diary



TERM 3

20 Jan Thurnham Class Assembly

22 Jan Young Voices Trip

23 Jan Year R Hearing

10 Feb Parents Evening 3.40-6.30pm

12 Feb Parents Evening 3.40-6.30pm

13 Feb PTA Break the Rules Day

13 Feb Last Day of Term

TERM 4

23 Feb First Day of Term

02 Apr Rock Steady Concert

02 Apr Last Day of Term

TERM 5

20 Apr First Day of Term

25 Apr Year4 Canterbury Cathedral Trip

28 Apr Year R Vision Test

04 May Bank Holiday

07 May Year2 Wildwood Trip

18 May Year6 Bikeability Week (Mon -Fri)

22 May Last Day of Term

School Contact Information

OFFICE@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK -General enquiries

ATTENDANCE@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK - All absence related matters

SENCO@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK -All matters for senco

CASC@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK - Extended services booking enquiries and requests

School Phone Number 01622 745553

PTFA@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK - All matters for the PTFA

Head Teacher News

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We are delighted to welcome the children back for the new term. It has been lovely to hear so many stories about their Christmas holidays, and it sounds like everyone had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to another busy term filled with exciting new learning.

To ensure that the children have a settled start to the day, we ask that all children arrive before 8:45am, when the gate closes. Towards the end of last term, we noticed an increasing number of late arrivals, which can impact learning. Our curriculum is tightly packed, and teachers ensure every lesson counts. Arriving late means your child may miss key teaching input and struggle to keep up.

School uniform plays an important role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a sense of belonging. We consider uniform an essential part of the high expectations we have for our school. Your support is greatly appreciated in ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately, without nail varnish, and with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery.

We have noticed some children have returned this term in the incorrect uniform. Please ensure your child is dressed according to the following:

- White blouse / shirt
- School jumper or cardigan with logo
- School tie (Optional for Reception, Year 1, and Year 2)
- Grey skirt, trousers, or shorts
- Grey socks (Girls may also wear grey tights or white socks)
- Suitable black shoes
- Girls may wear grey pinafore dresses
- Girls may also wear red summer dresses during appropriate times of the year

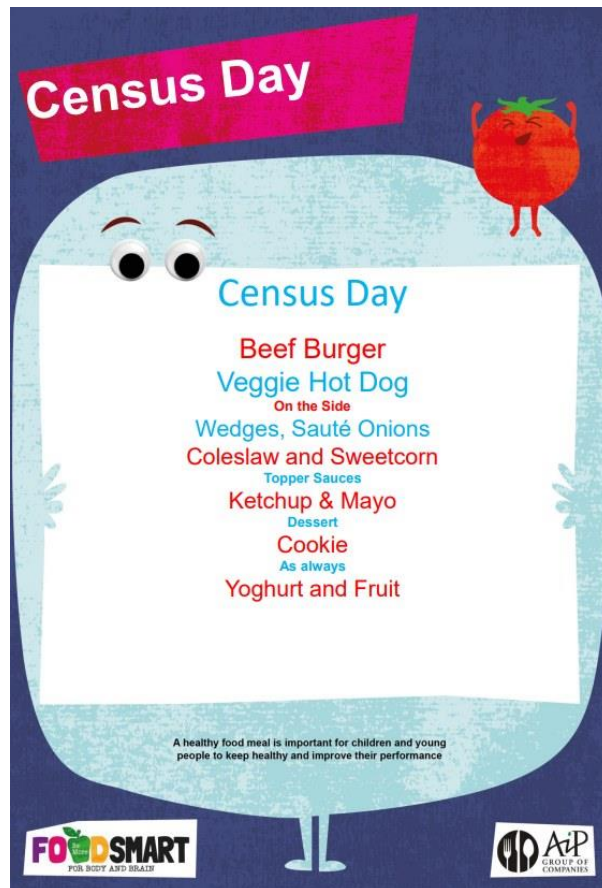
Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Giacomo Mazza

[Change to Menu - Thursday 15th January](#)

There is a change to the menu on Thursday 15th January, the kitchen will be offering Beef Burger, Veggie Hot Dog or Jacket Potato. Please note that there will be no baguettes for Year 6 this week.



Cake Design Competition

A parent has kindly offered the children of Coxheath School the opportunity to take part in a Valentine's Day cake design competition.

Children are invited to design a Valentine's Day cake for the chance to win a cake made by 'Cake My Day'.

- **One winner from KS1**
- **One winner from KS2**

Entry is **free**.

Please see the attached entry form. If you require a hard copy, these are available from the school office.

Designs must be submitted by 1st February. All entries will then be reviewed and the lucky winners selected.

The winning cakes will be delivered to school on **13th February** for the winning children to enjoy.

Good luck to all who enter!

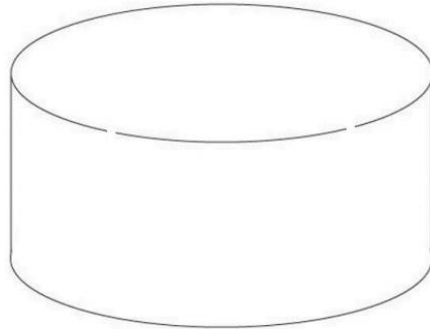
Valentine's cake competition

Design your own Valentine's Day cake for the chance to win it for real!
Entries must be completed by 1st February. Winners will receive their cake on 13th February!



Name -
Name of your cake -

Class -



Circle one option from each box

Sponge
Flavour

Vanilla Chocolate Lemon

Cake icing

Fondant
(Like birthday cake) Buttercream
(Light and creamy)

Filling
flavour

Jam Chocolate Vanilla

Any
allergies

Young Artists Competition - Royal Academy Young Artists Competition 2026

You should have received an email this week with instructions on how to enter your child to the Royal Academy Young Artists Competition. Information is also below for your reference. please note, if your child wishes to enter, please do not send artwork into the school, it needs to be entered by parents / carers from home with the permissions form.

'Taking inspiration from the Summer Exhibition, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years studying in the UK.

Submitting artwork is completely free and is done online. You will need to create an account in order so submit the artwork but this is quick and easy to do.

Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. The artwork can be made using any material; it can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination.

When you enter, they'll ask for an image of the artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and some text written by the artist which can include why they created the work and what it means to them.

Artworks are viewed and judged by a panel of experienced and passionate artists and arts professionals and they work together to select which artworks will be shown online and which will be shown at the Royal Academy.

Key dates:

Registration and submission open

5 January - 4 March 2026

Judging

May 2026

Online exhibition opens

14 July 2026

Display at the RA open

14 July - 30 August 2026

Please visit the RA website for full information and for entering the competition:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Young Artists' Summer Show

Permissions form

The Young Artists' Summer Show offers students aged 4-18, and studying in the UK, the chance to exhibit their artwork at the Royal Academy of Arts, online and onsite.

Student's full name

Student's signature

Student's age

I am a student 13 years old or over and give my permission to participate in the Young Artists' Summer Show. I have read the terms and conditions and understand that:

— My artwork, first name, and age may be shared on the Royal Academy of Arts and Young Artists' Summer Show website and/or social media channels.

— The Royal Academy of Arts may use the image of the artwork to advertise the Young Artists' Summer Show.

I am a parent/guardian and give my permission for the named student to participate in the Young Artists' Summer Show. I have read the terms and conditions and understand that:

— Their artwork, first name, and age may be shared on the Royal Academy of Arts and Young Artists' Summer Show website and/or social media channels.

— The Royal Academy of Arts may use the image of the artwork to advertise the Young Artists' Summer Show.

Parent/guardian full name

Relationship to student

Parent/guardian's signature

Date

RA

Royal Academy of Arts



Guidance for submissions

The Young Artists' Summer Show is an opportunity for UK-based young artists aged 4-18 to make and share a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no set theme and we welcome submissions covering a range of techniques including drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textile, fashion, animation, video, and more.

What we're looking for:

- Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill.
- Each artist can submit one artwork along with a short artist statement or description, written in the artist's own words where possible. Rather than solely focussing on the artmaking process, we encourage artists to describe why an artwork was created and what it means to them. Descriptions must be no more than 80 words and, if the work is selected, it will be subject to editing by the RA ahead of display.
- Capturing a good image of the artwork is very important and could influence the way that the artwork is viewed by the judges. You can read more about photographing your artwork in our FAQs.
- If you are a teacher who intends to submit artwork for each student in your class, we advise against submitting visually similar works.
- We recommend submitting well ahead of the deadline to avoid last-minute or technical difficulties.

We can't accept submissions that:

- Exceed 950mm wide x 3000mm high.
- Pose a health and safety risk.
- Are submitted late.
- Might infringe others' rights or break the law in any way, including copyright. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, we are looking for original artwork.

Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4-18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Open for submissions

5 January - 4 March 2026

Find out more and enter

royalacademyarts.org.uk/youngartists
@royalacademyarts

Made possible by Robin Hambro

Young Artists' Summer Show

So please avoid submitting artworks solely depicting characters from popular culture, including TV, animation or comic books, for example.

- Are AI-generated.
- Contain content in the artwork or artist statement that may be sensitive or otherwise unsuitable to display publicly in an exhibition for artists aged 4-18.

The RA is committed to freedom of expression and, at the same time, has a duty to safeguard the young people involved in and visiting the show. All submissions must therefore be considered within this context. This is not always possible to predict in advance and for that reason submissions will be subject to review, through the selection process described in the Terms and Conditions of Entry.

Supporting young artists to create and submit original artworks is an achievement and something worth celebrating. We encourage this to be the focus over being accepted into the show. We enjoy seeing each and every artwork submitted and can't wait to see what our young artists will make this year!

If you would like further support submitting artwork, please contact us at

YASS@royalacademy.org.uk

Have a look at the previous exhibitions on our website to give you some inspiration and here are some good examples of original ideas and interesting descriptions to get you started.



A Collection of Numbers (sculpture)
by Ethan, aged 5

A collection of numbers were having a lovely day, when bad guy 7, comes along to eat them. But never mind, superhero 1 is going to save the day!



Here Comes the Kickflip (painting)
by Oskar, aged 11

This is me, the feeling of determination mixed with a sense of freedom and taking off into the air when I try to do a kickflip when I'm skateboarding. I wanted to focus just on my legs, the board, and the landscape around. It's the moment when you have to trust your legs and psyche yourself up to do this difficult move. I wanted it to feel full of movement and excitement.



I Just Want To Be Seen (mixed media)
by William, aged 18

I adore film and TV, but where were my role models whilst growing up? I never saw myself represented so in my film poster homage to Edgar Wright's 'Hot Fuzz', I have made myself the 'hero' that I wanted to see on the big screen. I have studied the work of Cindy Sherman, Cold War Steve and Jo Spence ('Putting Myself in the Picture') to solidify my ideas about myself and how the world sees me. #EndAbleism #Don'tDismissDis

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Royal Academy of Arts

Donations for the Bus



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Do you want to free up some space after Christmas?

The Nurture Bus is always looking to restock Board Games, Jigsaws, Fidgets, pens and craft activities for the children to enjoy!

Please drop off any donations in the grey box just inside the green gates.

Thanks in advance!

Nurture Team

Dinner Menu

LUNCH Week 1

W/C 01/09, 22/09, 13/10, 03/11, 24/11, 15/12, 05/01, 26/01

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slab (V)	Southern Baked Chicken & Wedges	Roast Chicken, with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pasta Bolognese, Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
MAIN 2	Farmhouse Hash (VE)	(N) Chili Bean Tortilla Stack, Wedges (V)	Hearty Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V)	Sweet Potato, Leek & Cheese Calzone (V)	Crispy Quorn Nuggets & Chips (VE)
VEG	Green Beans (VE)	Fresh Broccoli (VE)	Carrots & Cabbage (VE)	Sweetcorn (VE)	Peas or Baked Beans (VE)
INFO OPTION	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings
DESSERT	Freshly Baked Chocolate Cookie (VE)	Plum Sponge Pudding & Custard (V)	Beetroot Brownie	Fruity Jelly Pot (VE)	Lime & Coconut Cake (VE)

AVAILABLE DAILY: A selection of fresh seasonal fruit (cut or whole) (VE), Biozoned yoghurts (V) as well as freshly baked bread (VE) & seasonal salad bar (VE). Third option includes vegan and vegetarian items.

MENU KEY: V Vegetarian, VE Vegan and Plant Based, N New Dish

LUNCH Week 2

W/C 08/09, 29/09, 20/10, 10/11, 01/12, 12/01, 02/02

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Creamy Mac n Cheese (V)	Chicken Burger & Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sausage Penne Pasta Bake	Battered Fish & Chips
MAIN 2	Roasted Tomato & Basil Pasta (VE)	Southern Baked Halloumi Burger & Wedges (V)	Teriyaki Noodles (V)	Hearty Sausage Pasta Bake (VE)	Onion Bhaji Wrap & Slaw with Chips (VE)
VEG	Garlic Bread & Peas (VE)	Sweetcorn (VE)	Fresh Roast Carrots (VE)	Broccoli (VE)	Peas or Baked Beans (VE)
INFO OPTION	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings
DESSERT	Chocolate Cornflake Cake (VE)	Mousse	Ginger Cake (VE)	(N) Autumn Fruit Crumble & Custard (V)	Ice Cream

AVAILABLE DAILY: A selection of fresh seasonal fruit (cut or whole) (VE), Biozoned yoghurts (V) as well as freshly baked bread (VE) & seasonal salad bar (VE). Third option includes vegan and vegetarian items.

MENU KEY: V Vegetarian, VE Vegan and Plant Based, N New Dish

LUNCH Week 3

W/C 15/09, 06/10, 27/10, 17/11, 08/12, 19/01, 09/02

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slab (V)	Beef Burger with Coleslaw	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Traditional Lasagne	Fish Fingers & Chips
MAIN 2	Creamy Leek & Cheese Pie (V)	Authentic Chickpea & Spinach Curry, Rice (V)	Flaky Puff Pastry Wellington & Roast Potatoes (VE)	Hearty Spaghetti & Meatballs (VE)	Jerk Hot Dog & Chips (VE)
VEG	Sweetcorn (VE)	Seasonal Vegetables (VE)	Seasonal Vegetables (VE)	Focaccia & Green Beans (VE)	Peas or Baked Beans (VE)
INFO OPTION	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings	Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings
DESSERT	Apple & Cinnamon Flapjack (VE)	(N) Chocolate Mousse (V)	(N) Pear & Ginger Cake (VE)	Berry Cake	Freshly Baked Vanilla Cookie (VE)

AVAILABLE DAILY: A selection of fresh seasonal fruit (cut or whole) (VE), Biozoned yoghurts (V) as well as freshly baked bread (VE) & seasonal salad bar (VE). Third option includes vegan and vegetarian items.

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External Clubs held at Coxheath School

External Clubs

Gymnastics Club	Monday
Sama Karate Club	Thursday
Irish Dancing	Friday

Make Time for Music During school hours

Rock Steady Thursday in school

Please see Coxheath school website or notice board for more information.

<https://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=External+Clubs&pid=315>



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- ✦ Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- 🎸 Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
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Have fun and learn by playing

Children work their way through a curriculum of up to 300 musical skills.

Taught by professional musicians

Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning music fun.

Much more than music

Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and academic achievement.

Progress at their own pace

Your child can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification!

End every term on a high note

Watch your child shine as they perform in their end of term concerts.

£44.00 per month (6 payments in August) Money back guarantee for the first month. Cancel at any time.

"His confidence in music, in just over a year, is incredible to see!"
Minal

"It keeps encouraging us to do more, so it teaches us to never give up!"
Rocksteady pupil

"Socially, it's great - learning skills, performance confidence - the list is endless."
Maxine

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!

ROCK STEADY

0330 113 0330
(Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-4pm, local rate)
info@rocksteadymusicschool.com

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Community News



Community News



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Volunteers Needed

**Ready to make a real
difference?**

Help us transform the
lives of local young
people by volunteering
at our term-time Young
Carer's Club!



In this role, you will:

- ✔ Offer Emotional Support
- ✔ Support fun & engaging activities
- ✔ Help to build confidence & social skills



Join our **Maidstone** Young Carers Club!

When: Mondays/Wednesdays
5 - 7pm or 5.30 - 7.30pm

Where: Shepway Community
Centre, Cumberland Avenue,
Maidstone, ME15 7JN

APPLY NOW



Please contact us at:
enquiries@crossroadskent.org

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in
Primary school



Understanding your Child's Behaviour

19/01/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting-join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 02/02/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting-join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Autism and Sleep

09/03/2026 12:30 – 13:30pm

[Autism and Sleep | Meeting-join | Microsoft Teams](#)





Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting-join | Microsoft Teams](#)




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Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

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Aimed at parents of children in primary school


Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

19/01/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding and communicating with your child. It will help you consider factors which influence behaviour. We also discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.






If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or scan the QR code:

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting-join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

EWTanESTenquiries@nefft.nhs.uk



www.nefft.nhs.uk



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Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

02/02/2026 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.

If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

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EWandESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in school

Understanding Sleep and Autism

Monday 9th March 12:30--13:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child's sleeping patterns? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding sleeping patterns and autism. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:



[Autism and Sleep | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)


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We look forward to meeting you.





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Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Understanding Neurodiversity
 24/03/2026 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Do you have questions about neurodiversity? Maybe you would like to build on your understanding of children's different ways of experiencing the world. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding neurodiversity. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.



If you would like to join, please [ctrl + click the link below](#) or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

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[Coxheath X Account](#) - @coxheathprimary

