



Coxheath Primary School Newsletter

01.05.2026

Dates for the diary



TERM 5

04 May Bank Holiday

06 May Scotney Assembly - Parents are invited to come and watch at 9am

06 May Year 5 National Gallery Trip
07 May Year 2 Wildwood Trip Trip
08 May Year 1 Dress up as an Explorer Day
14 May Parent Council Meeting 2pm
15 May PTA School Disco
18 May Year 6 Bikeability Week (Mon -Fri)
19 May Tonbridge Class Assembly -Parents are invited to come and watch at 9am
19 May Year 6 Residential Parents Meeting 5.30pm

22 May Last Day of Term

TERM 6

01 Jun First Day of Term

15 Jun Class Photos
16 Jun Year 1 Hastings Trip
17 Jun New year R Parents Evening 6.00-7.00pm
19 Jun PTFA Father's and Others' Day Gifts
20 Jun PTFA School Summer Fete
23 Jun Deal Class Assembly - Parents invited to come and watch at 9am
23 Jun Year 4 Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve Trip
24 Jun Year 6 Residential (Wed-Fri)
24 Jun Transition 1: New Year R children to visit
 Session 1: 9:30-10:15 am
 Session 2: 10:45 – 11:30 am
30 Jun Transition 2: New Year R children to visit
 Session 1: 9:30-10:15 am
 Session 2: 10:45 – 11:30 am
01 Jul Transition3: New Year R children (All Children) 9:30 – 11am
01 Jul Whole class Transition Day from 9.15-11.15am
03 Jul PTFA Headteacher for the Day

- 06 Jul New Year R Teddy Bears Picnic 11.45 - 12.45pm
- 07 Jul Hever Class Assembly - Parents invited to come and watch at 9am in KS1 Hall
- 07 Jul Rye Class Assembly - Parents invited to come and watch at 9am in KS2 Hall
- 08 Jul Practice Sports Day (Children only)
- 08 Jul Year 6 play to KS1 9.30am
- 09 Jul Year 6 play to KS2 9.30am
- 10 Jul Sports Day 9.15- 11.30am (Parents invited - more information to follow)
- 13 Jul Year 6 play to parents 1:30pm
- 14 Jul Year 6 play to parents 6pm
- 16 Jul Rocksteady Concert 9.15am
- 16 Jul Year 6 play to parents 6pm
- 17 Jul Reserve Sports Day
- 21 Jul Year 6 leavers Assembly 9.15-11am
- 21 Jul Last Day of Term**

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[Curriculum Link](#)

Head Teacher News

It has been a busy and exciting week for everyone at Coxheath! Our Reception children were full of excitement during their visit to the Rare Breeds Centre, where they enjoyed meeting and learning about a variety of animals.

Year 4 also had a fantastic day exploring Canterbury Cathedral, deepening their understanding of history and culture. The staff at the cathedral were incredibly impressed with the children’s behaviour and how polite they all were.

Alongside these visits, several classes enjoyed trips to the library, helping to inspire a love of reading across the school.

In addition, Coxheath welcomed school leaders from across the country as part of a three-day, peer-led review through Challenge Partners. During the review, visitors worked collaboratively with staff to evaluate teaching, curriculum, and leadership. The premise of Challenge Partners is to support schools in working together to share best practice, celebrate strengths, and identify opportunities for continued improvement. What was wonderful to see was that all four reviewers saw strong evidence to support the view that children’s attitudes and behaviours for learning are a significant strength of the school. They commented particularly on the high expectations, strong routines, and positive learning culture that are evident throughout the school. As well as identifying strengths, the review process also focuses on finding “even better ifs” and identifying the next steps needed to support continual improvement across the school. We will, of course, share these with you when the report has been finalised.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Knibbs, our After School Club Lead. During her time at Coxheath, she has provided a safe and welcoming space for children to have fun and relax after a busy day at school. I am sure the children will miss her greatly, and I know you will join me in thanking her for looking after and caring for the children so well throughout her time at Coxheath Primary.

Have great weekend.

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Attendance

Year	Class Percentages					
R	Dover	98.52%	Leed	97.41%		
1	Rye	92.96%	Deal	99.26%	Hever	97.78%
2	Allington	97.70%	Thurnham	93.87%		
3	Bodiam	96.88%	Walmer	97.13%		
4	Scotney	96.53%	Tonbridge	93.40%		
5	Rochester	96.88%	Canterbury	96.88%		
6	Pevensey	96.88%	Herstmonceux	97.64%		

Congratulations to **DEAL** class for achieving the highest attendance percentage this week!



As a reward, you'll enjoy extra breaktime next week — well done for your fantastic effort and commitment.

Calling all Young Artists!

Calling all young artists! Maidstone Borough Council is running another exciting Mote Park art competition , with a prize for under 18-year-old entries. Please click on the link for full details on how to enter and all the terms and conditions. Good luck!

<https://arts.maidstone.gov.uk/home/news-and-opportunities/articles/mote-park-art-competition-2026>

Below are last year's U18 winner and runner up pictures.



Raising money for The Hedgehog Children's Ward at Tunbridge Wells

Please see the below link to support Bella with raising money for Tunbridge Wells Hospital and Great Ormond Street Hospital. The goal is to provide Tunbridge Wells Hospital with

more activities and toys for children like Bella who, when unwell, are confined to their rooms and can only play with the toys brought to them. If the funds surpasses the £2000 target, any additional donations will help fund clinical trials and the new children's cancer ward at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

You can donate to the JustGiving page by clicking [here](#) or by using the QR code below.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/megan-sharpe?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL





Donate for

Bella

6 YEARS OLD ♥ T CELL LEUKAEMIA

Every donation makes a difference



Scan to donate today!

Supporting Bella and other children when they need it most

Headhog Ward
Tunbridge Wells Hospital
Supporting children and families receiving care on Headhog Ward.

Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH)
Helping fund vital research, treatment and care for children with cancer.

Thank you for your kindness

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP BELLA AND OTHER CHILDREN FIGHT.

Change to Menu 05.05.2026

Tuesday 5th May will have a change to the menu. The kitchen will be offering the below options. Please note that Arbor will not show this, but will still show the usual meal option for this day. Please book as usual on Arbor.

Mac n Cheese

Tomato Pasta

Garlic Bread and Peas

Shortbread

Could You Help Inspire a Love of Reading?

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At our school, we believe that reading opens the door to imagination, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning. One of the most powerful ways children develop as readers is by simply having someone sit with them, listen to them read, and encourage them along the way.

We are looking for volunteers from our community to become **Reading Ambassadors** in school. Just a little of your time each week can make a big difference to a child's confidence and enjoyment of books.

We would especially love to hear from retired members of the community, grandparents, or anyone who enjoys spending time with children and sharing stories.

As a Reading Ambassador, you will:

- Listen to children read and celebrate their progress
- Chat about stories and favourite books
- Help children feel proud and confident in their reading

No teaching experience is needed — just patience, encouragement, and a love of books.

All necessary training will be provided.

If you feel you could spare a little time and would like to be part of something truly special, please contact the school office to find out more.

Together we can help our children discover the joy of reading.



We can't wait to hear from you!

Mrs Friend – championing a love of reading in our school.

Spring/Summer Dinner Menu

LUNCH Week 1

W/C 23/02, 16/03, 13/04, 04/05, 25/05, 15/06, 06/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Creamy Mac n Cheese (V)	Chicken Burger in a Bun & Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Sausage Pasta, Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
MAIN 2	Roasted Tomato Pasta Bake (V)	Southern Bakes Halloumi Burger & Wedges (V)	Summer Quiche, Roast Potatoes (V)	Veggie Sausage Pasta Bake (V)	(N) Pizza Pinwheel, Chips (V)
VEG	Garlic Bread & Peas (VE)	Sweetcorn (VE)	Carrots and Cabbage (VE)	Broccoli (VE)	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans (VE)
3RD OPTION	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes
DESSERT	Freshly Baked Shortbread (VE)	Jelly (V)	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (V)	(N) Peaches & Meringue Yoghurt Fool (V)	Ice Cream

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

MENU KEY V Vegetarian VE Vegan (and Plant Based) N Non-Dairy

LUNCH Week 2

W/C 02/03, 23/03, 20/04, 11/05, 01/06, 22/06, 13/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Veggie Burger with Wedges	BBQ Chicken & Rice	Roast Chicken & Roast Potatoes	Traditional Beef Lasagne	Sausage & Chips
MAIN 2	Veggie Sausage Rolls with Wedges (V)	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry & Rice (VE)	Sticky Tomato Tart & Roast Potatoes (VE)	Hearty Spaghetti & Meatballs, Focaccia (V)	Beans & Cheese Pasty with Chips
VEG	Baked Beans (VE)	Broccoli (VE)	Fresh Carrots & Cabbage (VE)	Roasted Vegetables (VE)	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans (VE)
3RD OPTION	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes
DESSERT	Freshly Baked Cookie (VE)	Fruity Jelly Crunch Pot (V)	Peach Crumble & Custard (V)	Lime & Coconut Sponge (VE)	Fruit Cheesecake (V)

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LUNCH Week 3

W/C 09/03, 30/03, 27/04, 18/05, 08/06, 29/06, 20/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Chicken Steaks with BBQ Sauce & Wedges	Roast Chicken & Roast Potatoes	Pasta Bolognese Focaccia	Fish Fingers & Chips
MAIN 2	Gnocchi Shells with Tomato Sauce (VE)	Chili Bean Tortilla Stack (VE)	(N) Summer Veg Tacos (VE) & Roast Potatoes	Tomato Pasta Bake	Crispy Quorn Nuggets & Chips (VE)
VEG	Green Beans (VE)	Sweetcorn (VE)	Fresh Carrots & Peas (VE)	Broccoli (VE)	Peas or Baked Beans (VE)
3RD OPTION	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes
DESSERT	Chocolate Cornflake Cake (VE)	Ginger Cake (VE)	Jelly (VE)	(N) Caramel Mousse (V)	(N) Ked School Cake (VE)

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2026/2027 Term Dates



Term 1	
01.09.2026	Staff Training Day
02.09.2026	Start School
15.10.2026	Last Day of Term
16.10.2026	Staff Training Day
Term 2	
02.11.2026	Start School
18.12.2026	Last day of Term
Term 3	
04.01.2027	Staff Training Day
05.01.2027	Start School
12.02.2027	Last Day of Term
Term 4	
22.02.2027	Start School
25.03.2027	Last Day of Term
Term 5	
12.04.2027	Start School
03.05.2027	Bank Holiday
28.05.2027	Last Day of Term
Term 6	
07.06.2027	Start School
21.07.2027	Last Day of Term
Staff training days are dates when the children do not attend school	

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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>

ROCK STEADY

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

TAKES PLACE AT SCHOOL

IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK!

- 🎸 Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- 🎵 Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- 📱 Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- 📄 Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
- 🎧 Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm, Fri 8am-9pm, local rate) rocksteadymusicschool.com

Community News



[Community News](#)

Loddington Farm

We are opening the farm for the long weekends of May again and would like everyone to come and enjoy a wonder around our farm trail, visiting the piglets, chickens and our very busy bee hives along the way.

We are very excited to show the children the world of farming and how vital it is to our environment.

Please click the link below to learn more about Loddington Farm and its events.

[Events | Loddington Farm | Regenerative Farm in Kent](#)

*Suggested donation, children are free
Dogs not allowed on site



Dandelion Time

MAY FAYRE

11AM - 3PM
SATURDAY 9TH MAY

£3
ENTRY

**GAMES & CRAFTS | TOMBOLA | MEET OUR ANIMALS
LIVE MUSIC | REFRESHMENTS | AND MORE!**

We're delighted to be joined by:



DANDELION TIME, CHARLTON LANE, WEST FARLEIGH, ME15 0NY



Leybourne
Family
FUN DAY
& Dog Show

SATURDAY
16th MAY
11AM TO 4PM

Entertainment by Southern Golden Retriever Society Display Team

Proudly sponsored by:
Wynsdale RSPCA

Entry Adults £5 Children £2 Under 5's Free
RSPCA Leybourne, ME19 5HW

Scan for info 





Self service cakes and bakes

Simply come along, choose your items and pay via the QR code at the Cake Shed

Opening times

Fridays 12pm - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 5pm

Easter weekend

Open Sunday and Monday from 10am!

Follow our Facebook page

@Cake My Day

← 67 Pembroke Road



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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



OSI COULD HELP YOU

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!



HOW TO ACCESS OSI

If your child attends one of our schools and you feel OSI would be helpful for you and your child, please scan the QR code which will take you to our website and the OSI self-referral form.

Alternatively, if you would like to discuss this further with someone or would like to consider alternative support, please speak with the Senior Mental Health Lead in your child's school.

- We are kind.
- We are respectful.
- We work together with our communities.

Support for Slide Away

Slide Away is very proud of the support it has offered to bereaved children, young people, their families and schools since 2004.

For a nominal annual subscription, schools can subscribe to access our free services. However, we could not continue our work without the generous support of individuals, groups, schools, businesses, funds and trusts.

- It costs Slide Away about £300 to support every child referred to us. A donation of:
- £5 would pay for a photo frame for children to decorate;
 - £7.50 would pay for the book chosen by each child at our workshops;
 - £10 would pay for their snowy bear and all the crafting materials they use;
 - £25 would fund the refreshments at a workshop

You can get involved and support Slide Away by:

- Volunteering
- Fundraising, by running a marathon or holding a Silly Socks day
- Donating by scanning the QR code below or by visiting our website for more options



How to refer a child or young person to Slide Away

Slide Away takes its referrals from schools. For further information please get in touch.

Home schooled children can be referred by a member of the KCC Home Education Team.

Contact us

www.slideaway.org
www.projecteileen.co.uk
info@slideaway.org
projecteileen@slideaway.org
01703 997715

Find us on social media
@slideawaycharity | #project-eileen-cic
@slideawaycharity | @project_eileen



"I have learnt not to hide my feelings away."



Helping bereaved young people get back on their feet

Slide Away offers support to children and young people living in or attending school in Kent who have been bereaved of a family member or friend.



Slide Away is a registered charity
Charity No: 1136331
Company Registration No: 07246017

Slide Away was founded in memory of Daniel Ross

Support for bereaved children and young people

Following the death of a family member or friend, young people need to have their loss acknowledged and their feelings recognised and to be given opportunities to hold onto the memories of the person who has died.

To support children and young people and to help them understand and manage their grief, we offer Workshops for those bereaved of a parent or sibling and Memory Days for those bereaved of another family member or friend.

Please get in touch for further information on our one-to-one counselling service.



"Your workshops have always been at the right pitch level and support for our pupils. They have all gained so much from the range of activities you offer and the awareness that it is ok to talk openly about loss."

Pre-bereavement support for children and young people

When a child is facing the death of someone close to them, their needs will be similar to those of adults, but they may find it difficult to express what they are feeling.

Through consultation, Slide Away provides advice and guidance to help the School Bereavement Contact support pupils who have a parent or sibling with a life-limiting illness.

Support for the family

To help adults understand their child's grief and encourage communication within the family, Slide Away provides sessions for parents and carers. For more information, please get in touch.



"I loved making the memory jar to make memories of my mum."

Support for schools

Slide Away has always recognised the vital role the school community has in supporting bereaved pupils. All referrals to Slide Away must come through the school's appointed School Bereavement Contact, a staff member who has received training from Slide Away.

- To support schools Slide Away:
- Offers "Tool Kit" induction training to newly appointed School Bereavement Contacts
 - Offers School Bereavement Contacts access to our British Psychological Society approved training
 - Is available for telephone advice and guidance
 - Offers regular online drop-in sessions to answer questions and offer advice
 - Project Eileen grief and loss resources for secondary school PSHE

Project Eileen
Part of the Slide Away family

Project Eileen offers free, flexible, multimedia lessons and resources to secondary schools to help teenagers learn about and cope with bereavement and grief.



PROJECT EILEEN

[Coxheath X Account](#) - @coxheathprimary

