



CORBY OLD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 2026

School closes on Friday 22nd May for half term and re-opens to pupils on **Tuesday 2nd June**. We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

As we head into the final term of the year, we prepare ourselves for some goodbyes.

Mrs Lowe has been our Deputy Head Teacher, SENDCO and Year 6 class teacher for almost fifteen years and will be retiring at the end of the academic year to spend more time with her family and potentially go on some lovely holidays.

We wish Mrs Lowe all the very best for her retirement.

Miss Duncan, Teaching Assistant in Year R, and Mrs Hall, Teaching Assistant in Year 1 will also be leaving us to complete their teacher training. We wish them all the luck with their studies.

They will all be greatly missed by staff and children.

Beaumanor Y3 & Y4 Trip

25 children from Years 3 & 4 headed off to Beaumanor Hall for this year's residential trip. Luckily the weather was kind to us as we were camping in bell tents. As soon as we arrived we had great fun climbing, bouldering and completing the nightline. The Y4s created a song from our experience in the canoes, we all got wet when our shelters were tested and then we built land buggies to race around the grounds on. Our final day saw us bridge building to help us cross over the stream – only a few of us got our feet wet!!!

Y5 Botanic Garden trip

On Tuesday 12th May, Year 5 travelled to the Leicester Botanic Gardens to study plant life cycles: we did pond dipping and Kayce found two newts! We were able to punch the redwood tree which has the softest bark, we created our own clay seeds and helicopter seeds. The sun shone all day and we had lots of fun watching the koi carp swimming in the pond.

New Parent Governor

We are delighted to inform you that our new Parent Governor is Keeley Gray. Keeley is the parent of a child in our Year 2 class and can often be found on the playground at drop off and pick up times, should you wish to talk to her.

If you do need to talk to Keeley but are unsure as to who she is, please contact the school office and we will pass your details on to her.

We would like to take this opportunity to all of the parents who applied for the position and to all of those who voted in the ballot. We really appreciate your support.

Job Vacancies

We currently have a number of job vacancies advertised both on our school website and on a recruitment site called My New Term.

If you are interested in any of these vacancies and would like any more information about them, please contact the school office.

Class Photographs- Wednesday 3rd June

Our school photographer, Pret-a-Portrait will be in school on Wednesday 3rd June to take our class photographs. Details on how to order these will be sent home with the children on the day.

Please note that all children must wear their school uniform on this day.

Year 4 usually have PE on Wednesday's, but they will do this on Thursday 4th June instead.

Any children that were absent for the individual photographs earlier in the year will have the opportunity to have their photo's taken on the day.

There will also be a chance for our Year 6's to have some fun friendship group photographs taken at the end of the session. Again, details of how to order these will be shared on or shortly after the day.

OPAL

We are excited to announce that to celebrate International Play Day on Thursday 11th June, we will be having a water fight for all children. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy outdoor play, teamwork, and have lots of fun! More details will follow shortly!

This month, the children have been enjoying our new sandpit and using their imaginations to build things using planks of wood and large blue barrels.

Some of our Y6 children have been busy developing a safe, friendly way for Rough & Tumble play – which they will put to the test after half term (and hopefully this will be rolled out to the rest of the school in September).

Sports Day and Picnic Lunch

Our Sports Day is on Tuesday 23rd June and will start at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us for this event. Please drop your children off as normal at 8:45am. We will bring the children into school to register them and the event will begin on the school field at 9:30am. Please wait at the main gate and a member of staff will reopen this at approx. 9:15am.

Following the event, parents are welcome to stay and enjoy a picnic lunch with the children from 12pm. You must provide the picnic lunch from home and there will be no chairs available so please bring a blanket or chairs with you.

If your child has a hot meal from school please change this to a packed lunch ordered from Love Food , they will be given this to come and eat with their parents.

The lunch will finish at 12:30pm and parents will leave through the car park gate. Children will return to their classrooms at 1pm.

Please can all children wear PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt in their House Team colour – Stewart – Blue, Lloyds – Green, Rowlett – Yellow, Tresham – Red.

If you are unsure as to which team your child is in, please ask their class teacher or the school office.

School Council.

The school council are busy planning our next fundraising event to be held in the summer term. The objective is to raise funds specifically for our school and we are considering suggestions for how we can spend this money in the best way for everyone at COVS to take advantage of. During our next meeting we will discuss and confirm our event ideas. Please watch out for the full details to be confirmed after the half term.

Star of the week

Pixie - Lorelei	Pixie -Emma	Pixie -Lennox	Pixie -Alexandra
Unicorn –	Unicorn -Alfy	Unicorn -Rashidi	Unicorn -Ayah
Pegasus – Ava	Pegasus -Jemimah	Pegasus -Reggie	Pegasus -Ollie
Griffin – Lena	Griffin -Freya	Griffin -Paisley	Griffin -Nico
Centaur – Isaiah	Centaur -Ava	Centaur -Phoebe I	Centaur -Phoebe H
Dragon – Ryan	Dragon -Lane	Dragon -Hollie	Dragon - Eliza
Phoenix – George	Phoenix -Harry	Phoenix -Sofia	Phoenix -Caelan

Well done to all of the children!

Dates for your diary:

June

Monday 1st June- Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 2nd June -School Reopens

Tuesday 2nd June Kids of steel Triathlon

Wednesday 3rd June Class Photographs

Monday 8th June-12th June Govilon Y5 & Y6 Residential

Thursday 11th June UON STEAM Event

Tuesday 16th June Unicorn Trip to Stanwick lakes

Friday 19th Swimming Gala

Friday 19th June Pegasus Trip to Warwick Castle

Tuesday 23rd June Sports Day & Picnic Lunch 9.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 25th June Griffin Trip to Ferry Meadows

July

Thursday 2nd July Unicorn Big class Project

Thursday 2nd July Pixie Trip to Johnsons of Old Hurst

Tuesday 7th July Y6 Leavers Performance 2pm

Wednesday 8th July Dance Showcase at Corby Cube

Friday 10th July – Shuffle up Day

Monday 13th July Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 14th July Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm

Wednesday 15th July Y6 Leavers Trip to Ironpit Woods

Thursday 16th July Graduation Ceremony 4-5pm

Thursday 16th July Leavers Disco 5-6.30pm (all year groups)

Friday 17th July School Closes for Summer

Monday 20th July Teacher Training Day

September

Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September Teacher Training days

Thursday 3rd September School Reopens

Safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the school and ask for Miss Thomas, Mrs Lowe or Miss Bland (Designated Safeguarding Leads)