



21st February 2026

Message from Mrs Reid



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're officially half-way through the academic year now, and Coads Green has seen some changes since this time last year. However, our essential ethos of moving children on and supporting them in their learning to leave this phase of education equipped to embark confidently on the next stage of learning is unchanged.

On **Tuesday, 31st March at 2:30pm**, we'd like to invite parents to join us at the Village Hall for a whole school assembly where children will share some of their recent learning with you.

Here's a reminder about World Book Day: On **Friday, 6th March**, we'll be marking **World Book Day**, and ask that children dress up as a favourite book character for the day - no pressure: low key, reusable, clothes that you have anyway, etc. please.

We'd like to invite members of the community who love reading to come in and share that joy with us. As you know, British schools value reading enormously, and Coads Green is no different. All research shows that children who read for pleasure (and they may not love it at times, but repeated practise and routine does lead to engagement and motivation!) have improved life outcomes in terms of employment and living standards. ([Book choice | National Literacy Trust](#)) What's not to love!

We have some visiting authors, someone from the local library and, hopefully, our MP to come in and share their love of reading with us on the day.

With the support of the PTFA, we'll be fundraising for **Red Nose Day** on **Friday, 20th March**. Our Just Giving page link for this is https://www.justgiving.com/page/coads-green-26?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL - which can be used for donations to this great cause. More details to follow.

Looking further across the term, **Parent Consultations** will take place at the end of the school day on **Wednesday, 1st April**.

Best wishes,

Mrs Reid

Safeguarding

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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Safeguarding is part of our fabric at Coads Green, and all members of staff are trained in Safeguarding, and in the most up to date guidance. Children's welfare is our top priority, and we share ways we can support pupils regularly in assemblies and in class time. Pupils know that, if they have any concerns, they can talk to trusted adults at home, and all members of staff at School.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Reid, with staff able to pass concerns on and discuss any questions with me at any time.

LEARN ALL ABOUT PANTS WITH PANTOSAURUS!

P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.

A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

Your body is yours, and no one should touch your private parts or any other parts of your body that you don't want to be touched. No one has the right to make you do anything that makes you feel uncomfortable. If somebody does make you do something, it's never your fault. Even if the person who has made you feel uncomfortable has told you it is your fault.

N O MEANS NO

You always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'No', it's your choice.

S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

Talk about stuff that makes you worried or upset. If you ever feel sad, anxious or frightened you should talk to a safe adult who you trust.

This doesn't have to be a family member. It can also be a teacher or a friend's parent – or even Childline. Talking shouldn't get you into trouble, even if somebody has told you it will. If something has happened that makes you feel uncomfortable, it is never your fault.

T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

There are good and bad secrets. Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people. Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened. You should always talk to a safe adult who you trust about a bad secret or anything that doesn't feel right.

You can also talk to Childline. Call **0800 1111** or contact them online at **Childline.org.uk**. Someone will always be there to listen.

Key Stage 2 Cross-curricular Project



Shadow Puppet Project – Years 3–6

Over a three-week project, our Year 3–6 pupils took part in an exciting cross-curricular challenge to create their own shadow puppet shows.

The project began with pupils developing original stories using story maps to structure their ideas clearly. They carefully planned the beginning, build-up, problem and resolution of their narratives to ensure their stories were engaging and well-organised.

Drawing on their Science learning about light, pupils explored how shadows are formed and how distance and positioning affect size and clarity. This knowledge was essential in creating strong and effective shadow performances.

Using their artistic skills, children designed and created detailed cut-out characters, thinking carefully about shape to ensure clear silhouettes. They then used ICT skills to film their shows

using stop-frame animation and edited their final movies in iMovie, enhancing them with music and special effects.

Throughout the process, pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork — negotiating ideas, solving problems collaboratively and using expression in their performances to create engaging shows.

This project successfully combined English, Science, Art, ICT and Drama, allowing pupils to apply their learning in a creative and meaningful way.





Parent and carer informal catch-up



It was good to be able to meet with parents at the afternoon catch-up last week. Although parents are encouraged to discuss any questions with staff at the beginning or end of the day, or through contacting the School Office at any time, it was valuable to hear general questions about events or routines at Coads Green.

At a general forum, it is not possible for parents to discuss their child's needs for several reasons. Firstly, we are committed to confidentiality of pupils and their families. Secondly, the aim of an open forum is to cover general questions about the school for the good of the whole community and all stakeholders, rather than individual needs dominating. Furthermore, as staff are bounded by the need for confidentiality, schools are unable to address and respond to, for example, questions raised about the learning for individual children. This could leave parents attending the forum with an inaccurate and misleading impression of how a child's needs have been met as the school cannot give information about such hypothetical scenarios.

We are rightly proud of the wide experiences and exceptional care that children are given at Coads Green School, and we welcome and make open dialogue with parents a priority.

One discussion point that came through was the access pupils have to Forest School and outdoor learning. Teaching staff are always enthusiastic about children spending time learning outdoors, although the curriculum does not always lend itself to this easily.

However, teachers will plan learning for each half-term to ensure that there are at least 2 sessions or part-days that children can spend learning outdoors. This could be Wild Tribe sessions during PE time, or tailoring specific learning activities to be held outdoors. If additional clothing is needed to facilitate this, teachers will let you know in advance. Weather should not be an impediment to spending time outdoors, but inadequate clothing will be.

If you were unable to attend the catch-up, staff are very happy to talk to parents and carers, as routinely detailed in letters and in this newsletter, and you will soon be able to make appointments to attend Parent Consultations on Wednesday, 1st April.

Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast Club runs every day from 8am until school starts. Mrs Abbott provides milk or water to drink, along with a choice of cereals, toast and/or crumpets and a range of spreads, and fruit is always available.

On Fridays, children can choose to have chocolate spread and Nesquik as an end of week treat!

There is a small charge for Breakfast Club - please see Mrs Ledwith for details.

Coads Green PTFA



Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas

23 Dec–28 Dec 2025

📍 The Drum



Dick Whittington

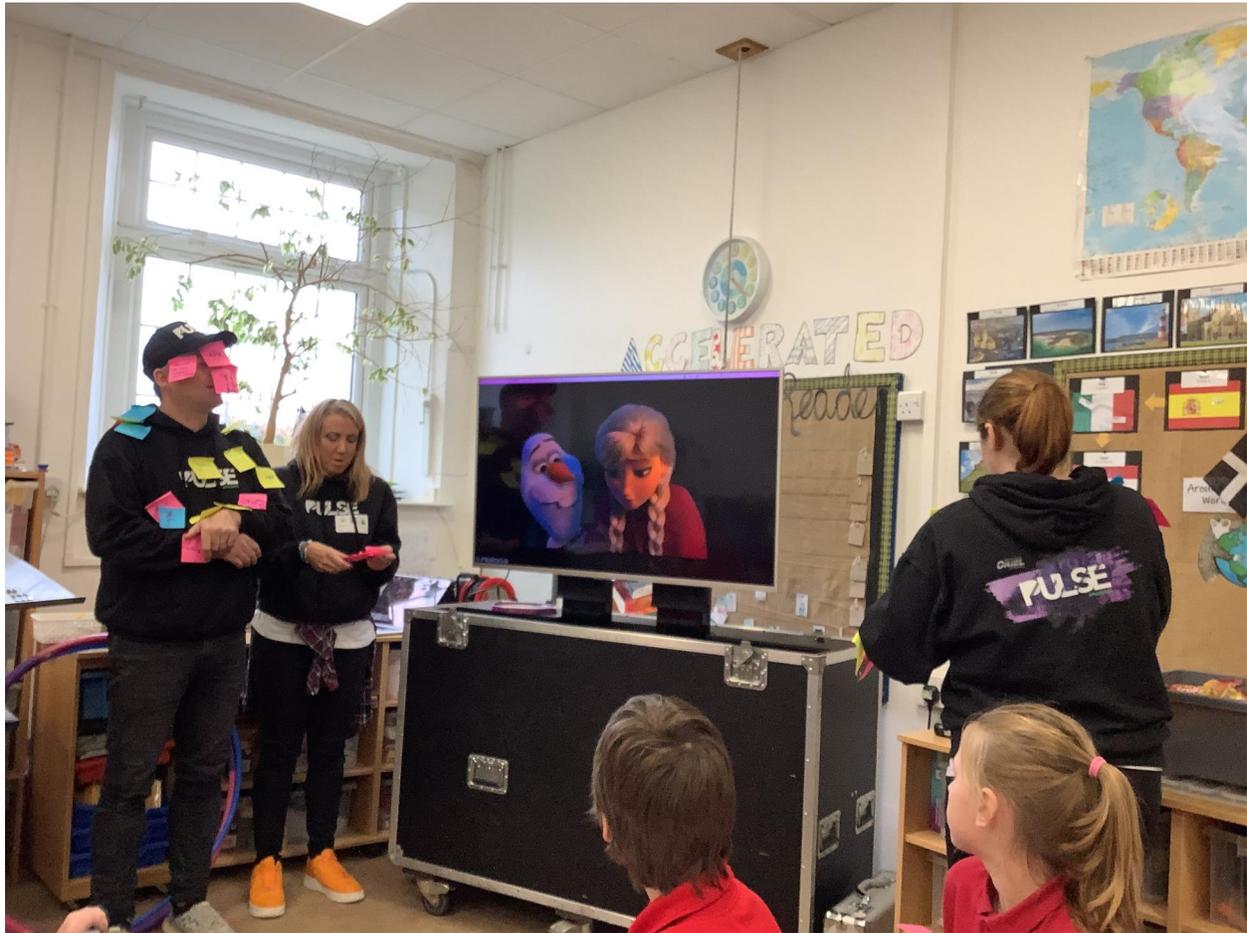
23 Dec–10 Jan 2026

📍 The Lyric

On March 20th, the PTFA will be selling cakes in aid of Comic Relief as part of Red Nose Day - more details (and probably requests for cakes) to follow.

If you'd like to learn more, please speak to Mrs Ledwith in the Office, or to Mrs Reid, or any of the parents in the playground. The next PTFA meeting is due soon, and you will be notified of its time and date.

Pulse Youth Bus



The Pulse Bus is due to return to Coads Green on Tuesday, 24th February, and will also visit on the following Tuesdays up until the Easter Holiday: 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March and 31st March.

Wild Tribe



This half-term, Olly will be leading Wild Tribe on Monday afternoons with KS2, alternately with Y5&6 initially for 3 weeks, and then with Y3&4 for the following 3 weeks of term.

Wild Tribe after-school club will return for all ages on Mondays after half-term.

Dates for your diary



Tuesday, 24th Feb. - Pulse Bus (after school) for Y4, 5, 6

Friday, 27th Feb. - Class 1 (incl. Y2) Healthy Hearts and Minds Day

Friday, 27th Feb. - Cross Country at Duchy College

Monday, 2nd March - Online World Book Week Launch with Michael Rosen

Thursday, 5th March - St Piran's Day - Class 3 Parade in Launceston

Friday, 6th March - World Book Day - Dress up as a favourite book character, and a day of in-school activities celebrating reading

Monday, 9th March - Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday, 18th March - RNLI Water Smart Assembly

Friday, 20th March - Red Nose Day https://www.justgiving.com/page/coads-green-26?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

21st-27th March - Shakespeare Week

Friday, 20th March. -Cross Country

Tuesday, 31st March - 2:30pm End of Term Assembly

Wednesday, 1st April - from 3:20pm Parent Consultations

Thursday, 2nd April - End of Term

Clubs



Mondays 3:15-4:15pm Wild Tribe

Tuesdays 3:15-5pm Pulse Bus

Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm Football

Fridays 3:15-4pm Gardening

Healthy Snacks



As part of our PSHE and Science learning at Coads Green, as well as through Assemblies, we learn about what sort of diet supports good health, also helping to prevent illnesses and health problems. Naturally, this leads us to reflect on what sorts of choices children could be encouraged to make as they grow older and increase in independence.

Thankyou for supporting our focus on healthy eating by providing your children with healthy snacks of a piece of **fruit or vegetables** for their morning snack. KS1 and EYFS and Nursery have fruit available to them at school as part of the funded scheme, but they are also welcome to bring in an additional or preferred piece of fruit or veg, if they wish to. We often have enough fruit available for KS2 pupils as well, but it's a good idea to send some in to be on the safe side.



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Please 'phone the School on 01566 782303, or email the Office: coadsgreen@andaras.org

Thankyou for supporting our seamless start to the School Day by entering via the Main Door.
Doors open at 8:30am.

A member of staff will attend the entrance until 8:45am, when the School Day starts. If you have any messages, please do pass them on to the member of staff on duty, or contact the Office (as above) at any time.

The register is taken at 8:45am. Please contact the Office if you will arrive later than this, and by 8:45am if your child is to be absent that day.

Teachers are preparing the day's learning at this time so, if you wish to discuss any matters in more detail, please do arrange a time after school, or at a time to suit, with Mrs Ledwith, or any staff members.

Staff are generally available in the playground at the end of the school day. We are always, as conveyed regularly, happy to talk to parents and carers, and can arrange further meetings if needed.