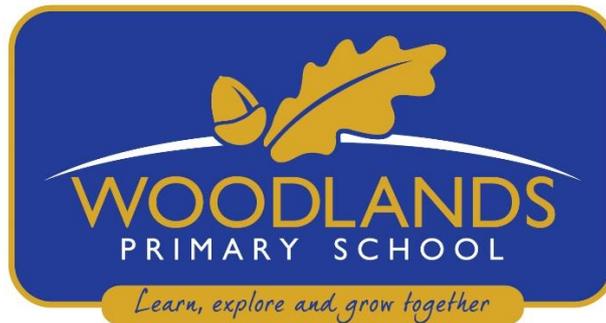


Woodlands Weekly



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Welcome back to the start of the new school year – how lovely to see the children back, looking so smart and ready to learn. A special welcome to all our new pupils and staff. The Reception children are settling so quickly – it is hard to believe that they have been in school for less than week. My favourite part of Term 1 is reading a story to each of the new classes – when they try to guess my job and what I do all day. The ideas are priceless!

Mr Burns kicked the week off with an assembly reminding us of the importance of using our Growth Mindset. The children heard the beginning of the book, 'You Are Awesome' by Matthew Syed. We heard the story about an ordinary child - Kid A, who was given a table tennis table by his parents and after initially finding no success in his first few tries, came to a key moment in his life in which he could take one of two paths. He had to decide whether or not to challenge himself and take a risk in trying really hard at something new and difficult. Or he could stick to his unremarkable, straightforward life, too afraid to take up what felt like a scary challenge. Kid A turned out to be Matthew Syed himself (the author of the book) and he opted for the difficult, risky path which eventually paid off and turned him into the best table tennis player in the country. We will be revisiting this book throughout the year to discover the secrets behind finding our confidence and daring to be brilliant at (almost) anything.

Year Group Information Evenings

Please note the date and time of the year group information evenings next week. It is important that you attend these as lots of new information will be shared, particularly about the way we mark your children's books and the homework that they will receive. It is also an opportunity to meet your child's teacher informally and to ask any burning questions.

Please note that all meetings will be held in your child's classroom apart from Y5 and Y6 which will be in Acorn Hall. The Y5 evening contains important information about the Carrot Wood trip and the **Y6 evening details the process for applying to secondary school.**

New Year Reminders – IMPORTANT please read!

- Please take time to familiarise yourself again with our school uniform so that you do not buy the wrong things! In particular, please remember that:
...Skirts, trousers and shorts should be GREY, not black
...Socks should be plain and either grey, white or navy
...Long hair should be tied back (to prevent the spread of our little headlice friends...)
...Hair adornments should be small and simple
...One pair of simple stud earrings (please see below)
...Shoes should be appropriate and enable children to run around and have fun!
- Packed lunches should be as healthy as possible – we do not allow sweets, chocolate or sweetened and fizzy drinks. Sugar is not good for children (or us!) and can affect a child's ability to concentrate – particularly after a lunch which contains a lot. Thank you.
- Breaktime Snacks – KS2 (Y3/4/5/6)
We have a simple rule for breaktime snacks – fresh or dried fruit or vegetables ONLY. All other snacks will be put away in your child's bag. No fruit winders etc. Fruit pots are available from the Oak dining room each break at a cost of 50p. Children do not need a snack in YR or KS1 (Y1/2) as they are provided with fruit or vegetables each day.
- Children in YR-Y2 only need **book bags** – they do not need a school bag.
- Yrs R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 children need to be taken to their classrooms (as usual) on the first day back and thereafter. As in previous years, they will need to be collected from classrooms at the end of the day. Please let us know when there are changes to collection arrangements.
- Yrs 5 and 6 children are allowed to leave by themselves at the end of the day. Please explain to your child where you will meet them and what to do if you are not there – they should return immediately to their class teacher or the school office.

- ALL enquiries/late bags/packed lunches are dealt with by the School Office which is in ACORN building. Please note this applies even if your child's class is in OAK.



Birthday Clothes!

For those of you who are new to the school (and a reminder for everyone else), at Woodlands we invite pupils to wear their own clothes on their birthday. If your child's birthday falls in a holiday they can wear their clothes on the last day of the preceding term or on the first day of the next term. Please ensure that clothes are appropriate and allow children to run around (no heels!).

Charity Stalls – KS2 (Y3/4/5/6)

A much loved feature of being slightly older at Woodlands is the opportunity to run a charity stall for a charity of their choice. These are held on Wednesday lunchtimes in Oak playground. If your child (in Y4, Y5 or Y6) would like to run one, please ask them to see Mrs Brown (4 Chestnut).

We have had to introduce some guidelines for pupils running them:

- No sweets, lollipops or crisps
- Small cakes only
- Old toys, items of stationary make good items to sell.

There are always a variety of items for sale – children inly need to bring in small amounts of loose change – no more than 50p will enable them to purchase something should they wish. There is obviously no pressure to bring in any money at all!



Will you join us and help keep all children safe online? O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces in a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online.

We are very excited to be working closely with the NSPCC this year to support the 'Speak Out Stay Safe' programme. Look out for more details about the forthcoming events and our school fundraising activity during the week commencing 17th September. In the meantime, a date for your diary is Tuesday 11th September at 2 p.m. when we will be hosting a free workshop delivered by trained NSPCC staff and volunteers. The free workshops enable parents to come together to learn how to keep their children safe online. It would be great to see as many of you as possible.

Crossing the Road

Please help us to keep our children safe by ensuring they always use the zebra crossing in Hunt Road (we have had a number of near misses already this week) and remember not to park on the zig zag lines at the site of the crossing. Thank you.

Attendance News

| Year Group | % Attendance |
|------------|--------------|
| R | 98.6 |
| 1 | 98.3 |
| 2 | 97.9 |
| 3 | 98.5 |
| 4 | 97.9 |
| 5 | 95.9 |
| 6 | 98.4 |

Music News

All music clubs run by Mrs Jones will start at the same time as the other clubs apart from Senior Choir which will have two starter sessions on 12th and 19th September, as we need to start early to learn all our songs for the Young Voices concert.

Please note that if your child wishes to continue in a music club please use the club slip to apply in the usual way so that we know they wish to carry on. Ukulele club members may borrow a school instrument to start with but are expected to have their own in due course as we only have a few spare.

Instrumental lessons: Lessons run in school on piano, violin, guitar, clarinet, saxophone, flute and drums.

Instruments can be hired for a very reasonable cost through Kent Music. If your child already has lessons then the teacher should contact you directly.

Piano lessons have started and continue on 21st September.

Violin and guitar lessons start on Monday but there are no Friday lessons until the following week. Drumming lessons start again on 18th September. The flute teacher Mrs Stewart will be in on Wednesday 12th September and the clarinet teacher Mrs Trigg will be in touch with parents as she may be starting a little later owing to personal circumstances.

For drumming lessons please contact Dale Frost

dale@tonbridgedrumstudio.com.

For guitar lessons Tom Williams

tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com

For violin and piano lessons please apply directly through

Kent Music www.kent-music.com. For other lessons and

enquiries please email Mrs Jones

mjones@woodlands.kent.sch.uk.

Very limited spaces available for guitar lessons with Tom Williams this term. Acoustic/Electric, Rock/Pop, all abilities very welcome! Lessons are solo or in a group of 2, email Tom on tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com or call 07736051082.



A list of after school Woodlands-run clubs is coming home today, together with sign-up sheets. Our Clubs will start in the week beginning 24th September, with the following exceptions:

Senior Choir will have its first session next week.

French club will start for Y1 on Tuesday 18th September and Y2 on Thursday 20th September.

RM Maths will start again in the ICT suite at 8.30 am next Monday 10th September for children who attended last term.



Superstar Corner

For those of you who are new to school, this is the part of the newsletter where we highlight the wider achievements of all our pupils. If you would like your child to be included in this section, please email office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk or drop a note into the school office (Acorn Building).

This week, our congratulations go to:

Sebastian (2 Cedar) who has 2 claims to fame this week: he completed his second summer reading challenge and got his dancing exam results in ballet, tap, freestyle and musical theatre - all above honours grades!



The Contract Dining Company work very closely with each school to ensure that a pupil's account does not go into debt. In agreement with the school we will ensure that a pupil is not refused food on a day where perhaps the parent or carer has forgotten to top up their account. However, CDC **will not continue to offer meals to non-paying pupils on an indefinite basis**. If the debt rises above £4.60 (2 meals) then the child will be refused a school dinner and the school will telephone the parent to request a packed lunch be provided and the debt be settled.

Parent Support Group

After the success of last year we will be having a drop in for all parents on the second Wednesday of each month (excluding school holidays), starting next week the 12th September, at Tonbridge Methodist Church. We are open from 9am till 11am, everyone is very friendly, and refreshments are available. For more information, or to join our mailing list to hear about future events and speakers, please contact: tonbridgepsg@gmail.com or [Facebook.com/tonbridgepsg](https://www.facebook.com/tonbridgepsg)

Community News

Sevenoaks Literary Festival is a programme of reading related events running from 21st September to 6th October. On Saturday 29th September there is a Young Readers' Festival day with lots of fun and free events taking place. Further information can be found on the website - sevlitfest.com.

FAB (Club for children in school years 3-6) resumes today, Friday 7th September at Tonbridge Methodist Church. Children can enjoy crafts, football, cooking, badminton, table tennis, PS3 and wide games. We participate in a variety of off-site trips throughout the year. Each new member of FAB is required to register and a parent/guardian must complete a consent form. The Club runs from 7-8.30pm and costs £1 on entry.

Toast Club on Monday (Term Time) 3:15pm-4:30pm at Tonbridge Methodist Church. All are welcome to drop by on a Monday to enjoy a slice (or two) of toast with games, colouring and tea & coffee for parents/guardians. Suggested weekly donation £1 per family.

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40** for members of Woodlands Primary School if they sign up by Saturday 19th January. Parents should quote WOIS190119 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try.

Letters Home

All Homework Policy
After School Clubs List & Reply Slip
Curriculum Letters
CC Dance Academy Poster
Sama Karate Poster
MSPORTI After School Clubs
Y4 Trip to Horton Kirby

Diary Dates

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 10/11/13 Sep | Y3 Rocks Days |
| 10 th Sep | Y1 Parent Meeting 6.30pm |
| 10 th Sep | Y3 Parent Meeting 7.00pm |
| 11 th Sep | Free NSPCC Workshop 2pm |
| 11 th Sep | Y2 Parent Meeting 6.30pm |
| 11 th Sep | Y5 Parent Meeting 7.00pm (Acorn Hall) |
| 13 th Sep | Y4 Parent Meeting 6.30pm |
| 13 th Sep | Y6 Parent Meeting 7.00pm (Acorn Hall) |
| 28 th Sep | PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning |
| 2 nd Oct | Y4 to Horton Kirby |

Dates which have been changed or added

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

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|---------------------------|------------|
| 4 th October | 3 Fir |
| 11 th October | 5 Ebony |
| 18 th October | 4 Bay |
| 8 th November | 4 Chestnut |
| 15 th November | 4 Hawthorn |
| 17 th January | 5 Nutmeg |
| 24 th January | 3 Oak |
| 31 st January | 3 Yew |
| 12 th March | 1 Hazel |
| 19 th March | 1 Juniper |
| 26 th March | 1 Willow |
| 4 th April | R Magnolia |
| 9 th May | 5 Damson |
| 23 rd May | R Cherry |
| 13 th June | 2 Elm |
| 20 th June | R Tulip |
| 27 th June | 2 Palm |
| 4 th July | 2 Cedar |

Term Dates

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 14 th September | Inset Day (Teacher Training) |
| 19 th October | Term Ends |
| 29 th October | Term Starts |
| 19 th December | Term Ends |
| 3 rd January 2019 | Term Starts |
| 15 th February | Term Ends |
| 25 th February | Inset Day |
| 26 th February | Term Starts |
| 5 th April | Term Ends |
| 23 rd April | Term Starts |
| 6 th May | Bank Holiday |
| 24 th May | Term Ends |
| 3 rd June | Term Starts |
| 19 th July | Term Ends |
| 22 nd July | Inset Day |
| 23 rd July | Inset Day |
| 2 nd Sept 2019 | Term Starts |
| 18 th Oct | Term Ends |
| 28 th Oct | Term Starts |
| 18 th Dec | Term Ends |
| 6 th Jan 2020 | Term Starts |
| 14 th Feb | Term Ends |
| 24 th Feb | Term Starts |
| 1 st Apr | Term Ends |
| 16 th Apr | Term Starts |
| 4 th May | Bank Holiday |
| 22 nd May | Term Ends |
| 1 st June | Term Starts |
| 22 nd July | Term Ends |

(Please note that Inset Days for the academic year Sept 2019 to July 2020 have yet to be confirmed)