

Woodlands Weekly



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What a super term we have had and the sun has even come out to join us (at times!)

The children have been demonstrating their strong core value of CARE this term – lots of examples of children showing kindness to each other. We are still working on taking care of our belongings – please take a look at the KS1 and KS2 lost property at the end of today for any lost items!

Year 1 has had a very busy few weeks building! The children have worked together to build their own castles with battlements and towers. They have also created their own moving vehicles with wheels, axels and axel holders.



This week, Year 2 has concluded their learning of The Great Fire of London by writing a diary entry, while assuming the identity of Samuel Pepys. The children loved using their five senses to create imaginative and realistic entries. I went to see them work and I could see the improvements in handwriting across the year group. Well done!

On Tuesday, Year 4 went on a trip to Hever Castle. As they have been studying Tudors since Christmas, this was a great opportunity for the children to put their new-found knowledge into context.

Firstly, they had a tour of the castle. The children learned about the Boleyn family and where Anne Boleyn grew up and it was great to see the children making lots of great links to what they had learned at school. The long room at the top of the castle housed a timeline

of all the royal portraits of the time and the children were able to name them in order before the guide managed to tell them. The second part of the day involved birds of prey. The children were shown 2 owls, a buzzard and a hawk. They were shown how they flew and the birds landed where the children were sitting. At the end, they met a Golden Eagle called Rex. He was huge!!! To finish the day, the children got the chance to explore the adventure playground. A great day was had by all.

A big 'Thank you!' to the staff and parent volunteers that came and helped, without which this trip would not have been possible.



A reminder that a full PE kit includes the royal blue school hoodies available from our website. Those still in plain black or blue sweatshirts/hoodies are required to purchase the new hoodie when your child grows out of it and by September 2024. Trainers for use with school uniform should be plain black, including soles. PE trainers are currently any colour but we would prefer black and will be asking for this to be the case in place for September 2024. Most of the children are looking really smart so thank you for your efforts with this.

Mrs Nair would like to highlight the exemplary effort and enthusiasm shown by Adhrit with his history learning. Not only did he do further research at home, but he also went above and beyond by creating an impressive model of an Anglo-Saxon house. His dedication, creativity and self-motivation deserves a mention.



It has been great to see so many pupils walking around school with our new presentation medals for neat work. We are having a real push on handwriting and tidiness and we can see the evidence in many books. Please keep this going at home.

A reminder that Years R and 3 will be reorganised into new classes for September as is usual practice now at Woodlands. This will allow us to build on current friendships, manage relationships which are not working and prepare the children for similar changes later in their school careers. We will take time to plan this carefully. Children in Year R already share learning spaces at least twice a day across the year group and Year 3 will have time to get to know each other in Term 6 before the change. We do not need to speak about this too early but will prepare the children at the right time.

I will finish with my reflection from today. I conducted a school tour for two families moving to the area this morning, and I was incredibly proud of the happy, friendly, hard-working children we saw in every classroom and learning space we visited. The visitors could feel the care and kindness around the school and see how very good behaviour and attitudes are. I'm very happy to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school!

Have a great Easter.

Vicki Lonie

LGBT Video

The LGBT presentation video is now on the website.

It can be found here:

[Woodlands Primary School - PSHE and RSE](#)

Or search our website by going to Curriculum, Subjects, PSHE and RSE.

Letters Home

- Love the Game - Easter 24
- Woodlands Karate Class 2024
- Charlton—Family Fun Day

Job vacancies

[Teaching Assistant \(32.5\)Teaching/Child Support at Woodlands Primary School, TONBRIDGE \(kent-teach.com\)](#)

ADHD in Girls Workshop

Tuesday 30th April, 2pm

Don't forget to email office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk to book your place.

School Lettings

Woodlands school are now able to offer lettings of the Oak Hall, Muga and Field.

Letting charges evening (up to 5pm) / weekend users:

Hall £20 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Muga £35 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Field £50 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Please contact the school business manager for bookings on SBM@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

Joke of the week

What is a Cat's favourite colour?

Purrple!!

Jake, 1 Elm



Sporting News

On Wednesday, Woodlands took part in a cross country event, which was held at Tonbridge School by Slade Primary School. We took children from Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 in what started off in very cold, wet conditions before ending with beautiful sunshine and even the odd blue sky. Year 2 started off the event and Archie A took an impressive gold in the boy's 1.5km race. Year 3, who also ran 1.5km, were next and Harrison P took a well-deserved silver. As the rain disappeared, the Year 5 2.5km girl's race was won by Bethany L-J, who stormed to victory with ease. I would like to add a special mention to Katie F, who developed a stitch early on, on the first lap, but she continued to persevere and portrayed such resilience to finish the two-lap race. Leo G, held onto third place as he also fought against a stitch that he had for the last 500 metres of his race. In the final race of event, Woodlands came home with a 1-2 finish with Max M taking gold and Jake B with silver. In all, twenty children took part and performed incredibly well in challenging conditions.

At Woodlands, in the past two years, we have experienced a large amount of success, which we, as a school, are extremely proud of. However, the aspect of the sporting events that makes us even more proud to be members of staff at this fantastic school is the teamwork and support the children give to one another. During the races, children slowed down to help their peers, who were finding it challenging, and children from other year groups stayed to cheer on their fellow competitors. I cannot express how seeing these acts of kindness makes us feel here at Woodlands. Every child is a credit to this school.



On Monday, Woodlands took 19 girls to the 'Go Cheer' competition at Leigh Academy. They performed incredibly well considering they've only had four weeks practice. The performance can now be watched on our school Facebook page.

It was an incredible experience for them all and one I hope they will cherish the memory of forever.

Once again, Mr Taylor is proud of everyone who took part.

Guitar Lessons

One slot has recently become available to start guitar lessons after the Easter break!

Please get in touch with Tom Williams directly, first come first served!

All ages/abilities welcome, acoustic/electric.

07736051082/tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



Rainbows out of School Clubs are Hiring

We are looking for a Breakfast club assistant and after school club assistant on our Woodlands site. The positions can be split or job share available.

Hours 7.20 a.m. to 8.40 a.m.

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Good rate of pay and private health care scheme benefit. Training and funding for childcare qualifications available.

For more information please contact Denise on 07717214041 or email: contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com

PTA News

- The PTA has lots of second hand uniform for you to purchase when you need it. You don't need to wait for a pop up shop to be able to purchase items of uniform.
If there is something you need, please email us woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com We will happily look in the shed for you and leave the item with Acorn reception for you to collect with a note of how much to pay.
- The PTA are in the process of setting up a costume shop for school events such as Viking Day, Roman Day, Refugee Day, World Book Day etc. The items will be catalogued and stored and rented out to parents needing to borrow a costume.
Thank you for your donations so far! We still need more. If you have any costumes taking up space in your cupboards that you no longer need please donate them to the PTA via the box in Acorn reception.
This will help so many parents from having to buy new costumes each time and will prevent items of clothing going to landfill by helping us re-use them.
Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated!
- Don't forget about the clothing bin in the school car park. If you're having clear out over the Easter break you can offload unwanted clothing in the clothing bin which helps raise money for the school.

Have a great Easter Break and thank you for your continued support!

Superstar Corner

- Xavi from 4 Chestnut has successfully graded for his green stripe at Taekwondo. Well done Xavi!
- Well Done to Joe, Edward and Xavi from Year 4 for competing in a Fustal tournament in France. It was an elite tournament where French Pro clubs took part. The highlight of the event was a victory against RC Lens 1-0 who played the champions league this year and beat Arsenal.
- Congratulations to James and Clarke from Year 2 on achieving their letter 2 and 3 in Athletics. They also met local pentathlete Nina Ridge



Inspiring the Future Week (w/c June 17th)

In the summer term, we would like to run our first 'Inspiring the Future Week' on the week beginning June 17th. Our purpose of running a week like this is to introduce the children to different careers and futures that they might pursue when they're older. We want them to hear from people who are passionate about the jobs they do, to inspire them to have goals and ambitions for themselves. For this to happen, we need your help! If you would be interested in volunteering your time to talk about and answer questions about the job you do with our children, then please let us know by filling in this [form](#). This is by no means a commitment at this stage. If you would simply like to hear more from us about this and what it would entail, then we would still love to hear from you. We are after initial interest at this stage. At present, which year group you'd speak to and / or which day(s) this would be is not decided. Thank you in advance!

Lost Items

The Acorn Office have the following items waiting to be reunited with their owners:

- Black and pink glasses
- Black and green glasses
- Silver star wars necklace

Clubs

Next term clubs will commence the week beginning 22nd April 2024.

Holiday Activities

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council have an activity scheme aimed at 4—16 year olds.

Further details can be found on their website here

www.tmbc.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Diary Dates

2023/2024

26th Mar	Year 4, Hever Castle
27th Mar	Year 4 Musical showcase, 2.15 - 2.45pm
17th Apr	Year 5-Kent Test Information Meeting Via Teams
23rd Apr	Year 5 Workshop
30th Apr	Early signs of ADHD in Girls, 2pm
19th Apr	Year 3 Rivers day - Horton Kirby
25th Apr	Year 6 Residential Information evening
22nd May	Year R Chatham Dockyard
3rd Jun - 7th Jun	Year 6 Residential
11th Jun	4 Walnut Assembly. 2.45pm
12th Jun	4 Chestnut Assembly, 2.45pm
13th Jun	4 Hazel Assembly, 2.45pm
29th Jun	Summer Fair
17th Jul	Year 6 Performance, 2pm
18th Jul	Year 6 Performance, 7pm
22nd Jul	Ash Assembly 9.15—10am Aspen Assembly, 10.45—11.30am Hawthorn Assembly, 2.30—3.15pm
22nd Jul	Year 6 Party, 4-6pm
23rd Jul	Year 6 School Exit— whole school applause on the KS2 playground, 3.15pm

2024/2025

18th Sep	Whole School Flu Vaccination
12/13/14th Nov	Year 5 Bewl Water

New dates/times in blue

Request

We have a playhouse in our forest school area which would love some extra play bits!

If anybody has any children's kitchen toys, utensils etc please bring them to the Acorn office for the attention of Mrs Brown.

Tonbridge Methodist Church

Saturday 30th March Tonbridge Methodist Church is hosting a family event for children - an Easter Eggs-travaganza between 1-3pm, followed by a film. Please come along with an adult and enjoy an afternoon filled with arts, crafts and lots of joy!

Tonbridge Methodist Church is also holding a Spring Fair on 27th April 10-12 noon. We would be grateful for any donation of children's books. They can be dropped off at the church on Wednesday mornings or at school to the Acorn Office.

Term Dates

2023/2024

Term 1: 01/09/2023—20/10/2023
Term 2: 06/11/2023—15/12/2023
Term 3: 02/01/2024—09/02/2024
Term 4: 19/02/2024—28/03/2024
Term 5: 15/04/2024—24/05/2024
Term 6: 03/06/2024—23/07/2024

2024/2025

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Term 2: 11/11/2024 - 20/12/2024
Term 3: 06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025
Term 4: 24/02/2025 - 04/04/2025
Term 5: 22/04/2025 - 23/05/2025
Term 6: 02/06/2025 - 22/07/2025

