

# Woodlands Weekly



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Well, we are nearly there with the KS1 playground. Our outside classroom has been installed – the children are loving using it at break times – and the flooring for the new climbing equipment is coming next week! Not much longer to wait.

Also next week, on Tuesday, we have a photographer coming in to take photographs for the schools prospectus and website. These will be added to the fantastic photos already provided by the Kalay family to really show off the school to its best. The photographer will take photos of various children around the school throughout the day. Please make sure your child looks really smart in full uniform (including PE if it is a PE day). Any pupils without permissions will not appear in the final prospectus. The prospectus will be used for a few years so children in the upper years will feature even when they have left the school.

Over the last few weeks in Year 1, the children have been finding out more about fruits and vegetables. They now know if it has seeds, it is a fruit and grows above soil and if it is a vegetable, it will not have seeds.



This week, Year 2 has been experimenting with cress seeds. They have used 5 pots to find out how different conditions might affect their growth.



In Art, Year 3 began painting their watercolour River Journey. They focused on the forests, hills and fields around Tonbridge so used lots of greens and blues. This fitted with their Rivers topic and their fantastic visit to Horton Kirby earlier this term. I have attached a super poem written by a member of staff, which she wrote after her trip with the children.



Year 3 also began their new maths topic of money. Here, Sebbie and Lacie were excited to share their notes and coins collection. It was very interesting talking to the children about how cheques are not used much anymore, but contactless credit/debit cards and even paying on your phone or watch are more common. Perhaps your Year 3 child could pay for something with the correct change next time you go shopping!

For their latest DT topic, Year 4 has been looking at Pavilions. After experimenting to create robust structures using cocktail sticks and mini marshmallows, the children designed their own pavilions. Their brief was to create an outdoor learning space suitable for use at Woodlands. The children thought hard about their target audience and used a variety of techniques to ensure that their structures were stable. They thoroughly enjoyed the unit and hope that Mrs Lonie will consider some of their ideas for the future!



In Art, Year 5 have been exploring the life and art of Quentin Blake, who has written and illustrated over 500 books. Inspired by his drawing style, they sketched their own Quentin Blake character. They then used watercolours and black fine liner to add details with fantastic results!

A huge congratulations to the following children who participated in the Junior Maths Challenge at Tonbridge School last week: Brooke L, Noah G, Jamie B, Wafid H. They competed with children in Y8 and below and all four managed to be awarded for being in the top 25% of participants - a fantastic achievement. Noah was awarded with a Gold and will be invited to take part in the 'kangaroo' challenge next. Super efforts by all - well done!

We've also had some sporting successes – more from Mr Taylor and his sports leaders – and the choir are practising some fantastic songs at the moment. It was a real pleasure to listen to them on my way to a staff meeting this week! What a successful week.

Have a fantastic weekend. Don't forget – no school on Monday due to the Bank Holiday.

Vicki Lonie

## Guitar Lessons

Tom Williams is now taking names for pupils who would like to start learning guitar in September! All ages/abilities welcome, rock/pop acoustic/electric. Get in touch with Tom directly [tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com) / 07736051082



## Joke of the week

What names would you give a couple that like fishing together?

Annette and Rod!!

Jo Stone, Pastoral Support Officer

## Superstar corner

Congratulations to Sofia from Whitebeam on passing her Judo grading and getting red belt second mon.

Great work Sofia!



## 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](mailto:SBM@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)

## Little Princess Trust

Charlie from 6 Hawthorn has been growing his hair since Year 1 and its now time for him to become a superhero and donate his hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Charlie will be having his haircut on Saturday 11th May.

Please use the following link if you would like to make a donation.

Well done Charlie!

[Samantha Puttock is fund-raising for Little Princess Trust \(justgiving.com\)](#)



## International Food Market - 3rd July

As per the parentmail earlier in the week, we hope to hold an International Food Market

We will put out tables at the end of the school day for parents to bring in food from around the world to share. This could be a dish from the family's own heritage or from anywhere of interest in the world.

If you think you would like to contribute, please complete the short form below by the end of Monday 6th May.

This will be a wonderful event for our Woodlands Community to enjoy.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Yj9pyHpjeEKvJIG2Uogn2uQWSqYRWQdFu2OcpUxkM2NUNDQ3UThMSlI5M1kwVzAwVjY0T1ZLWEIJVi4u>



## Sporting updates:

On Thursday, Woodlands took eight girls to participate in the Avenue to Angels qualifying competition. The team, who were looking to defend the title that Woodlands won last year, played Brenchley and Matfield and were unfortunate to lose their opening match 1 -0. Their second match was against Slade B, who had been very successful this year by reaching the semi finals of the National Cup, and the girls knew it would be a tough game. In a masterclass of limiting the opposition to any decent chances, Woodlands were rewarded for their hard work with a penalty with the last kick of the game. Emily R calmly slotted the ball into the back of the net, which gave the girls hope that progress to the final days would still be possible.



Their penultimate game saw Woodlands play against Yalding, who were extremely impressive, but once again, the girls worked incredibly hard defensively and were unlucky not to have won game. Slade A were the team's final opponent and finished their tournament on a high with a 1-0 victory with the only goal of the game coming from Emily R.

A nervous wait for the girls proceeded as the final group game between Slade B and Brenchley and Matfield would decide the girls' fate. After Slade B won 3 – 0, we finished tied on nine points each. However, with Slade B having a better goal difference by one goal, Woodlands narrowly missed out on a place at the Avenue to Angels. It was a gutting way for the girls to not move onto the next stage of competition, but they can hold their heads up high for how well they performed throughout the tournament.



On Tuesday, children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a mixed tag rugby tournament at Tonbridge Juddians. They played three matches in what was a very friendly atmosphere and came out as winners in all of the matches. The children also got an opportunity to do some drills including tackling and kicking. They all had a fabulous time and represented the school fantastically.

## Inspiring the Future Week (w/c June 17<sup>th</sup>)

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!

## Letters Home

- Disco Posters
- What I learned on a day trip to Horton Kirby
- Neurodivergent parent poster
- Synergy Martial Arts Flyer May
- Flute and Piano Recital

## KS2 Colour run

The children in KS2 will be having the wonderful experience of enjoying the colour run, organised by the PTA.

This year it will be taking place on Friday 12th July.



## KS1 Disco

Drop off and collection will be at your child's classroom doors.



## Diary Dates

Mark your  
calendar!

### 2023/2024

10th May	KS1 Disco
17th May	KS2 Disco
22nd May	Year R Chatham Dockyard
3rd Jun - 7th Jun	Year 6 Residential
05th Jun	Year R Vision Screening
11th Jun	4 Walnut Assembly. 2.45pm
12th Jun	4 Chestnut Assembly, 2.45pm
13th Jun	4 Hazel Assembly, 2.45pm
18th Jun	Year 2, Hastings Trip
24th Jun	Sports Day
29th Jun	Summer Fair
09th Jul	Parent consultations 3.30—5.30*
11th Jul	Open Evening
12th Jul	KS2 Colour run
14th Jul	Back up sports day
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

\* By appointment only. Please book directly with the class teacher.

## 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

Term 1: 02/09/2024 - 25/10/2024
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