

Woodlands Weekly



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Newsletter No. 30

I hope you had an enjoyable coronation weekend. Here's a snapshot of our celebrations last week:



You will see a new installation appear at the front of the school in the next few weeks. We'll tell you more then....!

This week, the Year 2 and 6 children have been straight back to it with their SATs. The rest of the school has helped them by being calm and working hard in classes, as usual. We received our note of visit from the Local Authority this week, too, which found:

'The learning walk covered Reception to Y6 and identified many positives with regards to the behaviour and attitudes of the children.

Strengths can be summarised as:

- **There are well-embedded systems and routines which set expectations and help to secure consistency of approach.**
- **There is a calm and orderly atmosphere around the school.**
- **Children across the school are engaged in purposeful activity. There was no disruptive behaviour observed.**
- **Classroom environments show that teachers are conscious of the need to meet predictable need. For example, all classes have screens, headphones, fidget toys for use by identified children.'**

This is the school we know and love, so it was great to be recognised for this. Behaviour has been raised as a concern amongst some parents in our recent survey, so we will be sharing more information in the coming months. One issue that has been raised is that 'naughty' children are rewarded for poor behaviour. Some of our pupils have diagnosed difficulties such as ADHD. For these pupils, a 'brain break' is recommended to support better attention by educational psychologists and specialist agencies. This is where they do physical activities to utilise excess energy and refocus the mind, so this is a support mechanism rather than a reward. We will share more information like this once our new member of leadership joins us in September. The increase in the number of pupils with SEND, as with schools across Kent, does mean that we are adapting our practices to meet the needs of *all* of our pupils. Although no school can prevent all undesirable behaviours, we are working hard with pupils and parents to address any occurrences that arise.

Thank you to those Year 5 parents who attended the secondary school admissions and Kent test information meeting this week. If you missed it, please see the communication attached, which is also on our website.

Have a good weekend. Remember – just the two days this week!

Vicki Lonie

Year 5

Year 5 have started their illustrations topic in Art and have begun by looking at the illustrator Quentin Blake. They looked at a variety of his illustrations and then had a go at finishing some of his illustrations by continuing his style and using watercolours.



They have also been looking at trees and how to draw a poplars. The children began by drawing what they thought a tree looks like, then they went outside to look at their textures and branches before finally drawing a poplar tree from a video. The transformation is quite impressive!



Their poplar trees are incredible.



Job Vacancies

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

Kitchen assistant

16 hours per week 10.30 – 2 pm

Weekdays only

Term time only

Please contact Julia Domett
(JDomett@woodlands.kent.sch.uk) in the kitchen to discuss.

Guitar lessons

Tom Williams is now taking names for pupils who would like to start guitar lessons in September! Acoustic/Electric Rock/Pop years 1 and up, beginners very welcome! Contact Tom: tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com / 07736051082



Lost Property

The Acorn office have been handed a sports watch, a rainbow hair clip and a silver necklace. If you think any of these items could be yours, please go to the Acorn Office.

Reminder

- As a school which promotes healthy eating, as has been the policy for many years, we do not allow children to hand out sweets for their birthdays.
- Please remind your children to refrain from using the play equipment before and after school.

PTA News

We now have a date for the Dragon Boat Race this year – Sunday 3rd September. **We are in need of a sponsor!** Do you work for a company that may be interested in Sponsoring us and having their company name advertised at the race?

If so, we would love to hear from you! You can email us at woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com

Superstar Corner

Well done to Adele from 6 Aspen who performed at the Royal Albert Hall on Easter Sunday in a Gala concert.



Uniform

If you need any new uniform for you child, please pop into the Acorn office.

We have various new items for sale, for example:

Classic crew neck sweatshirts from £11.25

Classic sweatcardi's from £12.50

Polo T shirts from £8.00



Football News

On Thursday, Woodlands City travelled to Hildenborough for their second league fixture. The team found themselves 1-0 down at half time but a great fight back in the second half saw them come away with the win. The final score was 4-2 (Goals from Arthur x2, Henry and Ronnie)

Well done Woodlands!

Letters Home

- Healthy eating week
- Awards for young musicians
- Mega camps May and Summer
- PTA News 12/05/2023
- Kent Test and Secondary Application Presentation

Diary Dates

2022/2023

25 May	Yr 4 Science Museum
12 Jun	Yr 6 KOOTH
15 Jun	Yr 5 British Museum
16 Jun	Yr 5 Hugh Christie taster afternoon
19 Jun	Sports Day
22 Jun	Yr 5 Hayesbrook taster day
22 Jun	Yr 2 Hastings Trip
24 Jun	Summer Fair
26 Jun	IOW Residential Yr 6 (26/06/23—30/06/23)

New dates/times in blue



Term Dates

2022/2023

1 Sep	INSET Day
2 Sep	INSET Day
5 Sept	Term Starts
21 Oct	Term Ends
31 Oct	Term Starts
16 Dec	Term Ends
3 Jan	INSET Day
4 Jan	Term Starts
10 Feb	Term Ends
20 Feb	Term Starts
31 Mar	Term Ends
17 Apr	INSET Day
18 Apr	Term Starts
26 May	Term Ends
5 June	Term Starts
7 Jul	INSET Day
21 July	Term Ends

2023/2024

1 Sep	Term 1 Starts
20 Oct	Term 1 Ends
06 Nov	Term 2 Starts
15 Dec	Term 2 Ends
02 Jan	Term 3 Starts
09 Feb	Term 3 Ends
19 Feb	Term 4 Starts
28 Mar	Term 4 Ends
15 Apr	Term 5 Starts
24 May	Term 5 Ends
03 Jun	Term 6 Starts
23 Jul	Term 6 Ends