

Woodlands Weekly



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Newsletter No. 01

We've had a fantastic return to school. We have welcomed a number of new staff to the fold and they are settling in well, alongside a number of new pupils. Welcome to you all. One such member of staff is our new Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Adams. Please do say hello when you meet her on the gate.



During the holidays, I received the great news that Woodlands has been successful in gaining the Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. Well done to Mrs Brown and her Eco Council for making sure Woodlands is a place where we consider our environments and actions we can take to protect our planet. Eco-Schools feedback: 'Everyone at Woodlands Primary School should be proud of the Green Team and the amazing and inspiring work that they've delivered this year. You're more than worthy of an Eco-Schools Green Flag. Congratulations!'



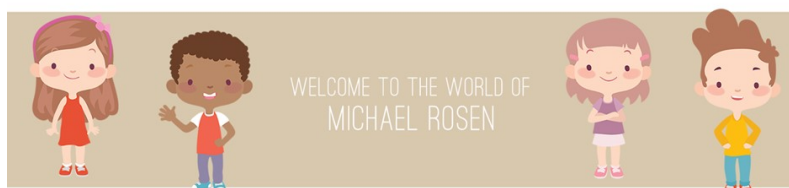
This week Year 3 had a visit from rock expert, Mr Berry! He taught the children all about how rocks are made, why they are so important and what they tell us about life on our planet. They investigated lots of rocks and fossils and did some fun experiments including replicating volcanoes! Thank you Mr Berry for visiting Woodlands again this year. Year 3 can't wait to see you again at Horton Kirby for their river visit.

Key Stage 1 are really looking forward to celebrating Harvest with Reverend Kirsty at the Methodist Church on Monday 2nd October. If you are able to help walk the children to and from the church, please let your child's class teacher know. The Methodist Church hosts a community larder called Feast – any donations of tins of food would be gratefully received on the day to help others in our area. Thank you.

Year Two are very excited to be visiting the Methodist Church on the morning of Monday 25th September as part of their RE topic about 'Sacred Places'. If you are able to walk the children to and from the church, we would be very grateful for your help. Please let your child's class teacher know. Thank you.

Also coming up.....Michael Rosen!! He will be visiting in two weeks to meet the children and share his writing secrets. We can't wait!

We hope you have managed to attend the parent information meetings this week or plan to go next week. Apart from being an opportunity for sharing key information pertinent to the year group and to meet the team, the main message of the talks is: Let's work together to support our children in the best way we can.



I hope you have a good weekend. See you on the other side!

Vicki Lonie

Superstar corner

Austin in 5 Hornbeam and Henry in climbed Snowdon in the summer holidays. Well done boys!



Alfie from 5 Hornbeam completed in the young handler classes at Edenbridge and Oxted show. He got a highly commended rosette for sheep handling and 4th place for pig young handler. Well done Alfie!

Pupil Premium

Please make sure you claim your vouchers before they expire!

Any questions, please contact
jstone@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

School Lettings

Woodlands school are now able to offer lettings of the Oak Hall, Muga and Field. We welcome children's parties etc (no adult parties)

Oak Hall £15.00 per hour + £30 lock and unlock

Muga £35.00 per hour + £30 lock and unlock

Field £50.00 per hour + £30 lock and unlock

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

Eco Council

The children will need to write a letter of application, explaining why they would like to join the council and why they would make a good eco councillor. Please make your child aware that the eco-council meetings will be happening every other week during a Thursday lunchtime. Applications need to have been given to the class teacher by Monday 18th September.

Children in Need

BBC Children in Need is back this year on the 17th November 2023.

Please put the date in your diary and more information will follow.

Letters Home

- Slow cooker course
- PTA News

Job vacancies

Teaching assistant: [Woodlands Primary School - Vacancies](#)

Finance Assistant (maternity cover)

[Finance Assistant – Maternity Cover 02/10/23 – 19/07/24 \(School Hours/5 Days/22.5 Hours\) Administration at Woodlands Primary School, TONBRIDGE \(kent-teach.com\)](#)

School Council

The children will need to write a letter of application, explaining why they would like to join the council and why they would make a good school councillor. Please make your child aware that the school council meetings will be happening every other week during a Thursday lunchtime. Applications need to have been given to the class teacher by Monday 18th September.

Children will then be shortlisted before there is a class vote.

Older children can do a short presentation based on their letter, and younger children can read their letter to the class.

PTA News



A big welcome back from the PTA Team! We hope you all had a well-rested summer break. We can't wait to start planning this year's PTA events.

It's going to be another fun packed one!

If you would like to join us at our next PTA meeting on Tuesday 19th September 7:00pm and you're interested in becoming part of our team, we would love to have you on board.

Extra pairs of hands at our popular events are always greatly appreciated!

Term Dates

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

Diary Dates



2023/2024

12th Sept	Year 1 Information evening 6-7pm, Acorn Hall
13th Sept	Year 5 Information evening, 6-7pm, Acorn Hall
14th Sept	Year 4 information evening, 6-7pm, Acorn Hall
25th Sept	Year 2 Methodist Church trip
02nd Oct	KS1 Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church
04th Oct	Year R information evening, 6.30-7.15, Acorn Hall
05th Oct	Census Day
14th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
17th Nov	BBC Children in Need
21st Nov	Year 5 Flu vaccinations
1st Jul—5th Jul	Year 6 Residential