

Woodlands Weekly



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We were fortunate to have a photographer along for the day of our Colour Run last term. Here are a few of the images captured on the day – what a great event!! Thank you to the daughter of our business manager who gave up her time and expertise to take them!

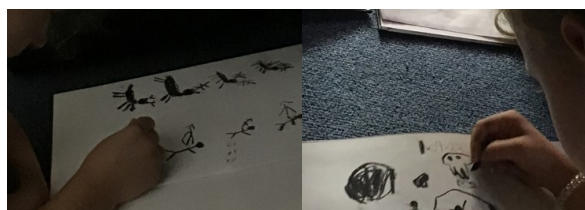
Our PTA will be meeting on Tuesday next week at 7pm to plan the year ahead. If you would like to join us, please do come along to Oak building – we'll be in the staffroom.

The PTA have funded our fantastic outside toilets over the summer – the children are very happy! The new outside changing room has also been erected this week. Thank you to all parents who have contributed in some way this year so far.

Last Friday, Year 4 took part in Viking Day as an exciting opening to their history topic. There were many magnificent (and terrifying) Vikings that arrived at school, eager to start their voyage of discovery. As well as finding out who the Vikings were (and dispelling some myths), the children made their own Viking brooches and shields. They also explored the Viking alphabet, using runes to write their names and even play scrabble!



Year 3 got into character as Stone Age cavemen (and women) this week in Art. They made the classroom dark and worked under their tables to replicate the conditions they would have used in the caves. They used charcoal just like the Stone Age people to draw people and animals!



Congratulations to these Year 5 children! Their Monster poems from Year 4 were published and they each received a copy of the book. Well done to these wonderful writers!

Our youngest pupils have enjoyed their first couple of weeks of school, now in full-time. Lots of tired but happy faces meeting parents at the end of the day. They've settled in brilliantly!

As you can see, we have started the year with a bang – lots of exciting learning and events. These will continue throughout the year – and we'll keep you posted! Next week.....Michael Rosen!

Have a great weekend (and lots of rest for our little ones!)



Author

Michael Rosen is visiting Woodlands on Wednesday 20th September! Children in Years 1 to 6 will be bringing home an envelope to bring in cash on the day, should they wish to purchase books. More information will be released shortly!



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.

Term Dates

[2023/2024](#)

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| 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 |

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, TON-BRIDGE \(\[kent-teach.com\]\(http://kent-teach.com\)\)](#)

Eco News

We would love to find a Mum/Dad/Grandparent who loves gardening and would be willing to come into school on a regular basis, to help with the gardens outside Year 4 classes working with 2-2 children at a time.



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

- Mote Farm open day flyer
- Family fun run flyer

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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.

Diary Dates

[2023/2024](#)

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| 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 |
| New dates/times in blue | |