

Woodlands Weekly



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Another busy week for the pupils of Woodlands Primary School....



On Monday, a TV crew came in from Sky Kids in collaboration with the FYI First News newspaper. The interviews with some of our older pupils were about attitudes to reading. The children did a great job – full of confidence and an obvious love of reading. At the moment, we do not know when the different segments will be aired and we cannot promise that all children will actually feature in the show. However, I think you would agree that this is a great experience for children to see behind the lens of a news programme.

Year 2 visited the Methodist church as part of their RE topic. We welcome Reverend Kirsty to the area, following the departure of Reverend Sharon.

While in Year 3, the children have been making different types of rocks from chocolate and comparing them. Messy but fun!



Our assemblies focused on our core value of respect and explored the impact on others of not looking after school property and the school site. In KS2, we looked at: How can we play football if the ball has been kicked over the hedge and left there? How can we complete a drawing if the tools we use are broken or worn down? How do we find information in a book if the books have not been put back in the right place?

Next week, we will be celebrating harvest. Please send in any goods for FEAST food bank. We are also looking forward to inviting leaders from local schools to review our SEND provision. This last year, we have been part of a peer review programme, and have helped other local schools assess their SEND provision and reflect on how it can be improved. This has been very helpful in having 'fresh eyes' from outside. We look forward to our turn, as part of constant processes to develop and improve our practice for all pupils.

We have also been looking at exciting projects within the school to further improve teaching and learning. I will be sharing these with you in the coming weeks. Our School Improvement Advisor, from the local authority, visited in July. He was really pleased with the plans and actions of leaders and staff and summarised with: 'The school has an accurate view of its overall effectiveness and is on an upward trajectory.' This confirms our desire, as always, to be 'even better' from a solid starting position.

Have a great weekend.

Vicki Lonie

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

Open Morning,

Do you have a child that will be starting school in September 2024?

Please come along to one of our open mornings on 13th October and 13th November between 9.30 and 11am. Mrs Lonie will be giving a talk at 9.30am, followed by a tour of the school with our Year 6 children.

Parking

Please do not park on the grass verges in Lawrence Road. Please allow yourself enough time to find a suitable parking space outside the school grounds.



Lost property

The acorn office has the following lost property items:

- Ring,
- Espana Key
- Phone
- Star fob
- Blue marble pencil case

Letters Home

- Player Development Centre
- Play 'n Grow Poster
- Weald of Kent- open events
- Pirate Day menu

Toast after school club

This club for primary school children and their families, including pre-school children and will be starting TODAY at the Methodist Church. It runs from 3.30 to 5pm weekly during term time. There will be games, craft activities and toys- and of course toast!

All welcome.

If you have any queries, please contact Kate Walker via email on tmccommlead@gmail.com or on 07870 195548.

Reminders:

- Monday 2nd October: Please send in a contribution to FEAST food bank for harvest.

Drop off at Acorn Hall or send in with your child.

Please check best before dates!
- For parents using the Sullivan Road/Grainger Walk entrance, please be mindful of residents properties and gardens at drop off and collection.

School car park

The school car park is strictly for staff only.

Please park outside of the school premises at drop off and collection times, the same rule applies when collecting your child for appointments.

Helpers

Do you have 20 minutes free during the school day?

We are looking for volunteers to support with reading in either of the following ways:

- Listening to our children read
- Helping us change children's reading books

All volunteers will need to have a DBS check and a short meeting before starting.

If you feel you could help with either of these tasks, please complete the form available here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4Q2Ef4RnSx>

We appreciate any time you can give to help our children become confident, fluent readers.

Thank you!



Christmas card competition

Tom Tugendhat, MP has asked pupils from Woodlands to design him a Christmas card which will be printed and sent to thousands of people across the county.

Drawings must be on A4 (portrait or landscape) using any medium.

Can children please stick to a Christmas theme and sign their name on the front, so it will appear on the card.

The winning four designs will receive 100 copies of their own card, a special prize and a tour of the Houses of Parliament with their parents.

Entries must be submitted by Friday 27th October and posted to:

Tom Tugendhat MP, 130 Vale Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1SP.



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
23 Jul	Term 6 Ends

Census day menu—5th October

Please encourage your child to have school dinners on Thursday 5th October for census day - this is to remind you that by doing so, you will support fair levels of funding for school meals across the year.

Every census day, we miss out on year-long funding due to sickness and pupils choosing not to have meals who usually do. We urge **all** parents who can access free school meals for Years R to 2 to help out by selecting a school lunch where possible.

Please find the pirate day menu attached to the newsletter.



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 - Pirate day menu
11th Nov	Fireworks, opens at 4.30, Fireworks at 6pm
14th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
17th Nov	BBC Children in Need
21st Nov	Year 5 Flu vaccinations
22nd Nov	Individual school photos
23rd Nov	Sibling Photos
24th Nov	Secret Presents
9th Dec	Christmas Fair
26th Jan	EYFS/KS1 disco's
02nd Feb	KS2 Disco's
08th Mar	Family Bingo
1st Jul—5th Jul	Year 6 Residential