

Woodlands Weekly



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A big thank you to the Reverend Kirsty who welcomed Years 1 and 2 to the Methodist church for a harvest celebration at the beginning of the week and visited KS2 to talk about harvest. Thank you also to families who contributed to our local food bank FEAST – we know many of our local families benefit from this fantastic resource. It is an on-going support mechanism, so please do continue to contribute across the year if you are able – especially in the colder months when money becomes even tighter. For more information, please see: [F.E.A.S.T \(feast.org.uk\)](https://www.feast.org.uk)



Here is a whistle-stop tour of learning this week:

In Year 1, the children have been looking at the how the seasons affect leaves and also gaining a better understanding of North, South, East and West.

Year 2 teachers have been very impressed by the hard work and preparation that has gone into their speaking and listening tasks this week. This really is a fabulous way of building language and confidence.

In Year 3, the children have been learning about wishing tales – their structure and use of vocabulary.

Year 4 has been looking at suspense stories and what makes them suspenseful. Earlier in the week, they created story maps of a new character in their book Varjak Paw and were acting out and reciting the story to help them to remember the sequence.

Year 5 pupils have been making planets and learning how the Earth is not a perfect sphere due to gravity and rotation.

In Year 6, they have been learning about the Battle of Dunkirk and using this as inspiration for Ottava Rima poems (for those interested parties: a form of poetry consisting of stanzas of eight lines of ten or eleven syllables, rhyming abababcc!)

The children have also been creating their Christmas cards ready to share with parents in the not-too-distant future.

I have been asked by a Year 6 pupil if we can have a joke of the week for the newsletter, so if your child has a good one, please ask them to write it down with their name and class and pass it to me.

The weekend is meant to be a humdinger weather-wise so do enjoy the warmth while it is still with us.

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

Letters Home

- Parent consultation hotline,
- Chelsea FC Foundation October HT
- Halloween party at Tonbridge Angels
- October 23– premier holiday camp
- ESOL
- PTA News

Road Safety

Please be mindful and also remind your child to look before crossing the road. The roads surrounding school get very busy at drop off and collections times.

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.

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



Rainbows - October half term

Rainbows out of school clubs is running day-care on 23rd & 24th October at Woodlands Primary School.

Open from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Cost: £25

Please email: contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com

Acorn and Oak Playgrounds

Please remind your child/ren not to play football in the Oak and Acorn playgrounds before school.

We have had some incidents with parents being hit by footballs and tennis balls.

PTA

We have some exciting announcements coming up!!

Take a look at the PTA newsletter for more information.



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!



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.

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.



Diary Dates



2023/2024

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

New dates/times in blue

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