

# Woodlands Weekly



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It's been lovely to see so many parents attend our parent consultation evenings. If you didn't manage to sign up for a slot, please contact your child's class teacher. A meeting can be arranged at any time throughout the year. Don't forget to fill in a parent survey before Monday so we can take a look at your feedback.

This term, Year 1 are learning about toys through history. This week, they investigated old fashioned toys and discussed how different they were compared to toys they play with today.



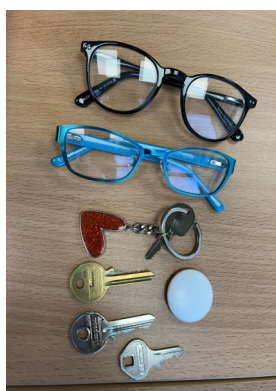
At the other end of the school, Year 6 has been enjoying a war-time evacuee experience with volunteers at the Methodist church this week. Informative and enjoyable! See our Facebook page for more photos.

I am delighted to announce we have had a volunteer step forward to take over the fantastic gardening work started by Helen, our previous volunteer. Thanks Donna, a grandparent of two pupils – we look forward to having you onboard!

Vicki Lonie

## Lost property

If any of the below items are yours, please come to the Acorn office.



## Joke of the Week

What did the policeman say to his belly button?

You are under a vest!!!

Isaac W - 6 Aspen

## School Uniform

If your child accidentally brings home somebody else's jumper, please ensure you return it to school the following day.



## Upcoming sporting events

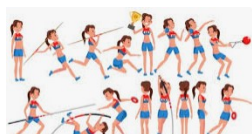
On **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**, ten children from Year 5 and 6 will be competing in a mixed basketball tournament at Leigh Academy.



On **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, Woodlands United will be playing against Bishops Chavasse and Woodlands City will be

playing Hildenborough. Both matches will be played at Tonbridge Angels with kick-off at 3:45pm.

Finally, on the **13<sup>th</sup> December**, thirty-two children from KS2 will be participating in an indoor athletics competition, which will be taking place at The Angel Centre.



Jess G, Sienna F and Tamsin M  
(Year 6 Hawthorn)

## Guitar lessons

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



## Woodwind Lessons

Please contact Miss Catterwell if you are interested in your child learning a woodwind instrument. She also teaches beginner trumpet and cornet. Vacancies available. Please contact her on 07713164930 or [n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk)



## Superstar corner

Amelia from 2 Juniper got her 10 meter swimming badge and certificate. Well done Amelia!



## Children in Need

A big thank you and well done to Woodlands for raising £785 for Children in Need.

In total the children completed 4,084 burpees!



## Parking issues

We have had a handful of complaints from local residents about parking this week.

Please ensure you are courteous to our neighbours and do not park over or on their driveways.



## Year 6 Evacuee Day

As Mrs Lonie mentioned Year 6 had the most amazing evacuee experience at the Methodist Church this week. We were greeted, not by Reverend Kirsty as we expected, but by Reverend 'Christian' (there were no female vicars in the 1940s!). We have to be honest, the beard rather suited Kirsty!

The children participated in 'Make Do and Mend', 'Dig for Victory' and rationing activities (including trying cabbage soup and carrot cookies). They sat in awe listening to the stories shared by a land girl, a famous Tonbridge Spitfire pilot, a billeting officer and a sailor.

Reverend Christian finished the day with a service of remembrance.

We are incredibly proud of Year 6 and how they embraced the experience. They were excellent ambassadors for our school.

A huge thank you to all the Year 6 parents who made a donation to the church as a thank you for all the volunteers' hard work. £154.50 was collected and will be passed on.

Once the children have presented their showcase at the end of term, and if they have no further use for the costume you purchased, please consider donating it to the school for future evacuee days.

## Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to all those that purchased from this year's Poppy appeal. Woodlands raised £163.81. This was part of the overall total for Tonbridge of £30,147.13.



## Christingle

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December Reverend Kirsty will be taking a Christingle service in each Key Stage. She will be showing KS1 how to make a Christingle and what it means. In KS2 (year 3 upwards) all the children will have an opportunity to make their own

Christingle. Please could each child in KS2 bring in a bag or plastic box containing 1 orange, 1 small candle, 4 cocktail sticks and some dried fruit e.g. raisins. Please bring this in on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.



## School Lettings

Woodlands school are now able to offer lettings of the Oak Hall, Muga and Field.

Letting charges evening (up to 5pm) / weekend users

Hall £20 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Muga £35 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Field £50 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Please contact the school business manager for bookings on [SBM@woodlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:SBM@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)

## Letters Home

- Magical Christmas Lego Fundraiser
- School Year 5 & 6 Cricket Skills Training
- Christmas Open Day—Princess Christmas Farm
- PTA Donation Diary dates

## Diary Dates



### 2023/2024

7th Dec	Reception Christmas performance 9.30am
7th Dec	LGBT information evening , 6pm
08 Dec	Reception Christmas performance 2.15
8th Dec	Year 3 Carol Concert (Methodist Church) 9.30am
8th Dec	Year 6 WWII song showcase
9th Dec	Christmas Fair
11th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance 2.15pm
12th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance 9.30am
13th Dec	Christmas Dinner
14th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance PM
15th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance 9.30am
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