

Woodlands Weekly



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Brrrrrr! That was a brisk one this week. Great to see so many children wrapped up warmly in coats, hats and scarves and enjoying playtimes despite the weather.

Year 1 has been on a walk around our local area this week to look for human features and physical features. The children spotted lots of human features such as shops, a church and a bridge and a few physical features including the woods. What did you spot Mrs Diprose?!



This week, children in year 2 have been exploring camouflage within patterns. Can you spot the hand that has been skilfully blended into the background?

On Monday, Year 5 had the most amazing time performing as part of the Young Voices 2024 choir at the O2 arena in London. They were joined by schools from around the South East and got the chance to see some very talented performers, including the dance group Urban Strides and the incredible 13-year-old drummer Nandi Bushell. What an experience for all of them - definitely one they will never forget! Thank you to staff and parent helpers who made it possible. I even received an email from a Headteacher in Essex, commending us on our enthusiasm and staff participation on the night – what a team!



I hope you saw our pupils on Sky News at the weekend. If you didn't, check out our Facebook page – older pupils talking about reading.

We are so pleased our library still has a buzz in it every day since we installed it and filled it with such great books.

We have a Year 4 pupil inspired to write a poem at home this week. Enjoy:

The Deer

They stood there at the field's edge,
Like swimmers too nervous to go in.
They kicked up their heels
Dainty dancers practising their steps
And their ears flickered to and fro,
To and fro, listening for a dog or man.
Their spring coats were glossy
As the new grass, soft as wool
That you wanted to stroke
And I could.....almost could.
I was down-wind
Hidden by the oaks.
I got that close
Before they turned

And saw me and were gone,
Moving like water down the hillside
In a stream of brown.

Well done Vihaan!

We hope you have a good weekend.

Vicki Lonie

Job vacancies

[Teaching Assistant \(32.5\)Teaching/Child Support at Woodlands Primary School, TONBRIDGE \(kent-teach.com\)](#)

Star of the week

Congratulations to Emily R in 6 Ash for being awarded a distinction in her Grade 1 flute exam.

Letters Home

- Razzamataz
- Barracudas
- Yr 1 and KS1 Disco
- KS2 Disco

Thank you

Thank you to all of those that have donated Books to the School. These have all been distributed between the library and classrooms. We appreciate all of your generosity.



Reminders

- Our curriculum newsletters for Terms 3 and 4 can be found on the website – on the Year Group pages. Please take a look.
- Please ensure your child's clothes are all labelled. In the 2 weeks we have been back at school our lost property box is full of unnamed items.
- PE – pupils should not wear earrings in PE lessons. If your child is too young to take them out and put them in again themselves, then they should not wear them on PE days. The only exception is if your child is in the 6-week period following piercing, in which case we will use tape to cover them. This follows the guidance for PE lessons so please support your child with this.

Guitar lessons

Tom Williams is now taking names for pupils who would like to start guitar lessons after half term! Acoustic/Electric Rock/Pop years 1 and up, beginners very welcome! Contact Tom: tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com / 07736051082



Joke of the week

Why did the boy eat his homework?

Answer: Because his teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

Toby, 2 Juniper

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:

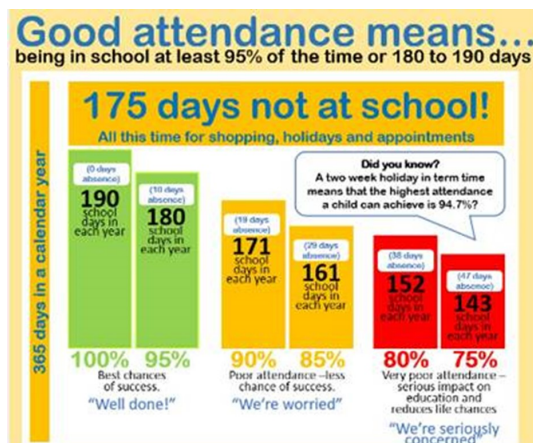
Hall £20 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

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

Attendance



Term Dates

2023/2024

Term 1: 01/09/2023—20/10/2023

Term 2: 06/11/2023—15/12/2023

Term 3: 02/01/2024—09/02/2024

Term 4: 19/02/2024—28/03/2024

Term 5: 15/04/2024—24/05/2024

Term 6: 03/06/2024—23/07/2024

2024/2025

Term 1: 02/09/2024 - 25/10/2024

Term 2: 11/11/2024 - 20/12/2024

Term 3: 06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025

Term 4: 24/02/2025 – 04/04/2025

Term 5: 22/04/2025 – 23/05/2025

Term 6: 02/06/2025 – 22/07/2025

Diary Dates



2023/2024

24th Jan Year 5 Greek Day

26th Jan EYFS/KS1 Discos

30th Jan 5 Rowan Assembly, 2.45pm

31st Jan 5 Sycamore Assembly, 2.45pm

1st Feb 5 Hornbeam Assembly, 2.45pm

02nd Feb KS2 Discos

08th Feb Zones of regulation meeting, Acorn Hall 9am

08th Feb Zones of regulation Zoom, 7pm

01st Mar Year 1 Tonbridge Castle Visit

04th Mar Year 1 Tonbridge Castle Visit

08th Mar Family Bingo

19th Mar 3 Whitebeam Assembly, 2.45pm

20th Mar 3 Elder Assembly, 2.45pm

21st Mar 3 Birch Assembly, 2.45pm

27th Mar Year 4 Musical showcase, 2.15 - 2.45pm

19th Apr Year 3 Rivers day—Horton Kirby

11th Jun 4 Walnut Assembly. 2.45pm

12th Jun 4 Chestnut Assembly, 2.45pm

13th Jun 4 Hazel Assembly, 2.45pm

1st Jul—5th Jul Year 6 Residential