

Woodlands Weekly



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Certainly no slowing down this term! A fantastic summer fair at the weekend – well done to all involved – and plenty of activities and learning in school...

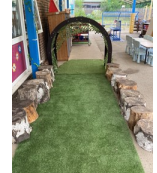
Year 1 has been looking at time this week and the children have made their own clocks to help them show the times o'clock and half past. Making sure the hour hand was shorter than the minute hand was very important!



Year 2 had a visitor from the RNLI and thoroughly enjoyed learning about all their departments and volunteers. The children had the opportunity to dress up as lifeguards, coastguards and engineers. They all followed up with some excellent questions and some were even inspired to volunteer in the future.

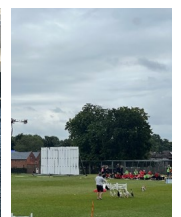


The Year 1 outside area has been transformed! Twenty-four boys from Tonbridge School gave back to their local community as part of their Just Giving Day. They swept and cleared before building and creating a range of different



equipment for Year 1's outdoor learning. Thank you to everyone involved for making such a difference!

While this was happening, Year 5 visited Tonbridge School as part of their annual Community Day. They had a fantastic day using the facilities at the school and experiencing a number of different activities, including archery, DT robotics, Ultimate Frisbee, and athletics. They rounded off the day listening to the Tonbridge Boys' symphony orchestra performing famous film scores followed by watching a brilliant sheep dog display on the field. A big thank you to the parents who offered to help and to all staff who supported the children.



Two pupil reviews:

Tonbridge community day was perfect and full of lots of activities. My favourite activity was swimming because we got to play in the swimming pool with all of the toys. I also did cookery where we made oatmeal cookies and cheese scones – they tasted great! Dodgeball involved working as a team with ours coming first during every game. Overall, I would give the day a 10 out of 10!

Sam, 5 Rowan

The trip to Tonbridge School was amazing! We got to try out a lot of different activities that we haven't done before. The best part of the day was playing cricket and Ultimate Frisbee with the Tonbridge School sixth formers and sports coaches. I even got to try crash tests with robot cars in the DT department using a headset camera and remote control cars. This was my favourite trip so far at Woodlands and the new Year 5's will have a great time next year!

Ronnie, 5 Sycamore

This week, Year 4 has been baking biscuits. In this first session, they have baked a standard biscuit that will become the base for the next two bakes. They had to work together to create their biscuits and then try their finished product. Going by the approving noises that were being made, the biscuits were tasty. In the coming weeks, they will try separate ingredients in the biscuits and then they will make a batch with their preferred ingredients. There are no guarantees that these biscuits will ever make it home!



Also, Year 4 pupils have been attempting to write a historical mini-saga. This is a story that can only be 100 words long. The stories are based in the time of the Tudors and many are set around the time and place of the sinking of the Mary Rose. As part of the planning, some of the children took the opportunity to talk about their plans outside in the sunshine.

On Wednesday, boys from Tonbridge School came and led sessions of Tri-Golf on the field. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play a different sport and there are some stars of the future to keep an eye out for.



As part of their Light topic in Science, Year 3 investigated shadows this week. They wanted to find out if moving the light source away from the object affected the length of the shadow.

Year 6 has been a bit quiet this term. I know it's because they are beavering away rehearsing for their end-of-year performance. I can't wait!

Have a super weekend. Vicki Lonie

Reading Books

As the year comes to an end, we need your help to ensure we have all reading books returned to school.

Please see the deadlines below:

All library books back by Wednesday 17th July

All book corner and Star books back by Wednesday 17th July. These books can still be read in class.

All phonics books and Read Aloud books back by Friday 19th July. These books can still be read in class.



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

School Uniform

For delivery before the start of term, please place your orders by the 1st August.

[Woodlands Primary School \(pbuniform-online.co.uk\)](http://Woodlands Primary School (pbuniform-online.co.uk))

Guitar Lessons

Tom Williams is now taking names for pupils who would like to start learning guitar in September!

All ages/abilities welcome, rock/pop acoustic/electric. Get in touch with Tom directly tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com / 07736051082



Jam Jar competition

3 Birch are the winners of the jam jar competition.

Well done!

Summer Holiday club, Breakfast club and After school club

The summer holidays are creeping up on us ! Do you need childcare ?

Rainbow Out Of School Clubs are running a summer club from 8 a.m to 3 p.m. (late stay up to 5 p.m.). Venue: Hildenborough C of E Primary School in Riding Lane, Hildenborough, TN11 9HY.

Cost is £30 for the school day (8 - 3). Extra £10 from 3 to 5 p.m. Our holiday club is place of fun with lots of activities providing a summer of memories for children aged 4-11 years. We cook, do light-painting photography, forest school activities, DJ decks, quiz, talent show, silly bingo, sewing, crochet, and many other art & craft activities on offer every day. Plus all the usual outside activities such as football and cricket.

Please email to book: contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com

September 2024 - Breakfast & After School Club at Woodlands Primary School.

We look forward to welcoming new families to our wrap around childcare clubs run by our amazing Playworkers dedicated to giving the best care to every child.

The breakfast club is open every morning from 7.30 a.m. serving a varied and healthy breakfast operating from Oak Hall. Cost £5.50 per morning.

The after school club is open until 6 p.m. every afternoon operating from the Acorn building and outside playground.

We provide a secure play environment for children aged 4-11 with well thought- out creative activities and free play. The cost of an after school club session is £13 this includes a healthy snack. We accept all vouchers and the Government tax-free childcare scheme.

Why not come along and see what we offer and the excellent bespoke service provided for our working families.

For further information and booking please email contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com

Piano lessons at Woodlands

Mrs Jones teaches piano at Woodlands on Fridays for year 2s and above, and has a few vacancies for next year.

If you are interested in piano lessons for your child please contact Kent Music and ask them to add your child's name to the waiting list.

All pupils will need to have a piano or touch-sensitive keyboard at home to practise on (i.e. which can play loudly or quietly according to touch) particularly after the first 6 months of lessons,

and pupils will need to practise regularly in order to make progress.

Kent Music Customer Services can be contacted on 01622 691212.

Diary Dates



2023/2024

09th Jul	Parent consultations 3.30—5.30*
11th Jul	Open Evening
12th Jul	KS2 Colour run
15th Jul	Back up sports day
17th Jul	Year 6 Performance, 2pm
18th Jul	Year 6 Performance, 7pm
22nd Jul	Ash Assembly 9.15—10am Aspen Assembly, 10.45—11.30am Hawthorn Assembly, 2.30—3.15pm
22nd Jul	Year 6 Party, 4-6pm
23rd Jul	Year 6 School Exit— whole school applause on the KS2 playground, 3.15pm

2024/2025

18th Sep	Whole School Flu Vaccination
12/13/14th Nov	Year 5 Bewl Water

[New dates/times in blue](#)

* By appointment only. Please book directly with the class