

Woodlands Weekly



Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

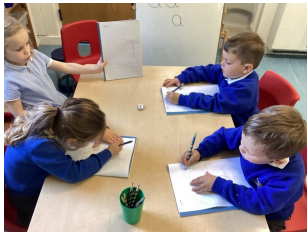
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This term, we are focusing on our core value of RESPECT. We are looking at different ways this can be demonstrated in a wide range of situations and why it is important. This week, we have also seen democracy in action, when House Captain candidates presented to Years 1 to 6 and each child casted their votes. Results will be shared next week!



This week in Reception, the children have started to learn how to write letters. The teachers are so impressed with their effort and focus. They will be writing stories in no time!

This week, Year 1 has been working with Blue Bots. After familiarising themselves with how the Blue Bots follow instructions, they started programming them to draw squares and rectangles.



Year 2 has started the history topic 'Up in the Air'. This week, they have enjoyed learning all about the Wright Brothers and read the book 'Taking Flight' to help them learn more about their journey. They have loved learning about the different parts of an aeroplane!

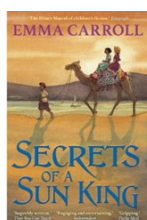


In Maths. Year 3 has been investigating place value. They partitioned numbers up to 1000, not just into hundreds, tens and ones, but in as many different ways as possible! Alex and Lucas W found 9 ways to partition the number 153. Can you beat them?



The Vikings came!

Last week, Year 4 was invaded by the Vikings. They dressed up as Vikings and took part in many activities themed around the topic. They spied on a Viking Longship to understand the parts of the ship; learnt how to write their names using runes; designed and painted their own shield, as well as making a Viking brooch using foil and cardboard. What got most of the children talking, was the collection of artefacts that Mr Revell had lent the year group. They saw what a bow looked like as well as what clothing they wore. The topic will continue with an understanding of Vikings and how they travelled across the globe. By the end of the topic they will be able to answer the question "Were the Vikings raiders and traders?"



Year 5 has been enjoying the class book, *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll, which is a perfect match to their learning in history this term: the ancient Egyptians. The book is about a young girl from London in 1922 who embarks on an incredible journey to return a very mysterious parcel from ancient Egypt to its rightful place and (hopefully) break a deadly pharaoh's curse!



Year 6 has been learning about the importance of healthy eating and are keen to share their knowledge. They are currently putting the finishing touches to their explanation texts which will be brought home so they can share them with family and friends.



We are constantly adding to our dates section so please keep checking. Term dates for 2025 – 2026 will be approved by the governing body in October, so we will publish these as soon as we can.

Have a super weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Christmas card competition

Our local MP Tom Tugendhat is once again holding his annual Christmas card competition.

- Drawings must be on A4 (portrait or landscape).
- Please ask children to stick to a Christmas theme and sign their name on the front, so it will appear on the card.
- The winning 4 designs will receive 100 blank copies of their own card, a special prize and an invite to meet Tom and have a tour of the Houses of Parliament with their parents.
- The deadline for entries is Friday 25th October.
- Please post entries to: Tom Tugendhat MP, 130 Vale Road, Tonbridge TN9 1SP. DO NOT bring them to school.

French Club

Would you like your child to start learning French while it's still instinctive and lots of fun?

Pupils are invited to join a lovely, friendly group to learn French through games, songs and other fun activities. Sessions are held from 3:20-4pm on Tuesdays.



For more info and prices please contact CCK112@hotmail.com or 07884 255749.

Please state your child's year group (everyone welcome) and that you are enquiring about French Club at Woodlands.

www.facebook.com/frenchclubtonbridge

www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge

Ice packs

If your child comes home with a blue, circular gel ice pack, please return them to school. These are an essential piece of equipment for school first aid.

Parking

Please do not park on the pavement. This results in children having to walk in the road. Here are some examples:



Superstar Corner

- Last week we shared that Lexie from 6 Hawthorn got 1st place and a complete clear round jumping 30cm at Team Tutsham Riding School, hosted by SMP. Please see attached a wonderful photo. Well done Lexie!
- Trisha from 5 Rowan passed her ABRSM Grade 4 Singing for Musical Theatre exam with distinction. The examiners were impressed with her performance, noting that it was compelling with a full sense of involvement and excellent rhythmic control.
- Congratulations to Ray from 6 Hawthorn who achieved 3rd place in the Kent U12's Golf competition at Etchinghill.



Piano Lessons

Would you like your child to have piano lessons? Mrs Jones has space for one or two more pupils from KS2. Lessons (usually 20 minutes) take place on Fridays and are arranged through Kent Music.

Pupils will need a piano or keyboard to practise on at home. Please go to the Kent Music website for all the details.

Reminders

- When reporting your child's absence, please ensure you are descriptive with the reason. Stating your child is poorly or ill, is not enough information.
- The school gates are closed promptly at 8.50am every morning by Mr Revell, please make sure you have delivered your child/ren to their classroom/s and vacated the school site by this time.

Woodwind Lessons

If your child is interested in learning a woodwind instrument, please contact Nicky Catterwell on n.catterwell@hotmail.com or 07713 164930.

For more information, please visit her website www.nickycatterell-flautist.co.uk

Letters Home

- Tonbridge Juddians Sept 2024

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

Diary Dates

2024/2025

11th Oct	Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11am
26th Oct	Fireworks Night
12th Nov	5 Rowan Bewl Water
13th Nov	5 Hornbeam Bewl Water
14th Nov	5 Sycamore Bewl Water
14th Nov	Evacuee day at the Church
18th Nov	Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11am
03rd Oct	Year R and 6 NCMP (height and weight check)
15th Oct	Author visit and Book Fair
15th Nov	Children in Need
23rd Nov	Christmas Fair
06th Dec	Secret Santa
13th Dec	Year 6 WWII song for concert to parents - Oak Hall
13th Dec	Yr 3 Carols at the Methodist Church, time TBC
16th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance, 2pm
17th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance, 9.30am
19th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance, 2.15pm
20th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance, 9.30am

[New dates/times in blue](#)

* By appointment only. Please book directly with the class teacher.

Term Dates

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