

Woodlands Weekly



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This week's RESPECT focus was on looking after our equipment and school grounds. Please help us to do this by ensuring all litter created from pick-up snacks are placed in the nearest bin. Thank you!

In Reception this week, the children have created an art piece to show who lives in their houses. They are continuing to talk about our community.



This week, Year 1 has been working on their artistic skills. They have been observing natural objects collected from their local environment before having a go at sketching them carefully.

Year 2 pupils have visited the Methodist Church this week as part of their RE topic 'What makes some places sacred?' They listened to Reverend Kirsty speak about what churches do for the community, sacred items in the church and how they are used. The children showed great curiosity and asked some thoughtful questions about what they saw.

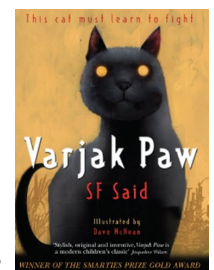


Year 3 has been continuing their work on rocks by showing different rock classifications through chocolate! The sedimentary rock was made by applying pressure to different layers of milk, plain and white chocolate. A mix of the different chocolate drops was melted to form igneous rock and metamorphic rock was similarly heated and then pressure applied.

Year 4 has been reading *Varjak Paw*. The children have been looking at how Varjak would be feeling after escaping from his home and emerging in the outside.

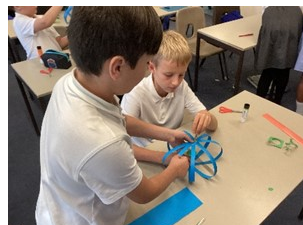
They have been using phrases to **show** how he was feeling rather than telling how he was feeling. This is all building towards them writing a diary of how Varjak is feeling at the beginning of the story.

Feel free to ask your child about what is happening in the story so far. They are 12 chapters in and there is still a lot of the adventure to go.



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This week in Year 6, the children have been exploring the speech that Neville Chamberlain broadcast to the nation, announcing the onset of World War II. They have been empathising with the British people of the time and put themselves in the shoes of the Prime Minister, thinking about how they would deliver such a grave and sombre speech.



Ella-Rose, in year 4, was picked to be in our Eco Council. She has taken the role very seriously and went out to do her bit for the environment this week after school. Well done!

Mrs Brown is working away with our newly appointed members of School Council and Eco Council. Last year's School Council wanted us to know the highlights of the year for them:

Colour run, Biscuit-making, Making smoothies, Visiting classes after open evening to see what other pupils have learnt, Sports day, Trips, Everything!

I couldn't agree more! Here's to another exciting year.

Have a great 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

Harvest Festival

On Monday 7th October, Woodlands will be celebrating Harvest.



Key Stage one are walking to the Methodist Church in the morning and sharing a Harvest festival service with Rev Kirsty.

Key Stage Two will be hosting Rev Kirsty at a special assembly in school in the afternoon.

The Methodist Church has a community larder called Feast and we would love to donate tins and boxes of food to help others. If you are able to send your child to school with a tin or box of food on Monday 7th October, it would be gratefully received by those who visit the community larder.

If you are a Key Stage One parent and could help to walk the children to the church after morning drop off, please speak to your child's class teacher to volunteer. The more the merrier!

Parents are welcome to join us at the service. We will aim to start at 9.30am.

Letters Home

- Walking Netball Poster

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

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

Job Vacancies

[Caretaker Facilities at Woodlands Primary School, TONBRIDGE \(kent-teach.com\)](http://kent-teach.com)

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

Diary Dates

2024/2025

03rd Oct	Year R and 6 NCMP (height and weight check)
11th Oct	Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11am
11th Oct	PTA AGM
11th Oct	PTA cake and second hand uniform sale.
15th Oct	Author visit and Book Fair
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
15th Nov	Christmas Fair donations – info to follow
15th Nov	Children in Need
18th Nov	Reception 2025 Open Morning 9.30—11am
22nd Nov	Christmas Fair donations – info to follow
23rd Nov	Christmas Fair
06th Dec	Secret Presents
10th Dec	Year R Christmas performance, 2.15pm
11th Dec	Year R Christmas performance, 9.30am
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.