

# Woodlands Weekly



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Honesty is the best policy! This week's assembly theme focusing on responsibility was about being honest about your actions – even when you've made a mistake. The children showed how insightful they are, as usual.

In **Reception** this week, the children have been making our own helicopter stories based on 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig'. The children made a stage on the carpet, their own puppets and props to retell the story. This photo shows the Big Bad Pig having a dance with the wolves when they become friends at the end of the story!



**Year 1** were very lucky to have an artist visit last Friday. Joanna showed the children some of her art work and all the different materials she used to create them: embroidery, collage, painting and canvas work. Joanna showed Year 1 some of the tools and then read them a story about mixing primary colours. The children were then able to make their own colour wheels based on what they learnt. Thank you so much to Joanna for visiting Year 1!

**Year 2** has been using Scratch Junior to program and debug algorithms. The children recorded voice-overs of our blast off messages and programmed a rocket sprite to leave the planet and travel around space.

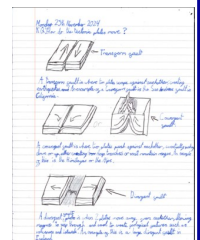


**Year 3** has been learning about the differing climates in Europe this week. They explored the conditions of sub-tropical, polar and temperate climates. They learnt that England has a temperate climate. Can you think of any countries in Europe that have sub-tropical or polar climates?



During PE, **Year 4** developed routines involving balances and rotations. They worked on using a strong core, tension in their arms and legs and pointed feet and hands. They were able to jump and rotate using soft landings in their performances by the end of the lesson. Mr Taylor, our PE Lead, even popped in to see some of the children and was very impressed!

This week in Geography, **Year 5** has been learning about the different types of tectonic plate boundaries as part of our Volcanoes and Earthquakes topic. They investigated transform, convergent and divergent plate margins, and the various ways they move.



**Year 6** has been very busy in music lessons learning songs for the showcase in December. Mrs Richards and the children are excited to share what they have been working on. Please remember to keep WWII costumes as they will change into them for the performance.

It was great to see those parents who attended the information sessions 'Myth-busters: the Changes in SEND'. There were really important messages in the sessions so it's a shame more parents didn't attend. I am attaching the powerpoint and key points raised, which in a nutshell are: the number of pupils with SEND is rising considerably in Kent and nationally, the funding for SEND is decreasing, the way SEND is funded is changing, the vast majority of pupils with SEND will have their needs met in mainstream schools, only the most complex pupils will gain a specialist place (higher complexities than previously), having special educational needs does not mean your child needs a 1-1 TA. If you want to know more, catch me for a chat.

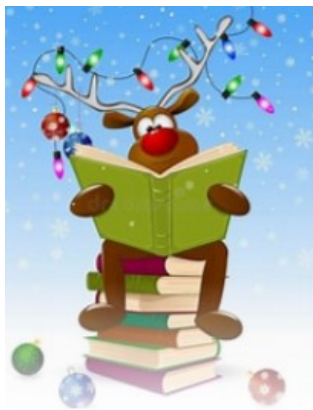
Have a great weekend. December ahoy!!

Vicki Lonie

## Christmas Reading Challenge

This year Woodlands will be running a Christmas Reading Challenge.

- You need to read a book related to Christmas, Diwali, Chanukah or any other winter festival.
- You will need to write a review and hand it to Mrs Brown in the Library.
- The favourites will be included in the newsletter and the winner will be announced in Assembly and will win a Christmas book.
- The closing date is Wednesday 18th December 2024.



## 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](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/frenchclubtonbridge)

[www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge](https://www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge)



### Supporting Your Child's Anxiety (Virtual Course)

Would you like to:

- Increase your understanding of anxiety in children?
- Meet up with other parents and carers?
- Discuss your experiences of anxiety?
- Learn new ways to help your child manage their anxiety?

(Aimed for parents of children under 10 years old)

This course is for you!

Online Course

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Time: 09:30 – 11:30

Book your place today!

Email: [tonbridgeandmallingfh@kent.gov.uk](mailto:tonbridgeandmallingfh@kent.gov.uk) or call: 03000 418008

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

FREE, fun & informal courses



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## 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

## Books for Christmas

If you are looking for book recommendations to buy your children for Christmas, please use the following link:

[All 2024 children's book gift guides](#)



## Inspiring the Future Week 2025

Woodlands Primary School is excited to host our second *Inspiring the Future Week* starting January 27th, 2025! We aim to inspire pupils by introducing them to a variety of careers and showing how school learning connects to future opportunities. We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers from all industries to share their career stories, answer pupil questions, and broaden their horizons. Minimum time commitment would be 30 minutes, but we can definitely use you more if your diary allows it! If you're interested, please complete [this form](#) or scan the QR code below to get involved. To read more about the event visit our [website](#).

# Spark Young Dreams



**Volunteer to talk about your job** Week

beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Visit our [website \(curriculum section\)](#) for more information.

Sign up  
today  
using the  
QR code



## Inspiring the Future Week 2025

### Christingle

On Monday 9<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. If your child would like to participate, they will need to bring an orange, 1 small candle, 4 cocktail sticks and some dried fruit e.g. raisins. Please bring this in on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### School Governor

Woodlands are looking for a governor to join the leadership of the school. Parents are not suitable, but if you have any connections through your workplace, please get in contact.

### Christmas Carols

We will be holding some Christmas Carols on the Oak playground on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. This is a community event for Christmas. All welcome!



### SEND Sports Festival

Some of our year 1, 2 and 3 pupils had a great time with Miss Husband and Mrs Harper on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the Tonbridge Schools Partnership SEND Sports Festival! The children got to take part in a variety of activities and games to test their bodies and minds, including parachute games, balloon volleyball and blind football!

### Piano Lessons

Would you like your child to have piano lessons?

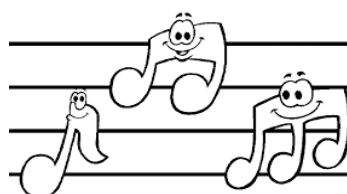
Mrs Jones has space for one or two more pupils from KS2. Lessons (usually 20 minutes) take place on Fridays and are arranged through Kent Music.

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

### Woodwind Lessons

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

For more information, please visit her website [www.nickycatterell-flautist.co.uk](http://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

### 2025/2026

Term 1: 01/09/2025 - 17/10/2025

Term 2: 03/11/2025 - 19/12/2025

Term 3: 05/01/2026—13/02/2026

Term 4: 23/02/2026 - 02/04/20226

Term 5: 20/04/2026 - 22/05/2026

Term 6: 01/06/2026 - 21/07/2026

## Diary Dates

### 2024/2025

06th Dec	Secret Presents
09th Dec	Christingle
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
18th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
19th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance, 2.15pm
19th Dec	Christmas Carols, Oak playground, 3.30pm
20th Dec	Year 2 Christmas performance, 9.30am
24th Jan	Year 5 Young Voices
07th Mar	Year 4 Hever Castle

New dates/times in blue

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

## Girls Football

On Thursday, Woodlands entered the U11 girls national league tournament at Tonbridge Angels. In their first game, Woodlands were comfortable winners against St. Augustines with the score finishing 6 – 0. Woodlands continued to impress and beat Chiddingstone 2 – 0 to make it two wins from two. Slade, who were defending champions, were their next opponents and dominated the majority of the match. However, a late long range strike meant the team lost 1 – 0. In their final group game, Woodlands faced their toughest test against a Yalding team, who had arguably the best player at the tournament. In the first five minutes, she had scored three goals, which deflated Woodlands and they struggled to recover with the final score ending as 4 – 0.

After finishing third in their group, Woodlands entered into the knockout phase to see which teams would finish from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. In the semi-finals, Woodlands got back to winning ways and secured a close 1 – 0 victory against St James'. Chiddingstone were their opponents to see who would finish 5<sup>th</sup> and the result was a replica of the match they had in the group stages with a 2 – 0 victory.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who supported the team during the tournament.

