

Woodlands Weekly



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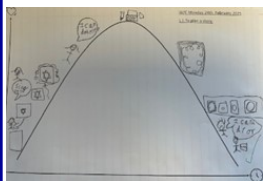
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Welcome back! This term we are looking at our core value of CARE. We explored the idea of always choosing to be kind. This ties in with our other core value of responsibility – understanding that being kind and being mean are choices we make. The children in KS1 had great ideas on what to do to be kind!

In Reception this week, the children have been looking at the importance of being healthy. The children looked at a variety of exercises they could do to increase their heart rates.



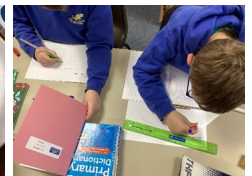
Year 1 has been reading 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds. There were some fantastic discussions about giving it your best and inspiring others. The children drew their own story mountains after they read the book. We wonder if they can tell you about it at home?

Year 2 has started learning about the Great Fire of London. In this week's lesson, they shared discussions about how the fire might have started. They studied clues to give them more insight, including: a map of London created shortly after the fire, showing its devastation; a newspaper article; an extract from Samuel Pepys' diary; and an illustration of a baker's oven in 1666.



Year 3 had a fitness-filled visit from Sara Oakdon (parent and personal trainer!) to launch their new Healthy Me topic. In Science, computing, DT and PSHE this term, Year 3 pupils are learning what helps keep their bodies and minds healthy. Sara talked to them about exercise, eating, sleeping and screen time. She then set them a fitness challenge. The children chose a target for themselves to beat by the end of term when Sara comes back to hear about what they've learnt. Thank you Sara for reminding us to keep active!

This term begins with the Year 4 children writing instructions for a meal that would be fit for *The Iron Man*. They studied how to write instructions last term and have learned about specific metals and what the Iron Man would have for his lunch in the last two days. They have designed their own metal-based meal and written specific descriptions for each part.



The children have been running through their lines and songs for the performance at the end of term. They are all very excited to show you!

This week, Year 5 have enjoyed making ceramic pots similar to those made in ancient Greece. They made numerous coils which were layered on top of one another to give the pots their distinctive shapes and height. A glue-like solution of clay and water (also known as slip) was used to seal the coils together, ensuring the pots remained structurally sound.



Year 6 has enjoyed reading the start of Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell this week. So far, they have encountered the main characters, along with a rather imperious child welfare officer, Miss Eliot. Their first task is to write a letter as Miss Eliot and they have been honing their haughty, formal tones to rise to the challenge. They have also experimented with sentence structures, altering between using adjectives and adverbs. We can't wait to read the final results.

Don't forget it's World Book Day next Thursday. We are going to immerse ourselves in the world of fiction and poetry. Can't wait!

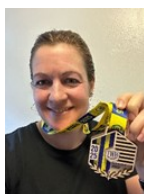
Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Staff News

- We have another Woodlands baby on its way! Mrs Hyett will be welcoming her first child to the world in the summer holidays. Congratulations!
- We are also extremely proud of Mrs Adams who ran a half marathon at the weekend – so impressive!



Superstar corner

Over the half term Lucy from 6 Ash competed in Skateboard GB's 'Survival of the Sickest' at Source Skatepark in Hastings. Skating against the best girls from around the country and in the same heat as one of our Olympic hopefuls, she laid down 3 brilliant runs but narrowly missed getting into the final by a couple of points.

She's now back hard at it again training for her next competition in Manchester in May, hoping to make it to her first final.



Reminders

I will resist the use of all capitals but I am getting rather frustrated at having to repeat myself on the following points. This is not new information:

- Please do not let your child play on the apparatus before and after school.
- Please provide water only in water bottles – children should not be drinking juice throughout the day. Children who 'don't like water' need to learn to – it's an absolute must for human beings!
- Please do not bring (any) dogs on site.
- Please be out of the school gates by 8.50 in the morning.

Thank you!

TJFC

Tonbridge Junior Beetles and Fireflies U8's (Year 3) and a number of other teams are looking for new football players. If you are interested in joining, please visit

www.tjfc.co.uk/ourteams

CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH

3 START TIMES
11:30AM,
12PM & 2PM

MEET FIVE FANTASTIC CHILDRENS AUTHORS & STORYTELLERS
WRITING WORKSHOP | JAPANESE
STORYTELLING | AUTHOR TALKS

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World Book Day—Thursday 6th March

World book day is fast approaching, so please start thinking about which of your favourite book characters your child will dress up as this year.

Will they be Dumbledore from Harry Potter? The wimpy kid? The demon dentist or someone completely different?

You can go as mad as you want, or pick a character who simply wears jeans and a t shirt!

No football kits please.

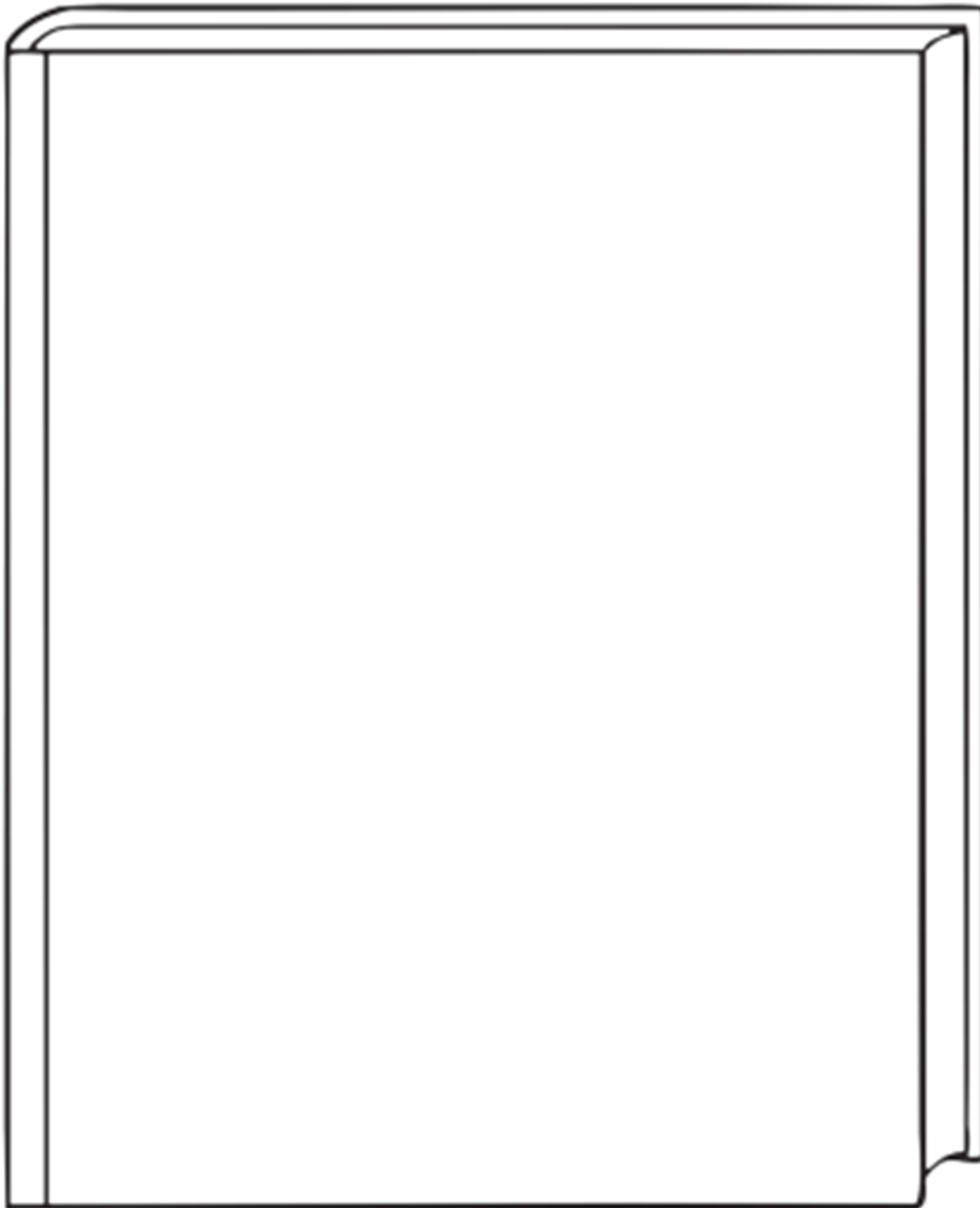
There will also be a book cover competition, one winner per year group.

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION 2025

Thank you to those that have designed their book already. We have some amazing entries.

Remember it will need to include the author's name, the illustrator's name (that's you) and a picture/design that reflects what the book is about/its theme. The cover should make people want to read the book – you should not judge a book by its cover, but people often do.

The deadline is on Monday 3rd March. Please hand your entries to the Acorn office.



PTA Second hand uniform

You can now buy second hand uniform online via Uniformly - <https://uniformly.co.uk/>

Uniform sales will still be physically held at the larger events such as the fairs and new intake days. Between these times the second hand uniform will now be accessible online all year round (term time) and without the need for taking multiple boxes in and out, plus manning stalls with volunteers.

1. Visit the site above and go to find my school. Filter on Kent to find Woodlands Primary School.
2. Browse the available items and stock. Note you can also use the search option to narrow down items.
3. Select the items you want to add to your basket and complete your payment with paypal*.

Orders placed before 3pm on a Thursday will be available for collection from the office Friday end of day.

Note: the first time you wish to order you will need to register. This only needs to be done once after which you can login as normal.

*If you don't have paypal, please use the site to ensure what you want is in stock first, then drop an email to woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com with the items you would like. You can then pay on collection (turn around times will differ from doing online due to the manual nature of emails and monitoring).

Sporting update

On the last day of term, the Woodlands Football team had another match, one that was unexpected as it was only confirmed the day before.

The opponents were Slade, who were sitting in second place in the league and, just like us, were hoping to maintain their unbeaten record.

Before the match, Woodlands were dealt a blow with stalwart defender, Freddie B, missing the game due to injury. This meant, Noah L, who plays centre back for Gillingham, started in the defence with Dexter C.

After playing them in the tournament the week before, today's game was going to be the toughest test they have had so far in the league.

The game kicked off in what was by far the best day of the calendar year so far and the importance of the game was clearly evident as both teams began very cagey to ensure neither team conceded an early goal.

With both teams now settling into the game, Slade had the first shot on goal, but Thomas L made a fine save and then prevented the Slade winger shooting from a goalmouth scramble. Woodlands responded with their own chances and were so close to taking the lead with Harry M hitting the post and then Ethan G, who once again was tasked in marking their playmaker, narrowly glanced the ball wide with his head from the corner. This proved to be the final action of the first half.

With both teams still struggling to break the deadlock, a change in tactics saw Noah move back to his usual position of centre midfield to offer something new. Within minutes, the change had worked as a superb cross from Harry was cleared to the feet of Noah. His shot was hit directly towards the opposition's keeper but in a moment of madness, instead of using his hands, he missed the ball completely with feet and Woodlands took a 1 - 0 lead.

Instantly, Woodlands reverted back to Noah in defence to offer that stability and to mark their striker, who had gone close a couple of times with shots of her own. With time winding down, the nerves began to show as Slade pushed for the equaliser. However, Mitchell picked up a loose pass from the opposition's number eight and put a wonderful through ball to Kaiden K, and smashed the ball into the back of net to give Woodlands some breathing space.

Even with seconds remaining, Slade continued to apply the pressure and would've made it an interesting last minute. However, Connor W put his body on the line with an incredible block to prevent the ball going into the back of the net.

The full-time whistle rang on what was easily the best match of football this season so far. The intensity of the game could be seen at the end of game with the Woodlands team looking extremely tired as they all had put in a fantastic shift.

Woodlands will now look to build on this impressive performance with three games remaining, knowing that if they manage a draw or win in these games, the title will be theirs again for the second year running.

Goal scorers: Noah L and Kaiden K

Player of the match: Noah L

Next fixture: Sussex Road at home (28/2/25)

Comic Relief

Red Nose Day will be on Friday 21st March.

Please donate using the following link.

More information about school activities will follow.

[Woodlands Primary is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)

Diary Dates

2024/2025

04th Mar	Birch class assembly, 2.45pm
05th Mar	Whitebeam assembly, 2.45pm
06th Mar	Elder assembly, 2.45pm
06th Mar	World Book Day
07th Mar	Year 4 Hever Castle
14th Mar	Break the Rules Day
21st Mar	Red Nose Day
28th Mar	Family Bingo night
23rd Apr	Year 3 Lullingstone Country Park
02nd May	Class Photos
07th Jun	Summer Fair and Circus
23rd Jun	Year 6 Residential
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30th Jun	Sports Day
14th July	Sports day back up

New dates/times in blue

Request

- Please help our Eco club by providing some cotton fabric strips or cotton clothing in **sky blue** or green for a secret sewing project.
- Balls of wool for a Year 2 project weaving a wigwam.

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



EASTER Soccer School

5yrs - 13yrs 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 16th April
Thursday 17th April

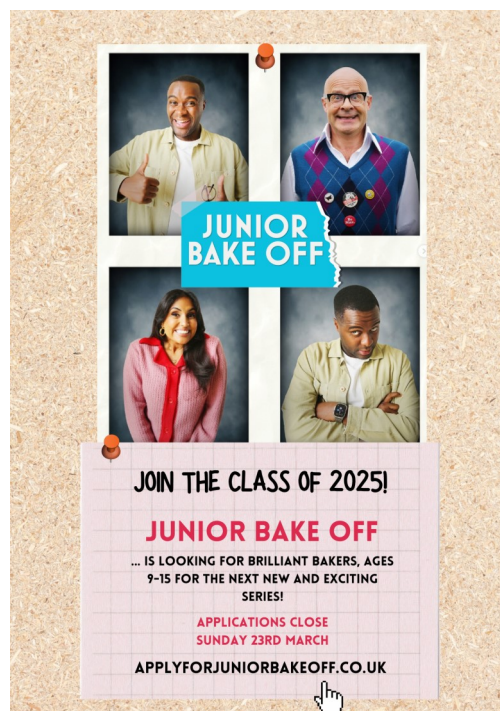
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