

# Woodlands Weekly



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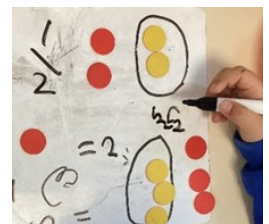
A shorter week this week, but plenty of learning across our diverse curriculum....

In Reception, the children looked at the story 'Rainbow Fish' and discussed what makes a good friend. They then chose a good friend to draw and write about.



It's all about food in Year 1 this term! In DT, they are making smoothies so lots of cutting practice and juicing has been going on. Watch this space for the final product in the next newsletter! In English, they are writing their own version of a story called Food Fight by Alex Latimer. In Computing, they have been creating their own cookery shows about making a jam sandwich. It's all go in Year 1!

Year 2 children have been learning about halves and quarters! They have been exploring how to find half of different shapes by folding and shading, and have also been working on finding half of amounts using practical resources like counters and cubes. The children have enjoyed spotting when something is fairly shared, and have impressed us with their growing confidence in explaining their thinking using maths words.



Year 3 began their river painting journey this week. Inspired by author/illustrator Marc Martin, they used watercolour paints to represent the first part of the river's journey through Tonbridge. Can you see Haysden and Tonbridge park in their pictures?

This week, Year 4 has been writing a biography about Sir Edmund Hillary. The children have been looking at the key features and learning to use facts they have learned in their reading. Make sure you ask your child what they have learned about the intrepid explorer.



To further understand the challenges that Hillary faced, the children have been studying the parts of a mountain and how they have been formed. They have looked at fault/block, fold and dome mountains. They have been working together to physically show how these mountains are formed by using everyday objects that they found in the classroom e.g. desks, balls and hoops.

This week, Year 5 have been focusing on the five pillars of Islam; Shahada, Sala, Sawm, Hajj and Zakah. They learned about how each of the pillars affect everyday life for Muslims, including praying, pilgrimage and fasting during the month of Ramadan.

The Year 6 children had their first taste of what it will be like next week to sit their SATS. They handled it brilliantly, with no anxiety, so we know they are more than ready for Monday morning! This is an opportunity for the children to pull together many years of hard work before their next big challenge - to step onto the Woodlands' stage to perform The Wizard of Oz. Auditions are on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of May; please encourage your children to get involved.



Last week was a busy week for our mathematicians as they attended the Primary Maths Challenge at Tonbridge Grammar School and the Junior Maths Challenge at Tonbridge School. They showcased not only their strong problem-solving skills but also remarkable resilience. Faced with complex and unfamiliar questions, they stayed calm, worked collaboratively, and persisted with determination. Their positive attitude and willingness to keep trying was very impressive! Our congratulations go to: Esther Palmer, Chloe Martin, Maya Srikanth, Parth Karthik, Seth Foster, Mio Burt, Dexter Carter and Kenu Bandara. My kind of competition! Thanks to Mrs Cameron for organising.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,  
Vicki Lonie

## 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](mailto:SBM@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)

## Reminders

- The school car park is for staff only. The gates will open at 4.30pm.
- Please remind your child not to kick balls in the playground before and after school when parents and children are walking to and from classrooms.
- If your child requires paracetamol/ibuprofen for an ongoing medical issue, please take the medicine to the Acorn Office.
- We are only able to administer medicines if your child has been prescribed to take it 4 times a day. If they are required to take it 3 times a day this can be achieved outside of school hours by administering it before school, after school and before bed.

## Lost property

The following items are in the Acorn Office.

If any of the items belong to your child, please come and collect.

Any items still here by next Friday will be disposed of.



## Superstar corner

- Esther in 6 Aspen took part in a football tournament for Tonbridge and Malling District in Swansea over the Bank Holiday weekend and they won. Congratulations Esther!



- Victoria in 2 Juniper took part in 'I've got a feeling' dance show last weekend and was a brilliant ballet dancer. Well done Victoria!
- Albie in R Maple achieved his orange stripe belt in Taekwondo. Great job Albie!

## 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 - 02/04/2026  
Term 5: 20/04/2026 - 22/05/2026  
Term 6: 01/06/2026 - 21/07/2026

## Dyscalculia for Parents

**FREE - Dyscalculia for Parents - Tuesday 10th June - 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m at Longmead Primary School**

Does your child have difficulties with maths? Do they get confused with numbers or get very anxious about it? Maths is often not considered a priority unlike being able to read and write, but we need an understanding of number to succeed in life. This training looks at maths anxiety, maths difficulties and dyscalculia - a specific learning difficulty with number. It will explain what these difficulties look like and provide some practical strategies for supporting your child at home.

Please email [Emma.Holt@stls.nexuschool.org.uk](mailto:Emma.Holt@stls.nexuschool.org.uk) to book a place.

## Diary Dates

### 2024/2025

02nd May	Class Photos
04th Jun	Year 6, Safety in Action
07th Jun	Summer Fair and Circus
11th Jun	Father's Day biscuit sale
13th Jun	KS2 Disco
18th Jun	Year 1 Castle Day in School
23rd Jun	Year 6 Residential, Barton Hall
- 27 Jun	
27th Jun	Year R and KS1 disco
30th Jun	Sports Day
01st Jul	Eco Council and School Council I - House of parliament visit
14th Jul	Sports day back up
18th Jul	KS2 Colour run
21st Jul	Year 6 Leavers' party
07 Sep	Dragon Boat Race
26th Sep	PTA Quiz and AGM
15th Nov	Fireworks

New dates/times in blue



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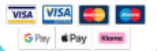
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