

Woodlands Weekly



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We hope you have all had a wonderful week. Please do take a look at the attached letter about our exciting Midsummer Read event on Thursday 3rd July — the launch of our Summer Reading Challenge and the return of the Roving Book Shop. Full details can be found there, including information about the carefully selected book list and how to get involved.

As always, we've had a busy week full of great learning at Woodlands...

This week, our **Reception** children have been busy learning to identify uppercase letters and match them to their lowercase counterparts. They're also making a great start on writing uppercase letters in preparation for Year 1.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their Castle Day — weaving, baking medieval bread, creating coats of arms, and even making their own 3D castles. Be sure to look out for their fantastic work on display at Open Evening!



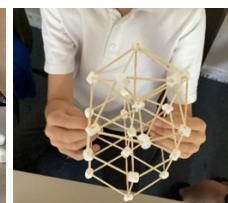
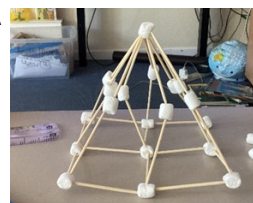
Year 2 had a brilliant trip to Hastings on Monday. The sunshine, blue skies and a train journey were the perfect backdrop for a day packed with discovery. Highlights included touring the Fishermen's Museum, clambering aboard the historic lugger Enterprise, and dressing up in real RNLI gear at the lifeboat station. The picnic by the beach was lots of fun too — we even managed some litter picking along the way!



This week in Design and Technology, **Year 3** experimented with microbits to design flashing LED charms for school bags. They practised coding, tried different patterns and discussed what would make the most appealing and visible design.



Year 4 have begun a new Design and Technology unit on 'Pavilions'. In their first lesson, they built structures from marshmallows and cocktail sticks, learning that triangles provide the most strength — with inspiration taken from famous landmarks like Big Ben. A gentle reminder from Year 4 staff: the deadline for signing up to the Year 4 camping trip is the end of the day this Friday 20th June.



Year 5 have embraced their inner naturalists this week, scouring the school grounds for wildlife. They investigated under logs and stones, collected images of insects, birds and plants, and made some exciting discoveries — including a spider nest and a millipede!



Year 6 have been very busy this week as they prepare for their trip to Devon or basecamp and rehearse for their end-of-year production. The chorus is sounding fantastic and the actors have almost learnt all of their lines. Boxes for Devon are packed and the children are really looking forward to their adventure. A briefing will take place on Friday so everyone knows what to expect — please make sure they have sun cream and a water bottle.

With hot and sunny weather forecast this weekend, we hope you can all enjoy the sunshine. Please do take care to stay safe in the sun — hats, water bottles and sun cream will help everyone to make the most of the lovely weather!

Best wishes,
Mr Burns

PTA

Woodlands PTA would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who helped make Saturday's Summer Fair and Circus such an amazing event - we couldn't have done it without you!

We also give thanks to all of you who came along to enjoy the day, helped make the day such a success and raised much needed funds for our school. We're still counting, but so far we've raised £3,000!

A reminder too that raffle tickets are on sale until Thursday 10 July, use the QR code to get your tickets. Thanks for all your support.



Superstar corner

Congratulations to Evie B from 3 Elder for coming 3rd in her gymnastics competition and receiving 2 medals and a certificate.



Well done to Amelia in 3 Elder for competing at the JGA summer competition. It is one of the biggest acro competition shown in England and she won 6th place for her floor/vault routine and received a wonderful medal, rosette and certificate.



HEARTS & HANDS

A magical, safe sanctuary for children - centred around mindful moments, the creative arts and adventures in nature.

OUR ACTIVITIES

- Storytelling, reading & reflective writing by the fire.
- Nature-inspired art & craft sessions.
- Gentle yoga & breathing techniques.
- Woodland walks, gardening & outdoor play.
- Journaling, drama, outdoor cooking & music.

DATES & TIMES

- Dates: 13 August, 15 August, 20 & 22 August & 27 August
- Ages: 5-10 (recommended)
- Time: 10am-3pm
- Cost: £45
- Deadline to sign up 31 July 2025

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Guitar lessons

Spaces available to start guitar with Tom Williams in September! Acoustic/Electric Rock/Pop all abilities welcome. Y2+ 30min lessons. Contact Tom directly [07736051082/](tel:07736051082) tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



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

Diary Dates



2024/2025

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- Houses of parliament visit
03rd Jul	Mid summer read, 5.30—6.30pm
10th Jul	Open Evening, 5-7pm
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](#)

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