

Woodlands Weekly



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It's great to be back at Woodlands following my surgery, and what a scorcher!

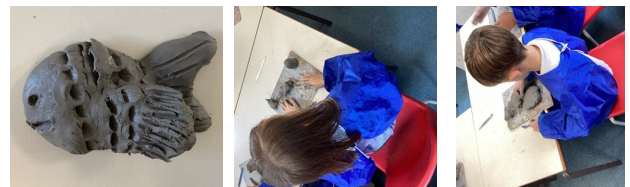
This week we have been exploring how to win and lose in sport in preparation for sports day. Our sports days are fully inclusive as all children take part but they also provide a competitive aspect so that children learn to build resilience when things don't go their way. On that note, I hope you read the parent mail sent out with the book recommendation for 'The Anxious Generation'. It's a really interesting read. As a parent, I found it fascinating and as an educator, it makes complete sense and reflects the changing world we are seeing for ourselves in schools. If you haven't had a chance, please do also take a look at the Smartphone Free Childhood information and website.

In 'Understanding the World' this week, **Reception** children have been learning about what astronauts do in space and what they eat. The children looked at some space food that astronauts would eat. They looked at a fresh peach and some freeze-dried peach for comparison. The smell was very different!



Year 1 are turning into musicians! They have been learning about pitch and volume as well as reading music whilst using Glockenspiels. This has inspired many of them to want to learn to play other instruments!

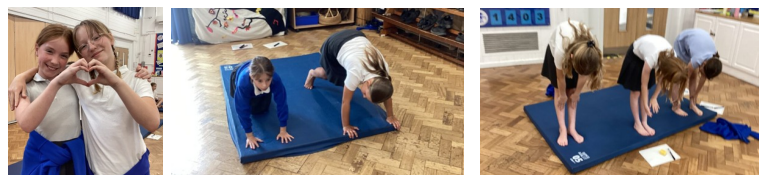
Year 2 have planned and are now making clay animals that you might find in the sea. They have learned how to mould, shape, and add texture to the clay. Once the animals are fully dry, the children will paint them. We can't wait to see how they turn out!



This week, **Year 4** have immersed themselves into their new geography topic: settlements. They have been exploring what population is and what that looks like on a wider scale of the world. Tricky to imagine! To make this more visual and exciting, they went into the hall to imagine themselves as the population of the world – out of 100. They were moved into many different groups and were really shocked by some statistics. Who knew that 9% didn't have access to clean drinking water, 53% didn't have access to internet or that Miss Ridger, who took one for the team, represented the 1 person who would be dying of starvation!



This week, **Year 5** children have been participating in some physical activities (Yoga) to promote body image and build children's positive relationships with who they are. We were visited by Emma, who delivered a series of movements and stretches to help children to think with a clear mind. The children thought of positive things about their best friend and themselves, and discussed the positive components of their personality.



Have a great weekend.

Mrs Lonie

Kent Advice Hub

Please read the attached information about a new service offered by the CAB offering video call appointments.

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About

The Kent Advice Hub is a free, confidential, independent, and impartial video advice service by Citizens Advice. It is aimed at helping people in Kent who would like advice with a problem they are facing through video call. The service operates between Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

It is a Citizens Advice service, part-funded by Kent County Council.

Types of advice

Advice and support are given on a range of issues, including:



Benefits



Housing



Energy



Money saving tips



Dealing with any debts, and more

How to access

You can access the service by using a kiosk (tablet) in community places across Kent. Your nearest video kiosks in Tonbridge & Malling are at:

- **FEAST Fresh Community Larder, Tonbridge Methodist Church, Higham Lane, Tonbridge, TN10 4JG.** Open Wednesdays from 10:10am to 12:00pm
- **Tonbridge Baptist Church, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge, TN10 3HZ.** Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11am to 2pm
- **St John's Church Centre, Foxbush, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, TN11 9HT.** Open Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 1pm
- **Kings Hill Community Centre, 70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, ME19 4LG.** Open Mondays and Fridays from 10am to 4pm
- **The East Malling Centre, Chapman Way, East Malling, ME19 6SD.** Open Tuesdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm



Visit our website at:
kentadvicehub.com

Scan the QR code to
make a video call:
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Our service is **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL**

We are independent of creditors, the Council and Government
We won't pass on anything you tell us without your consent

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.



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/ tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



Clubs

A reminder that school run clubs by Teacher's and TA's will finish the week ending Friday 11th July.

Clubs that will be running for our Autumn term (Sept - Dec) will be sent out at the beginning of the new academic year.

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

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

School Games Awards

I am pleased to say that Woodlands achieved the Gold Mark for the School Games Awards for the third year running. I would like to say a huge thanks for everyone who has run a sports club or taken children to events. Also, a huge thanks to the children, who have participated in the events as well as parents who have taken and supported the school.

Next year, we are aiming for the first time to achieve the Platinum Mark, which would be a huge achievement.

Many thanks,

Mr Taylor



Diary Dates



2024/2025

01st Jul	Eco Council and School Council - Houses of parliament visit
03rd Jul	Mid summer read, 5.30—6.30pm
10th Jul	Open Evening, 5-7pm
14th Jul	Sports day
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](#)

St Gregory's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



OPEN EVENT DATES 2025

Open Days

Saturday 28 June - 11am to 1pm

An opportunity to meet our staff, tour the school and enjoy free entry to our Summer Fair.

Tuesday 8 July - 9am to 10.30am | Friday 19 September - 9am to 10.30am

Wednesday 8 October - 1.20pm to 2.45pm

Welcome by the Headteacher and tour of the school.

Open Evenings

Wednesday 17 September & Thursday 16 October - 5pm to 7.30pm

Welcome by the Headteacher, an opportunity to meet our staff and tour the school.

**For further information about booking onto our Open Events,
please scan the QR code or visit: www.sgschool.org.uk/open-events**

