

Woodlands Weekly



Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

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This week kicked off with assemblies reviewing our core values and why they are important. We celebrated our sense of CARE, as demonstrated by our staff team who looked after Year 6 on their residential last week and by children who look after our play equipment. On that note, we have had a sand pit added to our KS2 offering – the children will have a chance to play in this at break times but please ensure they do not go near it before and after school as per my email.

This week has been a busy one in terms of extra-curricular opportunities. Mrs Brown, parents and I took the School Council and Eco Council to the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. We watched the House of Commons in action and learnt about how local government works. The children were an absolute credit to the school.



On Wednesday, our Year 5 pupils went to Tonbridge School to enjoy a range of activities, while Tonbridge School Boys came to build our sand pit and teach the Year 4 children Kwik Cricket. This was part of their 'Just Giving' annual support for local primary schools. A huge thank you to Tonbridge School for their efforts.

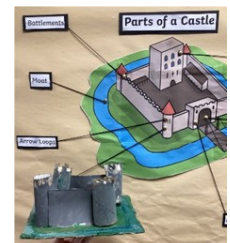
On Thursday, children across the school moved up to meet their new teacher and spend the afternoon with them. A great settling in opportunity for teachers and children.

We have also launched our Smartphone Free Childhood initiative – see the new page on our website for information.

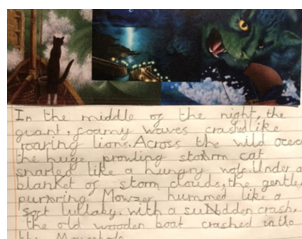


In **Reception** this week, the children have been using positional language to describe where objects are. Their maths lesson was in the classroom and the outside space. The children were using language such as “under”, “next to”, “in front of” and “on top of”. It was so much fun!

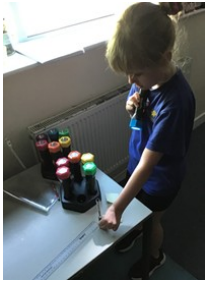
Year 1 are looking forward to showing off all their work at Open Evening next Thursday. They have been busy building and painting their mini castles which have included lots of castle features such as: battlements, arrow slits, moats and a portcullis.



Year 2 pupils have been reading 'The Mousehole Cat', enjoying its fabulous illustrations and rich descriptive language, which have inspired some amazing writing. Following a cooking workshop on Friday, the children will go on to design and write their own Stargazy Pie recipes.



Last Friday, **Year 3** attended a workshop held by our catering company. They learnt about the importance of fresh, homemade food and sourcing ingredients from local farms. They also found out how to make a fresh tomato sauce which can be used for spaghetti, pizza or lasagne! They got to taste some of the lasagne and loved all the different vegetables inside. Year 3 would like to say thank you to the kitchen for the fun workshop.



This week, **Year 3** has been experimenting with torches in their Science lessons. This week, they asked the question: does the distance from the object to the light source affect the size of the shadow? They noticed that the higher the light source, the smaller the shadow.

Year 4 have had an opportunity to work with boys from Tonbridge School. The boys came and helped coach some of the children with cricketing skills in the morning and then helped them further with their athletics in the afternoon.

Also, the children have been working on designing and making their pavilions. They have been designed for a purpose, to provide an outside space for learning. The fruits of their labours will be on show at Open Evening next week.

Next week, there will be a full report on how the Year 4 camp went.

On Wednesday, **Year 5** visited Tonbridge School for their annual Community Giving Day. The children had the opportunity to try out an array of different activities including chemistry, laser tag, tennis and many more. The children were then treated to a wonderful medley of songs from Stars Wars, which was performed by the school orchestra. Despite the rain, all the children had a wonderful experience.



Year 6 had an amazing time in Devon last week. From archery to raft building, climbing to problem solving, they challenged themselves, faced their fears and most importantly had fun! The visit to Kents Cavern was a huge hit – the children were astounded by the incredible caves and the history shared by the knowledgeable guides. This was followed by a fun afternoon on the beach, with some brave souls swimming in the cold sea, and everyone enjoying an ice-cream.

The children represented one of the most resilient year groups that we have ever taken on residential, with EVERYONE throwing themselves into every task with gusto. We were so proud to be part of their adventure and thank them all for the fun and laughter..... and for letting us join in!



Have a super weekend.

Mrs Lonie

Open Evening, Annual Report and Parent Consultations

Please do come along between 5 and 7pm next Thursday for our open evening. Bring your child and (s)he can show off their work and chat to both current and next teachers (those who are in school currently). Last year, it was lovely to see families visiting classes and celebrating the progress the children have made.

Annual reports to parents will be coming out soon. If you would like to discuss these 1-1 with your child's teacher, please email them directly.

Superstar corner

Congratulations to Arjun in 4 Hazel for qualifying to play in the EJCOA National Chess Championship in the U10 category.



Stationery

Year 3 to Year 6 children will be expected to have a small pencil case that can fit in their tray..

The stationery items will need to include:

- Blue ink pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Pair of scissors
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue Stick
- Colouring pencils

Gel pens, highlighters, colouring pens and rulers will not be needed. The school will provide a ruler.



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AGES 4 - 14

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E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

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

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

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/](tel:07736051082) tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



Diary Dates

2024/2025

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](#)

MULTI-ACTIVITY SUMMER CAMP

FOR ALL
7-11
YEAR OLDS

MONDAY 4 TO THURSDAY 7 AUGUST

FOUR DAYS OF FRIENDLY FUN AND FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- ★ TAG RUGBY
- ★ HOCKEY
- ★ FOOTBALL
- ★ CRICKET
- ★ DODGE BALL
- ★ ARTS & CRAFTS
- ★ NETBALL



RUGBY KIDS

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SACKVILLE SCHOOL

MULTI-ACTIVITY SUMMER CAMP



WHEN AND WHERE?

- 9am to 3.30pm, Monday 4 to Thursday 7 August
- Sackville School, Hildenborough, TN11 9HN

We will be making use of the school's huge sports hall, classrooms and dining hall as well as a MUGA and all-weather pitch. Equipment for every activity is supplied.

Your child doesn't need any previous experience of any of the activities, just an appetite for fun! What's more, they can take part for one, two, three or all four days.

WHO IS RUNNING THE CAMP?

It's being run by Jay and Natalie McKeever from RugbyKids along with the help of their team of friendly, experienced coaches. You may already know Jay and Natalie as they've been running RugbyTots classes in the area for many years.



WHAT DOES IT COST?

£45 per day or £160 for all 4 days.

HOW DO I BOOK?

1. Register your details by scanning the QR or visiting booking.rugbykids.co.uk/register. (If you already have a RugbyKids account, skip this and login to the Parent Area).
2. View the classes list and select the Summer Camp sessions at Sackville School you want to book.



HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Email westkent@rugbykids.co.uk or call 0345 313 0807 - we'll be happy to help!

