

# Woodlands Weekly



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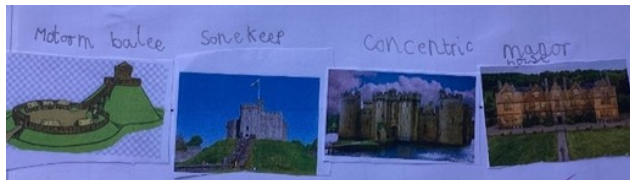
We are over the moon here at Woodlands this week! We have received the results of the Year 6 SATs and they are AMAZING! This for a cohort whose learning was heavily affected by the pandemic. Well done to all of the children for their hard work and all of the staff and parents who have supported them in their learning journey over the last few years.



This is in addition to super Early Years and Phonics results this year. We are always striving to be the best teachers we can be here at Woodlands and this is a fabulous reflection of the efforts our staff go to. I'm a happy headteacher! A great start for our children who are moving on to secondary school.

In **Reception** this week, the children have been writing their own autobiographies.

**Year 1** had a look at a castle timeline. They had to order Motte and Bailey Castles, Stone Keep Castles, Concentric Castles and Manor Houses. They discussed how the different features changed over time and plotted these on their own timeline.



**Year 2** has been lucky enough to take part in a fantastic cooking workshop. This exciting DT project is closely linked to their science, PSHE and English learning. The children have been busy designing and writing recipes for their very own versions of Stargazy Pie, inspired by the story *The Mousehole Cat*. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through as they bring their ideas to life!



**Year 3** took part in their final Science lesson about light this week. They experimented with the different uses of mirrors. Firstly, they used a mirror to escape a maze more easily. Next, they tried to find lines of symmetry in their names. Lastly, they used mirrors to see round bends- even under tables!



Nothing has happened in Year 4! Oh wait...there was an awesome camp out on Friday night.

The children were amazing and you should all be pleased with how they threw themselves into the event. They enjoyed using all the equipment including the new sand pit and the freedom that it brought. After having hot chocolate with a mountain of marshmallows, they put their heart and soul into the singing as confirmed by Mrs Corbett and other members of staff who live nearby!

As darkness descended, all children went into their tents and not many chose sleep. Not long after silence came, dawn was upon us and the children were awake again. After an early morning film and something to eat, they were all packed and ready to leave.

This was the first time that this had been attempted and hopefully will leave a legacy for future Year 4s but only if their persuasive letters to me are good enough! For those in the know, have you heard of any peanuts being found?



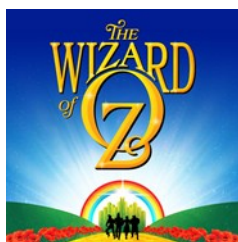
This week, Year 5 took part in a healthy lifestyle roadshow where they learnt about the importance of balanced diets and the impact of being active on long term health. As part of the workshop, children made smoothies in small groups, pedalling on a stationary bike to power a blender. The children enjoyed picking their fruits and drinking a delicious and cold fruit smoothie!



Year 6 are ready to perform The Wizard of Oz! This cohort has had a number of disappointments along the way, where shows had to be cancelled at the last minute or rearranged to prioritise missed learning after COVID (does everyone else flinch when that word appears?) Well, here we are at the end of Year 6 and they are ready to perform. We cannot express how proud we feel of this group of children as we know they had so much to learn in order to put on the show. As such, we felt it important to give them a show that they could remember and have pulled out all the stops and purchased the rights to the original Wizard of Oz production. We ask in advance of the night that you come with some spare change as we will be making a collection in the silver buckets.

Please be seated promptly for the shows next week - we look forward to seeing you there.

- **Wednesday – Curtain up at 1:30pm**
- **Thursday – Curtain up at 7pm**



Finally, Sports Day will go ahead on Monday but with adjusted times due to the weather. Please see email sent out yesterday for details. As usual, no dogs, smoking (including vaping) or alcohol on site. The PTA will be selling cold drinks and they will be providing the children with ice poles as usual. I hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

## 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 (Years 4, 5 and 6)
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Pair of scissors
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue Stick
- Colouring pencils
- Purple Pen

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

## Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the bake sale for 'stop hunger'.

£104.75 was raised!

## Year 5 Bake Sale

Year 5 will be hosting an End of School Year bake sale on Monday 21st of July immediately after school on the KS2 playground. All proceeds will go directly to Woodlands PTA to thank them for their amazing support this year.

All baked goods will be 50p each.



## Superstar corner

Congratulations to Alfie in 6 Hawthorn for entering the young handlers class at the Kent Show and coming 3rd out of 22. Amazing!



## Parent Information Meeting

Parent Information Meetings will take place in September for each year group.

They will be from 6pm to 7pm via Teams.

The links will follow in September.

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| Year R Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September |
| Year 1 Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| Year 2 Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| Year 3 Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> September     |
| Year 4 Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Year 5 Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| Year 6 Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September    |

## Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Duffin has welcomed baby Joshua into the world.

Congratulations to you both!



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

## 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](mailto:tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com)



## Diary Dates



### 2024/2025

|          |                                   |
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| 10th Jul | Open Evening, 5-7pm               |
| 14th Jul | Sports day                        |
| 18th Jul | KS2 Colour run                    |
| 21st Jul | Year 6 Leavers' party             |
| 21st Jul | Year 5 Bake Sale                  |
| 03rd Sep | Year R Parent Information Meeting |
| 07th Sep | Dragon Boat Race                  |
| 08th Sep | Year 6 Parent Information Meeting |
| 09th Sep | Year 1 Parent Information Meeting |
| 10th Sep | Year 3 Parent Information Meeting |
| 11th Sep | Year 4 Parent Information Meeting |
| 15th Sep | Year 2 Parent Information Meeting |
| 16th Sep | Year 5 Parent Information Meeting |
| 26th Sep | PTA Quiz and AGM                  |
| 15th Nov | Fireworks                         |

[New dates/times in blue](#)

## Summer Reading Challenge 2025

For the Summer Reading Challenge, you simply need to read – or be read to – one of the listed books. These have been selected either by recommendation or a requested genre from both the school and eco councils. Some of you will already have a copy of one or more of the books alternatively a copy of each is available in the school library, or you could borrow it from the library either in Tonbridge or York Parade (books can also be reserved at these libraries). If you do borrow one of the books from a Kent Library, it could also be part of Kent Libraries Summer Reading Challenge <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/summer-reading-challenge>

Please send a photo of your child/children, to their new teacher, of them reading (or being read to) in their favourite reading spot this summer. It could be on the beach, snuggled up on the sofa, on a train, up a tree, in a den, or even on a mountaintop... the possibilities are endless!

In the first week back in September, you will have the chance to share your photos and talk about the books you've read.

1. You Choose by Pippa Goodhart (picture book where the reader chooses - recommended by Mr Burns) rrp £7.99
2. Flower Block by Lanisha Butterfield (picture storybook - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99
3. My Rice is Best by Selina Brown (Picture storybook - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99
4. Big Red Dragon by Jane Newberry (poetry EYFS and KS1 - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £12.99
5. Stop! That's Not My Story! By Smriti Halls & Erika Meza (picture storybook giving traditional fairy stories a twist - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £6.99
6. Pablo & Splash by Sheena Dempsey (comedy, graphic novel - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £8.99
7. A Mermaid's Diary by Chris Riddell (Diary Adventure, fantasy, link LKS2 - author recommended by School & Eco Council members ) rrp £12.99
8. Monkey King and the World of Myths: The Monster & the Maze by Maple Lam (Graphic & has Manga feel - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £9.99
9. The Royal Rabbits by Santa Montefiore (1<sup>st</sup> in series adventure - recommend by Mr Hill) rrp £7.99
10. The Miraculous Sweetmakers: The Frost Fair by Natasha Hastings (1<sup>st</sup> in a trilogy fantasy adventure - recommended by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99
11. Asterix the Gaul by Rene Goscinny (1<sup>st</sup> in series graphic novels - recommended by School & Eco Council members) rrp £8.99
12. Bobby Bains Plays a Blinder by Bali Rai (football linked story genre - requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99
13. Solve your own Mystery – The Monster Maker by Gareth P Jones (1<sup>st</sup> in series mystery where you make choices - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99
14. Colossal Words for Kids by Colette Hiller (poetry for age 7+ - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £9.99
15. -Dr Maggie's Tour of The Universe (non-fiction space - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) £10.99
16. Alastair Humphrey's Great Adventures by Alistair Humphrey (non-fiction 20 stories of real life explorers - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £10.99
17. Twitch by M.G.Leonard (1<sup>st</sup> in series of 4- mystery story with a nature theme - recommended by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99
18. The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan (1<sup>st</sup> trilogy adventure with ancient Egyptian link - recommended by Mrs Brown) rrp £8.99
19. Olympic Sport – The Whole Muscle Flexing Story by Glenn Murphy (non-fiction sport - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £6.99
20. Last Girl In by Cheryl Diane Parkinson (real life fiction cricket and flashbacks to grandad's experiences as part of Windrush generation - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99
21. Time Travellers: Adventure Calling by Sufia Ahmed (historical adventure story linked to suffragettes - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99
22. The Clockwork Conspiracy by Sam Sedgman (mystery adventure recommended by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99
23. The Monsters of Rookhaven by Pdraig Kenny (children's horror - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99

24. Scrap by Guy Bass (Sci-Fi and robots - genre requested by School & Eco Council members) rrp £7.99

25. Alice with a Why – Return to Wonderland by Anna James (sequel to where the original Alice’s granddaughter returns to Wonderland – genre requested by School and Eco Council members) rrp £12.99

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## KARATE CLASS HELD AT

**Woodlands Primary School**  
**Thursdays 5.00pm - 6.00pm**

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 [SAMASOUTHEAST.CO.UK](http://SAMASOUTHEAST.CO.UK) / [SAMAKARATE.COM](http://SAMAKARATE.COM)

 0333 444 5100

# Summer Soccer Schools

**Thurs 24th / Friday 25th July**  
**Wednesday 30th / Thursday 31st July**  
**9am - 3pm**      **4yrs - 13yrs**

**To book please contact Lee on**  
**07837996183**

**Hugh Christie School**  
**3G Pitch**  
**Tonbridge**  
**Kent**  
**TN10 4PU**

**£22 Per day**  
**£40 two days**  
**£75 four days**

The Bluebell Café, Aspens  
 Cornford Lane, Pembury  
 TN2 4QU

## Visit Aspens' Bluebell Café, Animal Farm and Playground

**Summer Fun**  
 Looking for a fun, affordable family day out this summer?  
 Our Kiosk will be open every day, 10am-4pm, from 5th July to 31st August 2025!

**Visit and Win!**  
 Enter our summer prize draw for a party and cake worth £200! Winner announced on 4th September

 Scan the QR code to find out more!



 Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR  
 aspens.org.uk, charity no: 1121446

## BBQs and Crafts on Wednesdays!

Fresh BBQ lunches and creative craft sessions 11am-12pm every Wednesday. Activities vary each week

**TN Card Holders Welcome!**  
 Enjoy a free hot drink when you spend £5+ on food.

6th August: Cookie decorating, £2  
 13th August: Bubble tea, £5  
 20th August: Bracelets, £2  
 27th August: Mosaic tiles, £3.50

Text 07916 158577 to book (places are limited!)

### Still Open Despite Roadworks!

Cornford Lane (Pembury end) is closed 14 July-10 August.

However, you can still reach us by car via Halls Hole Road or enjoy a peaceful walk or cycle from Pembury village.

Take part in our new 'I Spy' trail along the way - solve the puzzle and get a free sticker!

### Support Us

Entry is free, but donations help us empower autistic people and those with learning disabilities.

### Ways to Give

Tap-to-donate machine in car park or QR codes and signage on-site

Donation boxes or pre-loved item drop-offs at our Donation Centre

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