

# Woodlands Weekly



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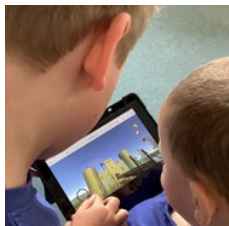
**18th July 2025**  
**Newsletter No. 38**

What an exciting start to the week – sports day! It was a fabulous day with a great community atmosphere. Thanks to everyone who attended – especially with your flexibility over timings and format due to the weather forecast. Thanks also to staff who made the day such an enjoyable event, and especially to Mr Taylor who organised it. Do you think he was rather chuffed to win the teachers’ race?!! See our Facebook page for photos.



As one lovely parent wrote:

‘Everything was so well-organised, and it was lovely to see such a positive and inclusive atmosphere throughout the day. What stood out most to me was how supportive and encouraging the children were to one another. Whether they were cheering on their teammates or congratulating others, their kindness and sportsmanship really shone through.’



**Year 1** rounded off their castle topic this week by enjoying a VR tour of Bodium Castle. The children were confident about picking out the castle features and showing off all their new knowledge about castles. Maybe your child can choose one of the many castles we have in Kent for a day out over the summer holidays?

**Year 2** has finished making their fairground wheels, which are now safely stored at home. The children showed great resilience, carefully shaping strong bases and creating axles from straws for the wheels and split pins for each individual pod — making sure that the people didn’t fall out!



Last week **Year 3** learnt about Kenning poems. Kenning poems always have 2 words on each line. The first is usually a noun and the second is a verb ending in -er. Can you guess which teachers these poems from Matthew and Jack R are about? (Answers at the end)

- Kind teacher
- Big smiler
- Supportive educator
- Football ref-er
- Loud shouter
- Sports lover
  
- Fraction lover
- Margin must have-er
- Amazing writer
- Penguin lover
- Spider hater
- Cheese eater

Construction has been taking place in **Year 4** this week. The children have been working on stable structures and what it takes to build them. They have focussed on building a pavilion for a specific purpose. They have had to be precise with the number of lolly sticks they have needed and how they are to be joined. After they had constructed the skeleton of their pavilion, they were required to use different methods to decorate the roof and walls e.g. weaving, folding and cutting different coloured paper.

The resulting pavilions were a reflection of the children's individual personalities and they were highly decorated. The children then evaluated how the process was and what they would do differently next time.



This week, **Year 5** had the opportunity to take part in an unconventional sport (the only where throwing each other to the ground is a main aim). The three classes enjoyed playing Bubble football on the field, bumping into one another and occasionally remembering the football side of the game. The adults also got stuck in, with the children trying their very best to topple them. All-round, the children had great fun, and it was a fantastic way to be active soon after our healthy workshop.



Our **Year 6** can only be applauded this term. Not only have they smashed it out of the park with their academic results, but they have delivered what can only be described as truly awesome performances of the Wizard of Oz. The confidence and clarity of performance were sensational. Well done to the children and fantastic Year 6 team for all their hard work.



The week has ended with an equally sporting affair to the start – the KS2 Colour Run. This is run by our amazing PTA – purely for the fun of it. Thank you for giving our older children such an exciting experience.

We have two days left of school so I will finish by saying thank you for all of the fantastic support we have received across the year in all its forms – comments, emails, financial aid, audience participation and support with learning. It really is appreciated.

Have a super summer holiday and we'll see you on the other side!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

(Answers: Mr Taylor and Miss Cheeseman)

## 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
- Ruler

Gel pens, highlighters and colouring pens will not be needed.

## Piano Lessons at Woodlands

Piano lessons with Mrs Jones (Kent Music) start again in September and run on Fridays, for year 2 and above. If you are interested in piano lessons for your child please contact Kent Music to find out more.

There are only a few places available. Pupils will need an instrument (preferably touch sensitive) at home to practice on.

## Superstar corner

Gamyha has had an amazing year of achievement – she advanced to Grade 3 in Indian classical Dance Bharatnatyam with distinction, she has advanced to Grade 4 in Carnatic music (an Indian classical music ) with distinction. She has also successfully cleared her piano grading. Finally, Gamyha has acquired brown belt in her Karate and progressed to stage 7 in her swimming. She does everything with good commitment and determination which helps her grow as an individual.



Well done Gamyha!

## Staff News

As per our previous emails, we bid farewell to Miss Cheeseman, Mr Speziale, Mrs Anacleto, Mrs Nair and Mrs Wright this year. We thank them for being part of the Woodlands community and wish them well.

Good luck in your new ventures!

## 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.

## Parent Information Meeting

Parent Information Meetings will take place in September for each year group. They will be from 6pm to 6.45pm 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    |

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

## Lost Property

If you recognise any of these items, please come to the Acorn office to collect.

Any items that remain here at Tuesday lunchtime (last day of term) will be disposed off.



## 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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| 21st Jul | 6 Ash Leavers Assembly 9.15am      |
| 21st Jul | 6 Aspen Leavers Assembly 10.45am   |
| 21st Jul | 6 Hawthorn Leavers Assembly 2.30pm |
| 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                          |

## Year 6 Farewell

As in previous years, we will continue the tradition of seeing our Year 6 leavers vacate Woodlands in style.

If you wish to give them the wonderful farewell they deserve, please arrive at 3pm on Tuesday 22nd via both gates and make your way to the KS2 playground to create and arch for our Years 6 's to depart.

We would love to see as many of you as possible!



## 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

# FUN SPANISH CLUB

## With Language Larks

Following The Award-Winning La Jolie Ronde Programme

**EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME FOR YEARS 1-2**  
(TAKING BOOKINGS NOW FOR THE CURRENT YEAR R FOR SEPTEMBER)  
**AND YEARS 3-6**

**GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START IN LANGUAGES**  
SMALL CLASSES, EXCITING ACTIVITIES, FUN GAMES, MUSIC, & ROLE-PLAY

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH REVEALED**  
MULTILINGUAL PUPILS PERFORM BETTER AT GCSES – ESPECIALLY IN MATHS, SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY

Our popular Spanish classes do so much more than teach the language. In small groups, children enjoy games, music, role-play and stories - building confidence & a love and thirst for languages. They'll also explore Spanish culture along the way, as well as gaining a head start for secondary school & beyond! Plus, ideal prep for holidays & real-life experiences.

**LEARN SPANISH**

Each child has their own Activity Book and access to our Media Player App, so they can continue learning at home. A great way for you to follow their progress and get involved too!

**Limited Spaces Available**

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:**  
<https://www.clubenrolment.com/RacheJohnson>

**TO FIND OUT MORE EMAIL:** [rachel.johnson@languagelarks.co.uk](mailto:rachel.johnson@languagelarks.co.uk)

Language Larks

Club Enrolment

Paul Gostling Presents



# SHREK

## THE MUSICAL

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by  
DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

**26 – 30 August 2025**  
**Hazlitt Theatre Maidstone**

[www.hazlitttheatre.com](http://www.hazlitttheatre.com)

**01622 758611**

The Hazlitt Theatre, Earl Street, Maidstone, ME14 1PL

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

# West Kent Athletics club

July 28th, 29th, 30th 2025

## Athletics Camp

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3 days of athletics where anyone and everyone will take part in all the athletics events, play games and receive an athletics stats sheet with all their best results on to compare each time they come to an athletics camp to track progress.

Each group will have tailored sessions with their designated coach and will be in groups with others of a similar age ready for action packed athletics!

Events we will cover:



75M/100M  
600M/800M  
HURDLES  
LONG JUMP  
POLEVault  
HIGH JUMP  
TRIPLE JUMP  
JAVELIN  
DISCUS  
SHOT PUTT  
HAMMER  
RACE WALKING



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### Details

**Dates** – 28th July - 30th July 2025

**Duration** – 10:00am – 15:00pm

**Location** – The Judd School, Brook Street, TN9 2PN

(Please bring your own packed lunch)

**Cost** – £125 for full course.

£45 per day (Please email to book individual dates)

**Age range** - 6 –14 (athletes will be split into groups based on age) u8/u11/u13/u15

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**Website:** <https://www.westkentathleticsclub.co.uk>

**Contact:** 07368 234321 Email: [westkentac@gmail.com](mailto:westkentac@gmail.com)

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### **Club night information**

Come along and do athletics • no experience and any ability can turn up to our pay as you go sessions.

Monday • Tunbridge Wells • 6:00pm • 7:00pm • £7 per session

Wednesday • Tonbridge • 6:30pm-7:30pm • £7 per session

Saturday • Medway • 11:00am • 12:00pm • £5 per session

Check our website or email for more information & 1-2-1 sessions