

Woodlands Weekly



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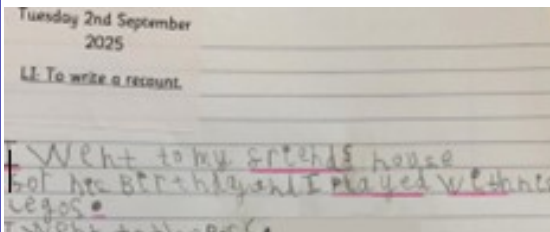
Newsletter No. 01

Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to our new families whose children have embarked on their journey through primary school this week. Thanks to all those who attended the Year R parent information meeting – sorry it was so long! There is so much to say!

The term has started in a beautifully calm and ordered way with children looking smart and ready to learn. If your child is not in the correct full uniform, your child's class teacher will point this out in the coming days. If finances are an issue, please speak up as we have a budget provided by the local council which we use to help families out in this way. Remember though, that with the exception of the jumper and hoodie for PE, most items can be bought very cheaply at supermarkets and the like. Shoes/trainers must be completely black – these are very easy to find in many shops including Shoe Zone on the High Street or online.

According to the **Year R** team, the children have had a super start to their Woodlands journey. They looked so smart and grown up in their beautiful new uniforms. They loved coming to their classrooms this week and making lots of new friends. They are really looking forward to joining Key Stage 1 for lunch next week and coming to school full time from Wednesday.

Year 1 has jumped straight into their learning this week. In English, they enjoyed the story *Beegu* by *Alexis Deacon* and have already begun writing about it. In maths, they have been busy sorting a variety of objects in different ways including by shape, size and colour.



Year 2 has started the year with wonderful recount writing. What a fantastic beginning! It has been fabulous to hear everything the children did during the holidays. Their teachers cannot wait to continue their writing journey with them.

With only one day completed, Rock Day was here for **Year 3!** The children took part in many different experiments and activities all centred around rocks and how they are made and what properties they had. They took part in: hardness tests, observations, imitating how different types of rocks were formed and a small experiment involving an EXPLOSION (do not worry, no children were harmed in the making of this experience). Feel free to ask the children what they learned with Mr Berry. Especially, focus on the words sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous. Throughout this term the children will be using this knowledge within their science lessons.



In science this week, children in **Year 4** investigated the question 'What causes sound?' As part of their learning, they created homemade 'telephones'. They discovered the best way to make the sound travel (the tighter the string, the louder the volume!) as well as the impact of the length of string on the volume and intensity of the sounds they made.



This week, **Year 5** children have learnt about how our Earth fits into the solar system. They found that early beliefs of our solar system put the Earth at the centre, and that this was later proved to be incorrect. The children learned that the Sun is at the centre of the solar system and that all planets orbit it (Heliocentric model).

Year 6 has made an impressive start to Term 1. They have already proved themselves to be fantastic role models for the younger children. We are looking forward to finding out who wants to be a House Captain! More information on this will be shared with the children on Monday. The children are excited to have started their first DT topic to design a prototype of an inclusive and adventurous playground structure.



We have mentioned the word 'journey' a number of times so far and it really is. Like any journey, there can be bumps in the road. In a school, this can be friendship difficulties, acts of unkindness, tricky learning or accidents. These are all normal for the age of the children and it is really important that we work together to help our children to manage these difficulties and overcome them. We have always had an open-door policy so if you have any worries, please do share them. Our role as educators and parents is to teach our children how to get it right and what to do if we make a mistake and together we can do this.

I hope you have a super weekend—hopefully with some dry weather!

Best wishes,

Vickie Lonie

Superstar corner

This summer saw Isaac, Arthur, Zac, and Reggie starting out with their Under-7 football team at Rusthall FC.

The boys showed great energy and teamwork, winning friendly matches before testing themselves in their first ever tournament at Bearsted FC. Playing with confidence and determination, they impressed everyone and proudly finished as runners-up — a fantastic achievement for such a new team and a brilliant start to their football journey.

Well done boys!



Staff News

I am delighted to share that Mrs Hyett has had her baby. Oscar Hyett arrived exactly one week early weighing 6lb 11oz. Both mummy and baby are doing well. Congratulations!



Reminders

- Your child will need a packed lunch on Thursday 11th September 2025.

If your child is Pupil premium and requires a school provided packed lunch, please email jdommett@wooflands.kent.sch.uk by Monday at 6pm.

- Wyvern and Griffin have an own clothes day next Friday (12th September).

Open Mornings for Reception 2026

Our open events are on:

Friday 3rd October 2025, 9.30am - 11am

Monday 17th November 2025, 9.30am - 11am

If you wish to attend one of the open mornings, please complete the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pwSr8SSzvH>

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



School Dinner Account

A reminder that we politely ask you to top up your child's school dinner account so that they have a credit. This is to prevent your child's account from falling into large arrears.

Diary Dates

2024/2025

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
12th Sep	Wyvern and Griffin Own Clothes Day
15th Sep	Year 2 Parent Information Meeting
16th Sep	Year 5 Parent Information Meeting
26th Sep	PTA Quiz and AGM
01st Oct	Year 1, Bedgebury
14th Oct	5 Rowan to Bewl Water
15th Oct	5 Hornbeam to Bewl Water
16th Oct	5 Sycamore to Bewl Water
4th Nov	Flu Spray
7th Nov	Individual and Sibling Photos
15th Nov	Fireworks
23rd Jan	Year 5 Young Voices

New dates/times in blue

Term Dates

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



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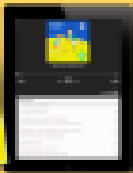
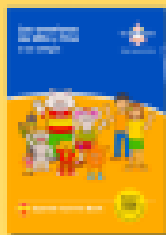
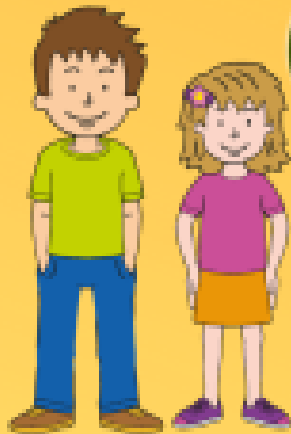
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Our popular Spanish classes do so much more than teach the language. In small groups, children enjoy games, music, role-play and stories - building confidence & a love and thirst for languages. They'll also explore Spanish culture along the way, as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