

# Woodlands Weekly



**Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe**

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The wide variety of learning was in full force this week.....

As part of their 'Superheroes in the Community' project, **Year R** had a very exciting start to their week with a visit from PC Bobby and PCSO Toni. These special visitors brought a police car with them and lots of fun things for the children to explore. The children loved sitting in the police car with its lights flashing. The riot shields, traffic cones and road signs were a particular favourite. PC Bobby showed us his special police equipment including his handcuffs, which the children thought were really great. Some naughty teachers 'were arrested' so that PC Bobby could show the children how the handcuffs are worn. PCSO Toni let the children try on a great selection of police hats and took the children's thumbprints, which they took home with them as a souvenir at the end of the day.



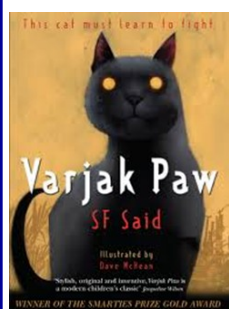
**Year 1** has been preparing for their trip to Bedgebury later this term by learning all about trees. They have explored the differences between evergreen and deciduous trees and discussed the key features of all trees including the roots, trunk and branches.

This week, **Year 2** children have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones in maths. They have made the numbers practically by using base 10 and moved on to showing this in a part-whole model.



**Year 3** has been exploring "caves" again. This week they have been exploring under desks (aka caves) and drawing their own journey on the cave walls. They used charcoal and chalk and the cave walls were specially placed pieces of brown card. This will lead to the whole year group producing a fresco/mural of cave paintings. On another note, the children have been

reading and learning about "The Wild Robot". They have been dramatising a summary of the two chapters that have been used to inspire the writing that will be coming next week. They have been using actions to describe how the robot was feeling and using the actions they developed during their work on conjunctions. Ask them to show you what they have learned.



**Year 4** children thoroughly enjoyed English this week as they have continued to explore their class book, Varjak Paw. To help them write a suspense story and spark their imaginations, they had the opportunity to see what life would look like through the eyes of a cat. They watched a fascinating 'cat cam' that followed the adventures of a curious cat across a bustling city. This immersive experience helped them visualise the sights and sounds for Varjak, the main character in our book. After this experience, their suspense stories will all be "paws-itively brilliant"!

This week, **Year 5** has enjoyed beginning to develop their own video game on Scratch. They selected sprites appropriate for their game, customising the colours to make them personalised. They also enjoyed selecting a backdrop to match, ready to begin coding next week.

Key Stage 1 and 2 experienced democracy in action this week, when they were given the opportunity to vote for their Year 6 house captains. The house captains gave speeches to demonstrate their strengths and convince their house that they have the qualities and passion to make them an excellent leader. The children put a great deal of effort into preparing their speeches. They were heartfelt, creative and allowed them to express their individuality. As we write this, the votes are being counted and, by the time you are reading, the successful candidates will have pinned on their shiny new badges!



And I bet your child still says 'nothing!' when you've asked him or her what they've been up to this week!

Have a super weekend – a bit of warmth heading our way I believe.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

## Medication

If your child is under the weather and requires pain relief, please give this to them before school or bring the medicine with you and take it to the Acorn Office to administer throughout the day.

## 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>

## Diary Dates

### 2024/2025

26th Sep	PTA Quiz and AGM
01st Oct	Year 1, Bedgebury
06th Oct	Years 1 and 2 Harvest Festival
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 - 02/04/20226

Term 5: 20/04/2026 - 22/05/2026

Term 6: 01/06/2026 - 21/07/2026

Cash prizes!

**PTA Quiz**

£5 per person, teams up to 6 (tickets via Arbor soon!)  
 Bar open- card only  
 Bring your own food

Friday 26th September  
 Oak Hall- Doors open 6.30 for a 7.30 start

**THE OAST THEATRE**  
 BY THE COMMUNITY - FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Lion  
 the Witch and  
 the Wardrobe

*By Glen Riddens*  
*Adapted from the book by C.S. Lewis*

**12th - 14th & 18th - 20th  
 December 2025**  
**Book online at [oasttheatre.com](http://oasttheatre.com)**

This amateur production of "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd, on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.  
[www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)  
 Presented by Tonbridge Theatre & Arts Club. Registered Charity No. 227035

# Oral Health in Early Years

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**Did You Know? Tooth decay is the most common reason for hospital admissions in children aged 5-9.**



The department of Health and Social Care have some fabulous resources on their webpage which you can order or download. Check out the

'Top Tips for Teeth' better health start for life campaign to help promote key messages within your setting.

[Better Health Start for Life Top Tips For Teeth | Campaigns | Campaign Resource Centre](#)

## The good news - Tooth Decay is *preventable!*

**Reduce Sugar intake** – Limit sugary foods and drinks, think about the time between snacks and especially those consumed frequently or at bedtime.

**Promote good oral hygiene** – Encourage regular toothbrushing with fluoride toothpaste, starting from when the first tooth erupts.

**Supervised toothbrushing** – Consider implementing a supervised toothbrushing programme in your early years setting.

**Regular dental visits** – Schedule regular dental check ups for early detection and prevention of decay.

**Fluoride application** – Fluoride varnishes can be applied by dental professionals to strengthen enamel.

**Educate parents** – Provide parents with information about oral hygiene and the importance of healthy eating habits.

With a good understanding on oral health and facts about dental decay and prevention you can play a vital part in protecting the oral health of children.

Please do visit the website for more information and resources.

[www.kentcht.nhs.uk/happyteeth](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/happyteeth)