

Woodlands Weekly



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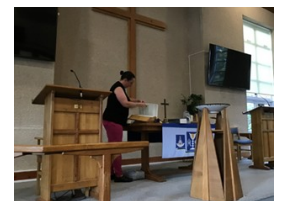
This week's core value focus was on RESPECT and looking after our school and equipment. KS2 pupils were also introduced to two new games for the field – Petanque and Kubb.

There was great excitement in **Year R** this week when the children had a visit from another of our 'Superheroes in the Community'. Farmer Richard came to tell the children all about life on a farm. They had a virtual tour of the farm and learnt about harvesting maize, milking and feeding cows, chickens, sheep and donkeys. They loved 'driving' his tractor and sitting in the tyres and the scoop.



Year 1 joined Reception to learn about farms. They met Farmer Richard who spoke about how important farming is to our lives. The children were given the opportunity to sit in his tractor and experience what it feels like to be a real farmer. Thank you for visiting, Farmer Richard!

On Tuesday, **Year 2** visited the Methodist Church as part of their RE topic. Each class met the Reverend Kirsty who taught them about why the church is a sacred place for Christians. She showed them different objects from around the church and why they are important, including the bible, the cross and the stained-glass windows.

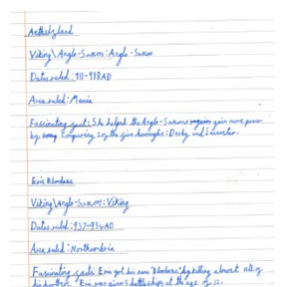


As the term has progressed, so have **Year 3's** skills in art. The children have studied examples of cave art and have taken time to experiment with different media and techniques to try and imitate examples. This has included working with charcoal and red paint to replace the ochre that might have been used. They have depicted a journey through their pictures. This might have been a hunt or a feast. To bring

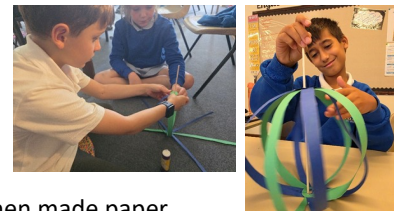


this together, the children shared a large piece of paper and brought all their work together and this was then exhibited on the railings outside of the classroom. They have worked on perfecting the detail and depicting animals using mixed media.

This week in history, **Year 4** children have been learning all about the Danelaw. They discovered how the Danelaw came into being, and researched the key players in creating a united Anglo-Saxon and Viking England. This included Alfred the Great, Aethelflaed, his daughter, and the 'best named' Eric Bloodaxe! They created mini fact files for each of them and finally, as a class, they debated whether Alfred should have given land to the Vikings.



This week in Science **Year 5** answered the question 'Why are the Sun, Earth and Moon approximately spherical?' We learnt that it's because of gravity. A planet's gravity pulls from the centre to the edges like the spokes of a bicycle wheel. This makes the overall shape of a planet spherical. However, in the words of Archie S 'Planets aren't completely spherical because when they spin, they squash – it's like a beachball being slightly squashed at either end. The middle bulges out and the poles are slightly flattened.' We then made paper planets to show this.



For the last couple of weeks, **Year 6** has been researching why having a healthy lifestyle is so important. Science lessons are focused on learning about the human body and how it works. In English, they have written reports to educate families on why and how a diet full of fruit and vegetables, wholemeal carbohydrates and minimal junk food is essential for a healthy body and mind. We hope that the Year 6s are bringing home their knowledge – they have some excellent top tips for healthy snacks!

Woodlands also want to congratulate the Year 6 house captains for 2025/26 as voted for by their peers.



Finally, thank you to all of the parents who have parked with consideration of our neighbours this week.

Have a super weekend.

Vicki Lonie

Who you gonna call?!

As you know, we are very fortunate in having hard-working staff who care for your children every day. Jo Stone is a pivotal part of that team – providing pastoral support for both parents and pupils. However, we have noticed a shift in the last 12 months which we need to address. Firstly, some parents are developing an over-reliance on Mrs Stone and expect to see her on a nearly daily basis. Please be mindful that we have over 500 children in our care and her help is sought frequently by many. If that level of support is required, it may be that a referral to Early Help or other organisations is required. Do speak to Mrs Stone so she can signpost – it is not possible that it is always her that provides the direct support.

Secondly, we have noticed that some parents are going to speak to Mrs Stone when really it is the class teacher who should be contacted. If there are issues within the class or with friendships, then please contact the teacher to discuss directly. Mrs Stone's role is not to be a go-between and teachers genuinely want to discuss your child with you if there are any concerns.

We want Mrs Stone's time to be shared out for those seeking support – if we could clone her we would!

Open Mornings for Reception 2026

We will be holding two open morning events for Reception 2026.

These will be held on:

- Friday 3rd October 2025, 9.30am - 11am
- Monday 17th November 2025, 9.30am - 11am

Please arrive at 9.30am for a talk from Mrs Lonie, followed by a tour of the school from our Year 6 pupils.

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

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

Lunchtime supervisor cover

From time to time, we have staff sickness which means teachers have to fill in for lunchtime supervision. This is not ideal as they have other tasks to complete during this time (as well as eating!) If you would be interested in being an on-call lunchtime supervisor for such occasions (you can choose to say yes or no on the day), please get in touch with the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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

Christmas Dates

8th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Carols to the community (Methodist church) Timing TBC
09th Dec	EYFS performance, 2.15pm
10th Dec	EYFS performance, 9.30am
12th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Carols to parents (Methodist Church) Timing TBC
15th Dec	Year 1 performance, 2.15pm
16th Dec	Year 1 performance, 9.30am
18th Dec	Year 2 performance, 2.15pm
19th Dec	Year 2 performance, 9.30am

Christmas Card Competition

Tom Tugendhat MBE has invited children in our community to design a Christmas card which he can send to people across the country. Drawings must be on A4 (landscape or portrait), stick to a Christmas theme and have the child's name signed on the front so it will appear on the card. The winning designs will win 100 blank copies of their own card, a prize and an invitation to have a tour of the Houses of Parliament with their parents.

If your child would like to take part, please hand in your entries to either Miss Castle or the school office by **Monday 13th October**.

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](#)

Woodwind lessons

If you are interested in your child learning the flute, recorder, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet or cello please contact Nicky to discuss lessons.

Nicky Catterwell: MA, BA (Hons)

Instrumental Teacher: Flute, Recorder, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Cello, Theory up to grade 5

Email: n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 07713 164930

Website: www.nickycatterwell-flautist.co.uk

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



Enjoy a **FREE** half term!*

Sevenoaks Music Centre

West Kent Junior Voices

Discover your voice

Join a fun group for young singers to build confidence and enjoy making music together.

- Tuesdays
- 4.50 - 5.30pm
- Trinity School Sevenoaks
- Ages 8 - 18
- All abilities

www.kent-music.com/sevenoaks *T&Cs Apply



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- Grades 0 - 3

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Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

30/09/2025 - 12:30am-14:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding and communicating with your child. It will help you consider factors which influence behaviour. We also discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.



If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or scan the QR code**: [Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:


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Introduction To Understanding Autism

08/10/2025 - 17:30am-19:30pm

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Do you have questions about Autism? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding symptoms of Autism. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.




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Understanding ADHD in Children
20/11/2025 - 10:30pm - 12:30pm

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Do you have questions about ADHD? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding symptoms of ADHD. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

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[Attention, Concentration, Hyperactivity and Impulsivity in Children | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

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Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 7/11/2025 10:30—12:30pm



Introduction to Understanding Autism 8/10/2025 17:30—19:30pm



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 30/09/2025 12:30—



The Mind, The Body and You 9/12/2025 12:30—14:30pm



Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience 25/11/2025 10:30—12:30pm



Understand ADHD 20/11/2025 10:30—12:30pm



*Workshop times alternate from term to term

Our online workshops offer information around key topics to help understand what is going on for your child and strategies to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice.

If you would like to join, please raise your interest with your child's school so that they can send you the link. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school.

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Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears
07/11/2025 - 10:30am - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.

If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Supporting Your Child with Fears and Worries | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

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Me and My Child: Understanding Resilience
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Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers to reflect and generate ideas of how you can be a positive role model of resilience for your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding resilience and its importance in your child's development. It will help you to consider factors which can help to build your child's resilience in the context of caring relationships.

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As part of the Eating Disorder Awareness Programme for Primary School parents and carers

The Mind, The Body and You
9/12/2025 12:30—14:30pm

You are invited to a workshop about understanding eating disorders/ disordered eating in primary school-aged children. We will discuss what to look out for and how to support your child at home. Including:

- An overview of Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, Binge Eating Disorder, ARFID, and Pica.
- Warning signs to look out for
- Supporting our children through role modeling and active listening
- Look at some practical strategies you can use which may include doing a self-care activity with your child and the importance of look after self and creating your own support network



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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...

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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



October Holiday Club – Bookings Now Open!

At the Angel Centre this October with fun-filled days for children aged 4–11 (primary school).

Dates & Activities:

- **Wed 22 Oct** – Bounce & Trampoline + Arts & Crafts, Sports & Fun
 - **Thu 23 Oct** – 🍂 Pumpkin Moon Trip (Maidstone) – Limited to 12 spaces! (£50 incl. transport, entrance & pumpkin)
 - **Fri 24 Oct** – Arts & Crafts + Sports & Fun
 - **Mon 27 Oct** – Arts & Crafts + Sports & Fun
 - **Tue 28 Oct** – Bounce & Trampoline + Arts & Crafts, Sports & Fun
 - **Fri 31 Oct** – 🎃 Halloween Workshop (TBC) + Arts & Crafts, Sports & Fun
- 🍁 Expect crafts, sports, laughter, pumpkins, and plenty of spooky fun! 🎃

🕒 **Times:** 8:30 – 3:30 (half days available)

📍 **Location:** Angel Centre

🌟 **Book now** and let the October fun begin!

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