

Woodlands Weekly



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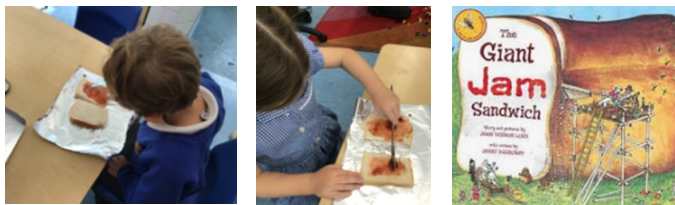
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This week started with assemblies on Black History Month. The children found out about a number of prominent black figures who have stood up for their rights or provided opportunities for others. We shared the story of Rosa Parks.

This week, **Year R** has been reading the book, 'The Giant Jam Sandwich' as part of Drawing Club. The children thought of ingenious ways to catch the naughty wasps and loved making (and eating) their own jam sandwiches. A quote from one of the children, 'That jam sandwich was absolutely delicious!'

As part of their Superheroes in the Community topic, they have also had a visit from a chef – thank you Mr Styles. They loved learning all about food and cooking.

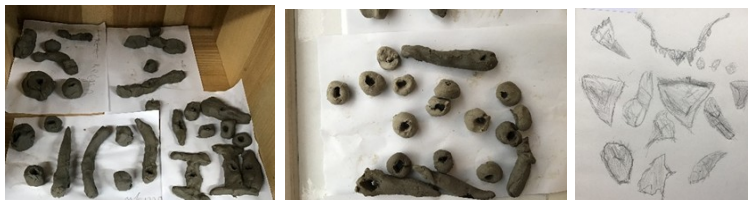


Year 1 has had a wonderful visit to Bedgebury Pinetum, where they explored the natural world around them. The children enjoyed making bark rubbings and collecting different shapes of leaves to identify. They have also learned how to spot the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees, bringing their classroom learning to life in a fun and hands-on way. Thank you to our parent helpers.

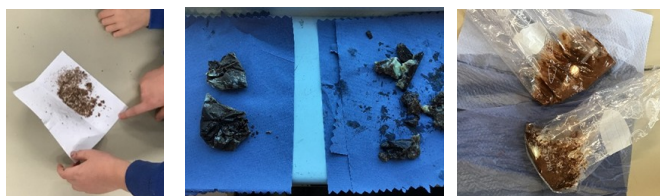


This week, **Year 2** sorted a variety of materials in different ways during their science lessons. They explored their properties including which were flexible or rigid. They also discussed which ones were man-made or natural and where we see them used in everyday life.

Welcome to October in **Year 3!** The children have continued their journey through Stone Age art. This week's stop saw them design and create pieces of replica jewellery from clay. They have designed each piece inspired by pictures of artefacts and then crafted them in clay. These will dry out over the week and will then be painted next week.



Last week saw the children discovering how to recreate the three types of rock using chocolate. Ask the children about sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rock and how they are made. This may require a trip to a supermarket to invest in the required ingredients.



This week in science, children in **Year 4** have been experimenting with the different ways sound can be described. They learned about pitch and why pitch can vary (and there were some very impressive opera singers in the class!) They had the opportunity to explore different objects and experimented with varying the level of sound and pitch with each object.

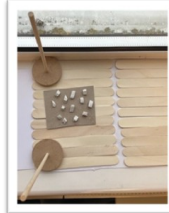


This week, **Year 5** children have enjoyed learning about the different phases of the moon. The children already had a preconceived idea of what different shapes the moon could be, and were able to apply this



knowledge to their learning well. The children were able to sketch the different stages of the lunar cycle, and gave accurate labels to each phase to complete a full lunar cycle.

Year 6 have commenced their DT projects this week. Having previously designed a playground structure, with accessibility in mind, the children are working in pairs to create their prototypes. They are focusing hard on accurate measurements, careful sawing and cutting and precise assembly to create stable structures. Their designs reflect their creativity and imagination and we can't wait to see the finished products. Works in progress



I was fortunate enough to join Year 1 on the trip to Bedgebury this week. What a beautiful time of the year to get out in nature. I hope you find an opportunity to do so this weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Reminders

- Please use the pedestrian path, not the vehicular gate and car park, to walk to KS2. We are trying to teach children to make safe choices and it helps when adults model this for the children.
- School gates close at 8.50 so please arrive in time to drop off and be outside of the school site by this time.
- Please make sure that packed lunches are made up of nutritious elements. Our children need healthy food to feed their young minds and bodies. There has been an increase in processed packet food in lunch boxes and a decrease in the amount of fruit and vegetables in recent years. There are lots of ideas on the internet, but here's a start: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Tag Rugby Fun at Tonbridge Juddians RFC

A group of enthusiastic girls from Years 3 to 6 had a fantastic time at the recent tag rugby festival held at Tonbridge Juddians RFC on Wednesday. The event began with a skills session led by experienced coaches, helping the girls sharpen their passing, dodging and tagging techniques. They then took part in a series of friendly matches, where they showed brilliant teamwork, sportsmanship and scored plenty of impressive tries! Their behaviour was exemplary throughout and it was wonderful to see them supporting one another and enjoying every moment. A big thank you to the parents for transporting and cheering on the children and to Mr Taylor for organising such a memorable experience.



KS2 Assemblies

Year 3 - Romans, w/c 02/03/2026, dates tbc

Year 4 - Vikings : 4 Walnut Tuesday 18th November

4 Chestnut, Wednesday 19th November

4 Hazel, Thursday 20th November

Year 5 - Greeks, w/c 09/02/2025, dates tbc

Year 6 - WWII, Thursday 11th December

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**.



Superstar Corner

- Congratulations to Ellie from 3 Elder for gaining her Blue Peter reading badge!



- Grayson played in his first ever rugby tournament this past weekend, for Tonbridge Juddians, and it was a great success. He made new friends, got the most tags and scored 3 tries. Well done Grayson!



Open Mornings for Reception 2026

We have one more open morning event for Reception 2026.

This will be held on:

- 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 the open morning, 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

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
05th Jun	KS1 Disco

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

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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



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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