

# Woodlands Weekly



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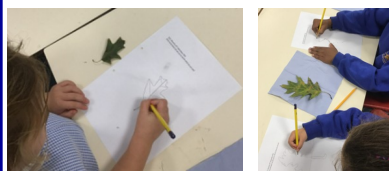
10th October 2025

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We kicked off the week with a lovely Harvest Festival for KS1 at the Methodist church. The children sang their hearts out and reflected on how thankful we should be with the help of the Reverend Kirsty. Reverend Kirsty then visited KS2 for a harvest assembly. Thanks to all families who were in a position to donate food for local families. Please remember to donate when you can to FEAST – it really is a well-used source of food for many local families in need.

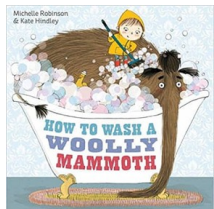


**Year R** has had another busy week. Following on from the visit from a chef last week, they have been thinking about healthy eating and have designed their own plates of healthy food. The fine weather has also meant that they have been able to use our wonderful outside area. As part of their Superheroes in the Community topic, they have also had a visit from some of the team at Stradbroom dental. They loved investigating teeth and practising their brushing skills.



This week in art, **Year 1** has been sketching leaves using pencil. They learned how to shade and add detail to make their drawings look more realistic. Everyone worked really carefully to capture the shapes and patterns of their leaves.

This week, **Year 2** explored different materials and their properties. They had lots of different materials to test in their groups to see if they were able to twist, stretch, bend or squash them. They then had to record their findings and share their data with their class.



As **Year 3** approach the last week of their first term, they have been working on writing instructions. This has been inspired by the book – *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*. The children have been coming up with bossy verbs and adverbs to help with their instructions as well as creating their own creature. This will lead to them writing their own set instructions to help people to wash their animal properly.

In other lessons, the children have been learning about: the importance of Stonehenge and how much of an engineering feat it was to construct it; what tankas are (please ask them and see what they say) and they are moving onto addition and subtraction in their maths lessons. All three classes have really settled into the routines of the new year and the new building.

This week, **Year 4** children have been hard at work finalising their very own suspense tales, ready to share with their classmates today. They've thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with a range of techniques to help build tension and keep their readers on the edge of their seats. We've loved seeing their creativity and imagination shine through in these thrilling stories!

This week, **Year 5** has been researching, planning and beginning to write a non-chronological report to impart fascinating facts and helpful definitions related to Ancient Egypt. Therefore, if you've always wanted to know about Ancient Egyptian deities, a pharaoh's army, why living by the River Nile helped to build a formidable civilisation or just what a trendy Ancient Egyptian would be wearing - watch this space. The Year 5 children are also very excited about their residential next week at Bewl Water so fingers crossed for clear skies and autumn sunshine.



**Year 6** has continued to explore varying styles of poetry. This week they have focused on ottava rima: an Italian form of verse. They have looked at rhyme, structure and meter and are moving on to create their own ottava rima poem based on the heroic deeds at Dunkirk that they have been learning about in our World War II topic in history.

I hope you have had a chance to read my email about good child development. Life is busy and sometimes we don't have time to take a minute and stop to reflect. If there are any aspects of parenting or child development that you would like advice on, please drop us a line. It may be a specific issue or a general theme.

Don't forget to sign up next week for parent consultations.

Have a restful/enjoyable/exciting weekend!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

## Breakfast Club

If you are dropping your child off at breakfast club and the school gates are closed, please park and walk your child into the school. The School Office opens at 8.30am so you will not be able to access to the car park before this time.

## Reading Volunteers

### Could you help a child discover the joy of reading?

We're looking for volunteers to support reading in school by spending a little time each week listening to children read. It's a rewarding way to make a real difference in their confidence and progress. If you enjoy working with children and have a bit of time to spare, we'd love to hear from you. No experience is necessary - just enthusiasm and a willingness to help. We will cover the cost of a DBS check for all volunteers, who are willing to commit their time regularly. Please email Mr Burns ([mburns@woodlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:mburns@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)) if you are interested.

## 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



## Lost Property

Lost property will be on both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds after school on Wednesday 15th October.

Anything remaining that is unnamed will be put in the clothes bank.

Please do come and look to reclaim your lost items.

We have jumpers, cardigans, water bottles, hair brushes etc!

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> October**.



## Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Kayleigh and Gracie for some amazing achievements at the Kent Championships Irish Dancing.

Kayleigh (6 Hawthorn) won her championship and champions champion.

Gracie (4 Walnut) came third in her championship and second in her prelim.

Well done girls!



Well done to Henry from 4 Walnut for being a standout player at the Medway Mini's Rugby festival last Sunday. This is their first season of contact rugby and Henry has taken it all in his stride. He played really well, scored 5 tries and won most of his games (all on his birthday!)

We have a future rugby star.



## 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>

## 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)

## 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

## Diary Dates

### 2024/2025

14th Oct	5 Rowan to Bewl Water
15th Oct	5 Hornbeam to Bewl Water
16th Oct	5 Sycamore to Bewl Water
04th Nov	Flu Spray
07th Nov	Individual and Sibling Photos
10th Nov	Poplar Parent consultations
11th Nov	Parent Consultations
12th Nov	Poplar Parent Consultations
13th Nov	Parent Consultations
15th Nov	Fireworks
17th Nov	Year R Open Morning
05th Dec	Secret presents
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, Cello, Theory up to grade 5

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One of our lovely parents Sara teaches a great outdoor women's strength training class.

- Longmead Park
- 9 - 9.45am
- Fridays (term time only)

Please see the attached poster for further details.

A fun class to get more Mum's being fit and healthy.

Enjoy!



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- Learn ways to support your child
- Talk to people from schools, health, and charities

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**16th October 2025 10am - 4pm**  
Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF

