

Woodlands Weekly



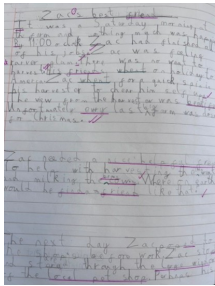
Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

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This week, assemblies focused in on the idea of treating others as you would wish to be treated – a fundamental rule to live by. The children were able to share lots of ways they can do this.

Year 1 has been developing their jumping skills during PE. The children have been learning how to jump safely and with control. They have been focusing on balance, coordination and landing softly on their feet.



This week, **Year 2** finished writing their meeting tales inspired by the story 'Bob's best friend'. They showed excellent creativity and thought carefully about their story, characters and choice of vocabulary.

In **Year 3**, the children have started their work on tanka poems (ask the children what they are) with the subject of "Autumn". The children went for an autumn walk around the field discussing what they could see, hear, touch and, at times, smell



In PE, the children have been working on their basketball skills – dribbling, passing and pivoting. Over the weeks they have been developing these skills and what it takes to work as a team. This was brought together during a session where the whole year group took part in many games



Year 4 children have been writing nonets this week. A nonet is a nine-line poem where the first line has nine syllables, the second has eight and it counts down to one syllable in the last line. It's like a staircase for words, with each line getting shorter than the one before it. Nonets can be about any topic and don't have to rhyme. The theme for the children's nonets is 'Autumn'. To inspire the children, they went on an autumnal walk at school and used their senses to create vivid descriptions for their poems.



With the leaves changing into their autumn colours, **Year 5** headed to Bewl Water for their residential trip. All the children arrived, on their designated days, excited for lots of outdoor fun and during their stay enjoyed a variety of activities including; canoeing, axe-throwing, low rope courses, wall-climbing, fire-lighting, archery, den-building and marshmallow toasting. Many conquered fears, learnt new skills, discovered talents and enjoyed spending time with their classmates simply being together and making memories.

A special mention for B and C (you know who you are) who entertained me for ages with the worst game of pool I have ever seen! Impressively bad boys. Thank you!



In science, **Year 6** have been focused on the human body, specifically thinking about the circulatory system and how to lead a healthy lifestyle. This week they have been thinking about how the body absorbs the nutrients that it needs from the food we eat, and how it gets rid of the food we don't need! They wholeheartedly threw themselves into recreating the digestive system, closely watching the food at each stage of its journey through the body. Why don't you ask them to describe the process to you – be ready for a few grimaces!



Finally, just a bit of a reflection on disappointment. As you know, our role in school is to prepare children for the next stage of their education and for life now and beyond. We have had a few parents raise concerns around

disappointment in recent weeks so worth a bit of time to reflect. Do remember that feeling disappointment is a normal human emotion. There will be many times in life when we feel it – not winning a competition or race, unrequited love, not passing a test (whether Kent Test or driving test in years to come), not being chosen after a job interview – the list is endless. In school, we are tasked with helping children to understand the 'Fundamental British Value' (DfE wording) of Democracy. To do this, we have votes for posts such as House Captain or School Councillor. These will result in more children being disappointed than being successful – all good opportunities to learn to deal with disappointment with grace and perspective. As the adults supporting the children, our role is to acknowledge the emotion, point out why the situation is fair (if relevant, as blame is often another human emotion that comes into play) and to help the child put the disappointment into perspective. This will help them to build resilience over time and deal with it better next time. As with all trickier emotions, children have to feel them to learn how to deal with them, rather than avoid them. Do chat to us if you would like help in knowing how to address this.

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Disappointment is an opportunity for resilience, wisdom, and personal growth. Embrace it as a stepping stone to your success.”

On that note, well done to all of those children who passed the Kent Test. To those who did not, well done for trying your best and remember, it will be your attitude and hard work that determine your success at secondary school, not the type of school it is.

Have an enjoyable two-week break and we'll see you on the other side for a busy Christmas term!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Tag Rugby at Tonbridge Juddians RFC

Following the success of the previous week, another group of eager children from Years 5 and 6 headed to Tonbridge Juddians RFC for a second tag rugby festival. The children enjoyed a series of friendly matches, where their teamwork, enthusiasm and determination truly shone. The children behaved impeccably and had a brilliant time, with plenty of smiles and tries throughout the day. Huge thanks to the parents for their support and transport and once again to Mr Taylor for organising another fantastic sporting opportunity.



Gardeners

Any keen gardeners out there with a little spare time on their hands?

If you have any free time to volunteer to do any weeding, leaf clearing or hedge trimming, please do get in touch with the office.

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>

Stationery

Please check your child's pencil case and restock ready for next term.

(glue sticks, sharp pencils, rubbers etc. No highlighters, biro's, gel pens.)

Attendance Update

This term we have been continuing our focused work on improving our whole school attendance. This involves working closely with both children and yourselves as parents and carers.

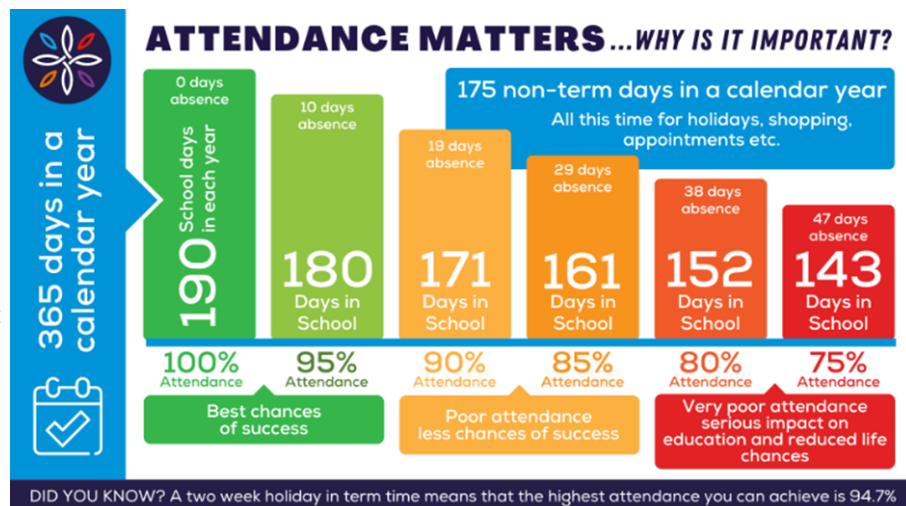
During our Celebration Assembly every Friday, certificates are awarded to the top three classes with the highest attendance percentage that week in reception, key stage one and key stage two. We want children to have an awareness and age-appropriate understanding of how important attendance is to their development.

We understand illness happens, particularly in winter months, but ask that you only keep your child off if they are really unwell. This NHS guidance is a useful read: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Ensuring your child is in school every day is vitally important for their academic progress and social development. This is the same with punctuality, if they are late, children miss key parts of the morning routine.

We track attendance closely and will contact you if your child's attendance falls under 90%. At this time of year, that may be down to a few days illness, but as the year goes on we are aiming for all children to be above 90% for their attendance.

Our whole school target for the end of the academic year 2025-26 is at least 96%. We will be updating you on our progress and actions over the year. Mrs Stone and Mrs Adams are here to support you with your child's attendance. Please get in touch via the school office if you would like further support.



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

04th Nov	Flu Spray
07th Nov	Individual and Sibling Photos
10th Nov	Poplar Parent consultations
11th Nov	Parent Consultations
12th Nov	Poplar Parent Consultations
12th Nov	NCMP Year R and Year 6
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](#)

French Club

Have fun with your friends and learn French at

Woodlands Primary School French Club!

Would you like your child to start learning French while it's still instinctive and lots of fun?

Pupils are invited to join a lovely, friendly group to learn French through games, songs and other fun activities. Sessions are held from 3:20-4pm on Tuesdays.

For more info and prices please contact CCK112@hotmail.com or 07884 255749

Please state your child's year group (everyone welcome) and that you are enquiring about French Club at Woodlands.

www.facebook.com/frenchclubtonbridge

www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge

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

Woodwind lessons

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

Nicky Catterwell: MA, BA (Hons)

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

Email: n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 07713 164930

Website: www.nickycatterwell-flautist.co.uk

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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM
MEDWAY

Online Parent Groups

Supporting your child with their emotional wellbeing
For parents of children at primary school

Supporting Your Child with Fears & Worries

Starting 4th November 2025

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? This course will provide you with an understanding of how fears and worries develop in children, as well as evidence-based strategies and guidance to support your child with overcoming their fears and worries. This online group runs for 6 weeks and are run regularly throughout the year.

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Starting 3rd November 2025

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child's behaviour? This course will provide you with evidence-based strategies to promote a positive relationship with your child, supporting them with their emotion regulation and addressing any concerning behaviours. This online group runs for 7 weeks and are run regularly throughout the year.

For more information and to request support, please speak to your Senior Mental Health Lead at your school—XXX

We look forward to meeting you.



CALL LEA
07837 996183



WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 9AM - 3PM

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 9AM - 3PM

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AGES 4 - 14

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Term Time Only

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9.00 - 9.45am

Friday *Term Time Only

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