

# Woodlands Weekly



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Welcome back. I hope you had a good autumn break.

This week began with an assembly on our second core value: RESPONSIBILITY. The children explored ways of taking responsibility for ourselves by working hard and doing our best.

Also this week, **Reception** has started sharing 'helicopter stories' – stories built through talk and rehearsal. The children loved listening to the story of The Three Little Pigs and acting it out. Then they made up their own stories. We were particularly proud of the way Georgie and Reggie included parts of The Three Little Pigs in their story and included a part of Little Rabbit Foo Foo, too. The children really enjoyed acting out each other's stories, especially because they were able to choose which character they would play.

The Three Little Pigs by Georgie and Reggie:

One day there were three little pigs and the wolf came to blow the straw house down. Then the wolf huffed and puffed again.

The last pig made his house of sweets. The wolf didn't blow it down. He started to eat it but then he got a tummy ache!

Then he went to the Dr and the Dr told him to stay there for 100 weeks! He still felt ill because he had eaten too many sweets. Then he felt better and turned into a Goonie!



**Year 1** has had a fantastic week. A vet came to talk about caring for animals, and the children enjoyed asking questions and sharing stories about their pets. They also had an artist visit to show her artwork and read a story all about painting. The children were amazed by the many different ways she creates her art.

**Year 2** learnt about linkages and mechanisms in their DT lessons and made their own moving monsters. They showed excellent creativity to design their monsters and then used split pins to create the linkages.

ALL ABOARD!!! This term the children in **Year 3** will be working on journey tales. As you are aware, the children went aboard the Year 3 Express on Tuesday. All three classrooms were decked out like a train carriage. The children moved between the carriages taking part in different activities involving discussions about what they would be feeling on this journey and what they could see inside and outside the carriage.

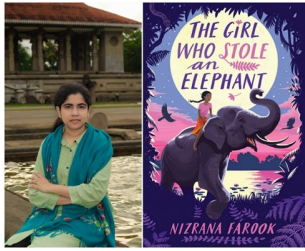


The children were excited throughout and, hopefully, this will further support the writing of their journey tales.



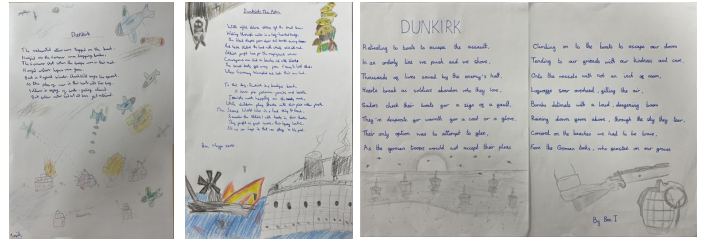
In DT news, the children will be designing and building castles this term. So far, this has involved them learning about the different parts of a castle and what 3D shapes they would need to recreate their designs.

This week in **Year 4**, the children have been practising their multiplication and division facts. They have been learning how these are linked and spotting patterns. Ask your child about the handy tricks they have learned to test whether a number is a multiple of 3, as well as the patterns they have spotted when multiplying by nine.



This week **Year 5** children have enjoyed starting a new class book, The Girl who stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook. They are using this book in both Guided Reading and English, where we are becoming journalists and are currently composing a newspaper report. The children have interviewed 'the King's guards' and recorded their replies, ready to write their reports in the coming weeks. They are now looking forward to finding out what Chaya (the main character in the book) will do next.

Before half term, **Year 6** worked very hard on a complicated form of poetry called Ottava Rima. This was linked to the current history topic of World War II. Ottava Rima is an Italian form of verse used to describe heroic events. Therefore, Year 6 chose to write about the miracle of Dunkirk. They really enjoyed writing it and the resulting poems impressed all the Year 6 teachers.



Next week is Anti-bullying Week and Children in Need so please re read your emails regarding these events.

Have a great weekend.

Bets wishes,

Vicki Lonie

## Christingle



On Monday 1st December, Reverend Kirsty will be explaining about Christingle in each Key Stage.

She will be showing KS1 how to make a Christingle and what it means.

In KS2 (year 3 upwards), all the children will have an opportunity to make their own Christingle. If your child would like to participate, they will need to bring an orange, 1 small candle, 4 cocktail sticks and some dried fruit e.g. raisins. Please bring this in on 1st December.

## Donation to Schools from Stonepitts Christmas Tree Farm, Seal Chart

As in previous years, Martin & Jackie would like to offer a £2.00 donation to the PTA for every Christmas tree bought by families and staff. If you would like to participate, it is important that you bring a copy of this Newsletter with you. This will count towards the final donation to the school PTA.

You may also be interested to know that Stonepitts will again be supporting Demelza Hospice Care for Children as their chosen Charity.

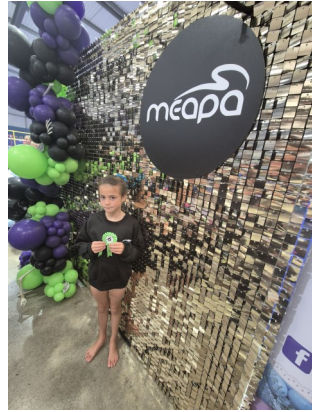
## Christmas Dates

8th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Carols to the community (Methodist church) Timing TBC
9th 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



## Superstar corner

Congratulations to Ella from 4 Chestnut for coming 6th in her MEAPA gymnastics competition for Tiger Gymnastics.



## Request

This term eco club are making various Christmas themed games and decorations using recycled materials.

If you have any toilet or kitchen roll tubes and empty, plastic, clean spice jars/bottles of a similar size, please bring them to the Acorn Office.

Many thanks

## Policing Survey

The annual policing survey is now live! Share your views on how safe you feel, how much you trust Kent Police, and how well you think Kent Police are performing. Your feedback helps shape the future of policing in your community.

[Public consultations](#)

## KS2 Assemblies

**Assembly time 2.45pm**

**Parents arrive at 2.40pm**

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

## 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>

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/frenchclubtonbridge)

[www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge](http://www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge)

## Get well soon

Wishing Dylan from 6 Ash all the best for a speedy recovery following a big operation today.

We can't wait to have you back in school soon!

## Diary Dates

### 2024/2025

10th Nov	Odd Sock Day
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
29th Nov	Christmas Fair
05th Dec	Secret presents 'Elfridges'
23rd Jan	Year 5 Young Voices
30th Jan	KS2 Spring Disco
06th Feb	KS1 Spring Disco
06th Mar	Break the rules day
05th Jun	KS1 Summer Disco
12th Jun	KS2 Summer Disco
04th Jul	Summer Fair

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 - 02/04/2026
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.

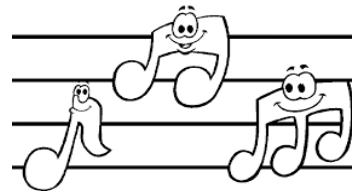
Nicky Catterwell: MA, BA (Hons)

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

Email: [n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk)

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Website: [www.nickycatterwell-flautist.co.uk](http://www.nickycatterwell-flautist.co.uk)



**aspens**

Join our  
**Festive Fun Day!**

29 November 2025  
11am-3pm

Aspens Charities,  
Cornford Lane,  
Pembury, TN2 4QU

Petting farm  
Carol singing  
Visit Santa's Grotto  
Buy your perfect Christmas tree  
BBQ, festive treats & pop-up shop  
Plus loads more fun, games and seasonal activities!

Book Santa's Grotto here!

The event is raising funds to support our mission to provide high-quality care and support to individuals on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities

Charity number: 1171446

**aspens**

**Christmas Trees for sale!**

**Nordman non-drop trees in a range of sizes.**

Aspens  
Bluebell Café  
Cornford Lane  
Pembury  
TN2 4QU

On sale from Mon 17 Nov to Fri 19 Dec 2025

Make a difference to the lives of autistic people and those with a learning disability this Christmas.

Find out more at [aspens.org.uk](http://aspens.org.uk)  
Charity no: 1171446

**Christmas Tree Prices!**  
4ft: £45  
5ft: £55  
6ft: £65  
7ft: £70

Join us on Fri 19 Dec for our Aspens evening on the ice at SKATE Tunbridge Wells!

Join our Aspens Night at  
**SKATE Tunbridge Wells**

All proceeds will go directly to support our charity's mission to empower autistic individuals and those with a learning disability.

Friday 19th December  
7-8pm  
Calverley Grounds, Mount Pleasant Avenue,  
Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1QY

Book your tickets here!

**aspens** **Skate**



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## Admission to Primary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at  
[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)  
Opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at  
midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026

For children born between  
1 September 2021  
and 31 August 2022,  
Transferring to Primary school  
in September 2026

### What to do

Choose a school	Apply for a school place	Receiving your offer
<p>It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.</p> <p>Read the guide to Primary admissions at <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a>.</p> <p>You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.</p>	<p>A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026.</p> <p>You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.</p> <p>You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.</p>	<p>On offer day (Thursday 16 April 2026) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.</p> <p>You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Thursday 30 April 2026.</p> <p>A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.</p> <p>If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.</p>

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

### Key dates

Friday 7 November 2025	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
Thursday 15 January 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:parentadmissions@kent.gov.uk">parentadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a> .
Thursday 16 April 2026	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Thursday 30 April 2026	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

### Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk)  
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)  
Only one application per child will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your returned email address for all communication with the team.  
The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.  
Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does not reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.

