

Woodlands Weekly



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We had odd socks galore on Monday for our anti-bullying awareness week. Assemblies and conversations focused on this important area. We reiterated that single acts of unkindness, although unpleasant and unwanted, do not constitute bullying in schools. Bullying involves persistent unkindness of some form by the same child/children where there is often a difference in power. These cases are rare but do happen and we take them seriously. Mostly, we deal with friendships that go wrong – often sporadically - and can be upsetting but are different from bullying.



It was lovely to receive the following email from the visiting vets last week:

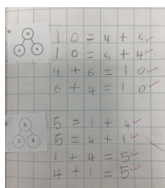
"It was a pleasure being back in the school and we wanted to say how well behaved and lovely the children were! We attend a number of schools on a regular basis, and Woodlands always stands out (in a good way! lol). No doubt our paths will cross again in the future."

Year 1 proved to be a credit to the school.

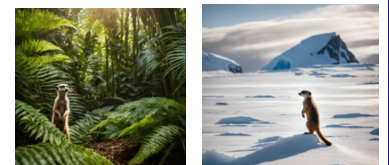
This week, **Year R** had a super walk along Woodlands Walk as part of their Enchanted Woodland topic. They listened to Mrs Buxton explain about the different trees and loved investigating and collecting a variety of leaves.



Year 1 has been busy exploring fact families in maths this week. The children have been using part-whole models to help them write fact families and understand how numbers are connected. They've enjoyed moving the equals signs around to make new number sentences and have learned that they can add in any order, but it's often best to start with the biggest number first.



This week, **Year 2** worked together to discuss the main character in their new class book 'Meerkat Mail'. In the story, Sunny is looking for the perfect place to live. Each group discussed different pictures of places Sunny might visit and focused on building on each others' ideas. They used phrases such as 'I agree with...' and 'I disagree with...because...'. The Year 2 teachers were so impressed with how the groups worked together and shared their ideas.



Two weeks down and the excitement continues to build in **Year 3** whilst working on *The Polar Express*. The children have been working on retelling the story of the journey that happens throughout the story. They have been working on putting actions to the headlines of the story and acting it out in front of the class. This has helped them to remember the story and has enabled them to re-write their own version with wonderfully detailed descriptions.

Castles have been the focus in DT. The children have split into small groups and have begun to think about the design of the castle that they wish to produce with regard to which 3D shapes they need and how they are going to construct the walls. Next week will be construction week, so prepare for photos and possibly a castle to arrive at home.

In **Year 4**, as part of their learning in geography, the children explored points on a compass and why these are so important for navigation. They went outside and used the cardinal points on a compass to locate different aspects of the school playground. They then represented these points by drawing them on their own maps.



Year 5 and 6 took part in the Royal British Legion live remembrance assembly on Tuesday. Year 6 were able to link the content of the assembly to their learning in history by reflecting on the themes and messages. Year 5 and 6 teachers felt extremely proud of the children as they sat beautifully throughout the 30 minute assembly, embodying our school value of respect. We also thought about our value of community when we opened the hall doors so we could hear the cannon fire at the castle - a fantastic signal that resounds through all of Tonbridge allowing us to share and show respect for those service men and women who serve our country, past and present.



And we finish with two exciting events – Children in Need today and the PTA Fireworks tomorrow.

I hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Reminder

PLEASE park with consideration for local residents. I spent time during parent consultations visiting every class to locate a poorly parked car (blue Hyundai BK63 ***) to try to locate the driver. This was a waste of my time and prevented a neighbour from parking at her house after a long day's work. This is not ok.

Medical Tracker

A reminder that if your child has a minor injury at school you will be informed via Medical Tracker. Please check your emails regularly.

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.

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



Football Update

On Thursday, the school football team took part in the U11 National Cup Tournament at Tonbridge Angels. The team were drawn in a competitive group and began their tournament against Langton Green. The team started really well and created a handful of chances but couldn't find the opening goal. With three minutes left, Adam M, who came on as a sub, made an immediate impact as he latched onto a cross and put the ball into the back of net. The match finished 1-0 and deserved the three points.

Borough Green were the opponents for their second match and just like the previous game, they had the majority of possession but this time, they were more clinical in front of goal and won the match 5-0 with goals from Rocco D, Adam M x2 and Raph H x2.

The third match was against Discovery School, which we predicted would be our hardest test in the group stage and this was proven with both teams being unbeaten at this point. A change of formation saw the team move to three at the back and this seemed to negate the attacking threat the opposition showed in their previous matches. Woodlands were unlucky to not take an early lead as Rocco hit the post from the penalty spot. Thankfully, a minute later, Raph H scored a superb individual goal and gave the team a deserved 1-0 lead. Once again, Adam M made an immediate impact off the bench and scored with his first touch giving the team some breathing space. However, Discovery scored a great goal, which made the last minute of the game very nerve-wracking, but the boys held onto an impressive win and having one foot into the knockout phase of the tournament.

The last two games were against East Peckham and Longmead respectively with Rocco D x2, Ethan G, Joshua R-F and Raph H scoring in a 5-0 victory against East Peckham and then an 8-0 win against Longmead (Joshua R-F x6, Adam M and Joe A).

After topping their group, the team had a quarter final against St. Matthews and the game was very scrappy with both teams struggling to dominate possession. Both teams have chances to win the match but the whistle was blown with the score 0-0, meaning penalties would be needed to determine a winner. Our three penalties each, both teams had scored two and missed one, sudden death was needed and Reggie M calmly slotted the ball into the bottom left corner. The next player for St. Matthews hit the post sending Woodlands into the semi-finals.

St John's were the opponents for the semi-finals and to begin with Woodlands found themselves on the back foot as they weathered a barrage of shots from the opponents. Woodlands had a couple of half-chances but could not find the space to trouble their keeper and it was their keeper who opened the scoring with an outrageous and audacious shot from his own box that just went over Henry L's hands. Being behind for the first time in seven games came as a bit of a shock to the boys and struggled to regain their composure that they showed in the previous games. With time running out and Woodlands searching for the equaliser, St John's scored a second to put the game to bed and ending the match as 2-0 winners.

Even though we didn't get to the final or win the tournament, the boys should be incredibly proud of their achievements. They played some incredible football and getting to the last four of the tournament out of 24 teams is a superb feat and I am super proud of every member of the team. A huge thanks to all the parents who stayed to show their support for the team, it did not go unnoticed.

We now look ahead to the start of our league campaign with a fixture against Slade Primary School on Friday 5th November.



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

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

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

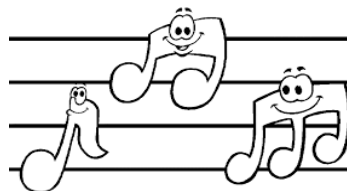
Term 3: 05/01/2026—13/02/2026

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)

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