

Woodlands Weekly



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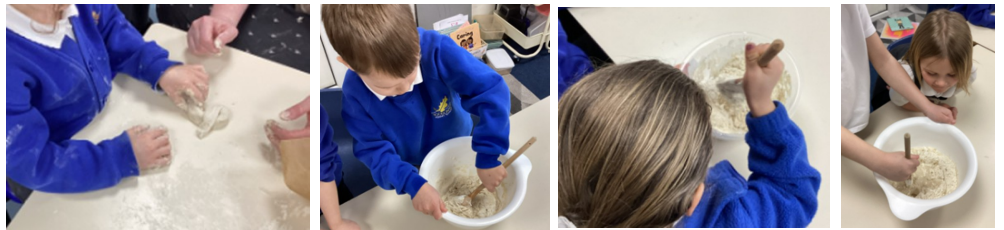
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This week at Woodlands...

Year R has started their new topic about 'Monsters from the past'. This week's story has been 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. The children have loved re-enacting the story and describing how wild things move. They have also thought about bigger 'monsters from the past' - dinosaurs! They enjoyed finding out what dinosaurs eat and have learnt the words herbivore and carnivore.

The beautiful sunshine has meant that the children have been able to make full use of our wonderful outside area. One afternoon this week there was a cardboard luge track outside as well as a dinosaur world, hopscotch, sandpit and a trail made of crates and wooden blocks. Thank you to parents for being understanding about the mud and chalk that children might be wearing home – it's the sign of a good day in Reception!

Year 1 had a brilliant Castle Day, filled with exciting learning and creativity. The children explored the different features of castles, built their own impressive models using blocks, and even made bread, learning how to plait it carefully. We hope you enjoyed cooking it at home together!



Year 2 has started learning about their new history topic this term, The Great Fire of London. They are all very enthusiastic about the topic and had lots of questions. This week, they were history detectives and used different pieces of evidence to find out how and when the fire started.

Year 3 have started the term off with lots of learning and preparations for their upcoming assemblies. They have started a new unit in computing, all about coding. They are using Scratch and coding their sprites to move and speak. Great fun is being had by all!

During Forest School this week, **Year 4** children filled wellies with daffodils and proudly displayed them along the KS1 fence, creating a cheerful spring scene. They chose "spring" as their word of the day and shared thoughtful vocabulary to describe their surroundings, exploring what spring means to them. This provided a wonderful opportunity to include writing in their outdoor learning, something they will now be doing each term. To finish the session, the children chalked their words onto the shed, discussed sentences together and with partners, and then created their own.



Term 4 has begun with real excitement for **Year 5**. On Monday morning, after thinking of questions they wanted to ask Thomas Taylor—the author of *Malamander*, which they started reading at the end of Term 3—the children and their teachers headed to the hall to discuss their ideas together. They were busy working when Mr Burns arrived with a surprise: Thomas Taylor himself was waiting on a live Zoom call to speak with them! Many children were eager to ask their questions, and everyone was thrilled to hear his answers and learn how he creates mystery and suspense in his stories. His advice will help them craft their own imaginative narratives. “It was really exciting,” said Eva. “It’s not every day you get to talk to an author whose book you’re reading. It was a very special moment!” Year 5 are now enthusiastically using Thomas Taylor’s tips as they write their own stories. Even more exciting, he has agreed to read fifteen of the children’s finished pieces—and choose some winners for special prizes. The whole year group is working hard and hoping theirs will be selected!



Year 6 have had a busy start to Term 4. In English, they have been reading *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell, discovering the characters and understanding Miss Eliot’s views of Charles’ parenting skills – formal letters of complaint to follow. In science, they have started to think about evolution and inheritance (please remember to send in photos of your child with family members ready for their lesson next week). We could not have picked a more glorious day to get started with hockey, and this was followed up by some sewing – the children have impressed us so far with their resilience with this tricky task, not to mention their needle-threading abilities. A very busy week, with lots more ahead to look forward to!



HELP NEEDED!

We have a group of Year 4 children who would really benefit from some additional times tables support.

It would involve playing games, quizzing the children and using flash card activities.

In the past, volunteers have made a huge difference and we would appreciate any time you could offer us! Please contact Mrs Cameron on lcameron@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We’re looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of activities that highlight the joy of reading, including a teacher story swap, Drop Everything and Read, and class poetry performances. Children (and staff!) are welcome to dress up as a favourite book character. We can’t wait to enjoy a fun-filled day of stories, imagination and creativity!

Year 6 - Key Dates

Monday 2nd April, 6pm: SATS and Devon Parent Meeting

11th - 14th May: SATS week

1st June: Safety in Action trip

22nd - 26th June: Devon Residential/Basecamp

Production performances:

- Afternoon performance: Wednesday 15th July, 1.30pm
- Evening performance: Thursday 16th July, 7pm

Leavers assemblies: Monday 20th July

- Ash, 9.15am
- Aspen, 10.45am
- Hawthorn, 2.30pm

Monday 20th July : Leavers Party, 4pm

KS2 Assemblies

Parents arrive at 2.40pm

Assembly time 2.45pm

Year 3 - Romans,

Birch - Tuesday 10th March 2026

Elder - Wednesday 11th March 2026

Whitebeam - Thursday 12th March 2026

School rock band need your help!

The school rock band has been practising hard all year but are in need of guitar amps. If anyone has a guitar amp or two at home gathering dust and you'd like to donate it to the school please do get in touch with our guitar teacher Tom. Tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com/07736051082



Avenue to Angels

Yesterday, Woodlands took two teams to the annual 'Avenue to Angels' Tournament at St Gregs School.

In pool 2, Woodlands City grew into the tournament and after two narrow defeats in their opening two games, they started to show greater confidence and belief in themselves. With their final two games, they came close, multiple times, to scoring but both games ended in a draw.

In Pool 1, Woodlands United started off slowly and just like their sister team, struggled to find the back of the net and drew their first two games 0 – 0. In their third game, they scored a superb goal but then with the excitement of this, there was a lack of concentration and Slade managed to get an equaliser, which meant the game ended 1-1. Their fourth game against Hildenborough finished goalless again and with their final game of the tournament, United won 3 – 0. This meant that the team finished an agonising second place in their group and did not qualify for the finals day later on in the year.

Thanks to all the parents for supporting both teams today and Mr Holliday for coaching Woodlands City.

PTA Fancy Dress Costume Hire – World Book Day

The PTA have set up their Fancy dress costume hire shop! You can now hire second hand fancy dress costumes for school events online via <https://uniformerly.co.uk/> We have a selection of World Book Day, Greek, Roman, Viking, Victorian, Evacuee and Christmas Nativity costumes available for £2.00 per costume per week.

Here's how to order:

Visit the site above and go to find my school. Filter on Kent to find Woodlands Primary School.

Browse the available items and stock. Note you can also use the search option to narrow down items and type Work Book Day.

Select the items you want to add to your basket and complete your payment with PayPal.

Orders for World Book Day should be placed before 3pm on Friday 27/02/26. Orders will be available for collection from the Acorn office on Monday 02/03/26 at the end of the day.

This is a hire, so please return complete costume in the same packaging you collected it to Acorn office after event.

Note: The first time you wish to order you will need to register. This only needs to be done once after which you can login as normal.

If you don't have PayPal, please use the site to ensure what you want is in stock first, then drop an email to woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com with the items you would like. You can then pay on collection (turnaround times will differ from doing online due to the manual nature of emails and monitoring).

Superstar corner

Evie from 2 Poplar took part in a dance show 'Iconic' for Footsteps Performance Academy over half term and won a medal for her hard work in lessons and preparing for the show.

Well done Evie!



Olivia and Lucie from Year R also took part in the show, performing to a large audience across two shows.

Great effort Olivia and Lucie!

Mr Holloway - Marathon Man!

On Sunday 22nd March and Sunday 26th April 2026, our very own Mr Holloway will be running his first marathon in Rome followed by his second marathon in London. He is raising funds for two causes close to his heart:

- FEAST, a registered charity supporting people on low incomes in Tonbridge,
- Woodlands Primary School, where funds raised will help to further develop SEND provision and additional pupil resources.

All donations will be split evenly between the two causes.

If you would like to support Mr Holloway in this mighty challenge, further details can be found via the link or QR code provided.

Thank you in advance for your support.

A promotional poster for Mr Holloway's marathons. The top half features the text 'ROME & LONDON MARATHONS' in large white letters against a blue background. Below this, a man in a blue 'LONGWEAR RUNNERS' t-shirt and a race bib with the number '3967' is shown running. To his left is the 'RUN ROME THE MARATHON ROMA CAPITALE' logo, and to his right is the 'TCS LONDON MARATHON' logo. The dates '22 MARCH' and '26 APRIL' are displayed below the logos. At the bottom, the text 'RUNNING FOR FEAST AND WOODLANDS' is written in white.



A colorful poster for 'Play 'n Grow HOLIDAY CLUB' by Childcare Ltd. The background is blue with white clouds and colorful Easter eggs. The text includes: 'Suitable for those 4-11 years (must be in primary school)', 'Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th and Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th April', 'Open: 8:30 – 3:30', 'Soft play, bouncy castle and Trampoline on Tuesday and Thursday', 'Cooking for Life workshop Wednesday 8th and 15th April', and 'Amazing Animal Encounters Friday 10th April'. There are images of children playing and a rabbit. At the bottom, it says 'BOOK NOW!' and provides the URL <https://playngrowholidayclub.ipalbookings.com/>.

A colorful poster for 'Play 'n Grow HOLIDAY CLUB! EASTER' by Childcare Ltd. The background is blue with white clouds and colorful Easter eggs. The text includes: 'For children 2-11 years old', 'Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th', 'Monday 13th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April', 'Open: 8am – 6pm', 'Arts and craft, Unstructured fun and games such as Lego, Barbies and role play', 'Cooking for Life workshop Tuesday 7th and Monday 13th April', 'Arts and craft Unstructured fun and games', 'Thursday 16th April – Amazing Animal Encounters', and 'Sports'. There are images of children playing, a rabbit, and a turtle. At the bottom, it says 'BOOK NOW!' and provides the URL <https://playngrowholidayclub.ipalbookings.com/>.

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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Term 2: 02/11/2026 - 18/12/2026

Term 3: 04/01/2027 - 12/02/2027

Term 4: 22/02/2027 - 25/03/2027

Term 5: 12/04/2027 - 28/05/2027

Term 6: 07/06/2027 - 21/07/2027

Diary Dates

2025/26

5th Mar

World Book Day

09th Mar

Year 1, Tonbridge Castle

10th Mar

NO CLUBS

12th Mar

Year 4, Hever Castle

13th Mar

Break the rules day

13th Mar

PTA Bingo

20th Mar

Comic Relief

02nd Apr

SATS + Devon parent meeting, 6pm

05th May

NO CLUBS

01st Jun

Safety in Action Trip

05th Jun

KS1 Summer Disco

12th Jun

KS2 Summer Disco

16th Jun

NO CLUBS

22nd Jun - 26th Jun

Year 6 Residential

04th Jul

Summer Fair

15th Jul

Year 6 performance, 1.30pm

16th Jul

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Year 6 Leavers Assemblies

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New dates/times in blue