

Woodlands Weekly



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I've had a great week this week, doing my favourite things: welcoming families on the gate, watching lessons and meeting with my colleagues to discuss deeper education issues. We are very lucky at Woodlands to have so many expert teachers and subject leaders, shaping the curriculum.

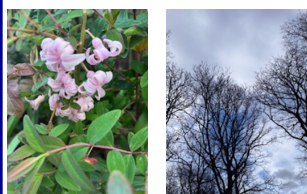
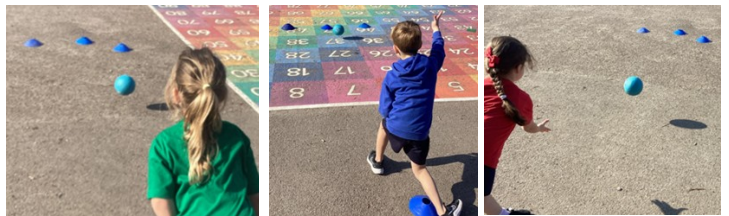
Our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Cameron, is a Local Leader of Maths Education. As such, she runs the SKTM (specialist knowledge in teaching mathematics) work group for teachers across the South East who need a to improve their maths subject knowledge. Hearing her talk about maths is an absolute joy and we've been deep in conversation about next steps here at Woodlands. Miss Nelson is our resident expert in phonics and we have been debating and discussing the teaching of phonics. It may not be everyone's cup of tea, but we love it!!



Here's what our creative teachers planned for their pupils this week...

Year R has been reading 'Crunch, Munch, Dinosaur Lunch'. The children thought about how the dinosaurs might feel and wrote some super speech bubbles to describe their feelings. They had a wonderful time exploring colour and melting on our Science day.

This week in PE, Year 1 has been working hard to develop their throwing skills. The children have been challenging themselves to aim accurately at targets, such as cones, using both overarm and underarm throws. It has been wonderful to see their determination, focus and improving control as they practise these different techniques. These skills have also been helping them during games of dodgeball in PE, where they have been applying their aiming and throwing. Keep up the great work!



Year 2 has been learning how to take creative photographs on the iPads as part of their computing topic 'We are photographers'. They have learnt that photos are made up of pixels, how the use of cameras has changed and how to take well-framed, creative photographs of nature. This week, they also learnt how to edit their photos by changing features such as the brightness or contrast.

Year 3 has been preparing to make seasonal tarts. In preparation, they had a great time cutting, peeling and tasting different ingredients. It was fantastic to see the children trying new foods and coming out of their comfort zones. The children have now decided on their final ingredients and will make their final products to evaluate next week.



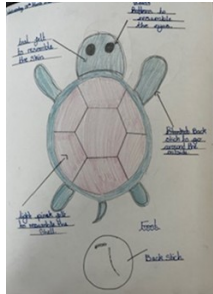
Year 4 have been busy in English learning how to be persuasive. *Surely* you have seen some evidence of this because *everyone knows* the true art of persuasion is all about the language they choose. *Clearly* parents can be more persuasive when household jobs need to be completed or homework is due. *No one can deny* the power of persuasion so listen out for some of these persuasive phrases during discussions with your child.

Over the past three weeks, all three Year 5 classes have been preparing the ingredients and cooking their own spaghetti bolognese. They have had lessons, by a real chef, in chopping vegetables - they were all very good at this. They also had the opportunity to use the food tech rooms at Hugh Christie to then cook their own spaghetti bolognese. Parents please note that they all tidied up and washed up beautifully



after cooking!

Year 6 has been designing a 3D animal that they will be making out of felt as part of a joint art/DT project. This week, they have planned out their project, producing templates and thinking about the materials and stitching that they will require. Ask your child which animal they have chosen.



It was an exciting time in science last week as all the children took part in activities for



British Science Week, focusing on this year's theme: Curiosity, what's your question?



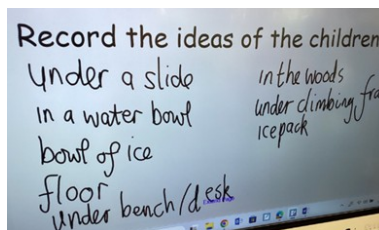
The week started with some visitors from Thermo Fisher Scientific who created hands-on workshops for all the children

in Years 3 and 4, teaching them how to extract DNA from a strawberry. The children had a fantastic time carrying out the experiment (especially squishing the strawberries!) and were amazed that they could actually lift the DNA out with a toothpick.

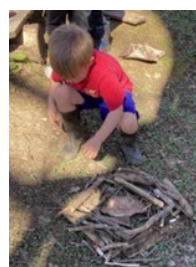
Throughout the week, each year group looked at a variety of questions, designing and carrying out their own investigations to search for an answer. They learned that, as for real scientists, investigations don't always go to plan, but we always learn something!

The children showed great curiosity, embracing each task and exploring the materials and equipment available to them to try to find answers to their own questions, whilst having a lot of fun along the way. Why don't you ask your child what they discovered?

YR – Where does ice melt the fastest?



Y1 and 2 – How do birds build their nests?



Y3 and 4 – Can we clean dirty water?



Y5 and 6 – Does toast always land butter-side down?



A final thank you to Mrs Joyce, our science lead for organising!

So next time your child tells you they didn't do much at school today, there is no need to worry!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Vicki Lonie

Headteacher

Comic Relief

Thank you to those that donated to Comic Relief last Friday.

A big 'shout out' to Mr Taylor and Mr Holliday for getting gunged and soaking wet in the name of charity!

Great fun was had by all and we raised an amazing £792.00.

Well done to Leila in 6 Aspen for winning the bucket hat!



Sunday 26th April 2026

10:30-12

Adults £1
kids go free

NCT Members 10AM

Cafe on site
Free parking



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

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

Tonbridge Methodist Church

Spring Fair

Please go along and support Tonbridge Methodist Church Spring Fair on Saturday 25th April at 10am-12 noon. There will be lots of stalls, selling cakes, jewellery, pre-loved items, books and much, much more.

They would be very grateful for donations of any children's books.

If you have donations, please bring them to the Acorn Office for us to pass on.

Thank you



Diary Dates

2025/26

02nd Apr	Year 4 Tudor production, 2.15pm
w/c 20th Apr	NO CLUBS
27th Apr	Class Photos
27th 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
27th Jun	Summer Fair
15th Jul	Year 6 performance, 1.30pm
16th Jul	Year 6 performance, 7pm
20th Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assemblies
	Ash, 9.15am
	Aspen, 10.45am
	Hawthorn, 2.30pm
20th Jul	Year 6 Leavers party, 4pm

New dates/times in blue

SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW

NEW 3V3 INFLATABLE PITCH!!

WEDNESDAY 8TH • THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 9AM - 3PM

WEDNESDAY 15TH • THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

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Guitar Lessons

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tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com

