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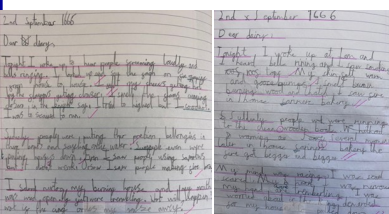
I am writing this hot on the heels of watching our fabulous cheerleading team and their excellent performance at Hillview tonight. Not only did they display fantastic athleticism and team work but they won! Well done Woodlands!

A huge thanks to Jade from the sports partnership for running the club and coaching them.

We also welcomed the Reverend Kirsty to school to talk to the children about Easter. It's always nice to hear from visitors. Thank you for coming!

Year R have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and finding them in our environment.

Look at these lovelies.... This week, **Year 1** has been busy finishing their own windmills. They have worked hard to carefully construct them using paper cups, straws and plasticine. Throughout this topic, the children have learned about different parts of a structure, including what an axle is and how it helps things to move. They have also explored how to make their models stable and strong.



Year 2 has been enjoying their topic this term 'The Great Fire of London'. This week, they have fully immersed themselves into the events of September 1666 and have written diary entries as if they were opening their windows to see the fire outside. They thought carefully about what they might hear, see and smell as well as how they might be feeling. The children have really impressed the Year 2 teachers with their enthusiasm, vocabulary and creativity.



Year 3 has made delicious seasonal tarts this week. They have used the claw and bridge technique when cutting. Down the corridor, throughout the week, there were glorious smells emerging as they cooked. Each child enjoyed tasting their creation and there were thumbs up all round!

Additionally, the children have been deepening their learning in maths, understanding more about fractions; identifying that fractions can be represented in many ways. They played card games to help understand this and even managed to beat the teachers!

It's been a busy and exciting week for **Year 4!** The children gave a fantastic performance in their Tudor production—we hope you thoroughly enjoyed it.

We've also been getting into the Easter spirit while continuing to practise our times tables in preparation for the MTC. The children took part in a special Easter egg hunt with a twist... We hid a selection of chocolate Easter eggs around the classroom, each labelled with a number (a product). Using their times tables knowledge, the children worked out the corresponding factors. Each correct answer earned them an entry into a raffle, and the lucky winners got to take home a chocolate egg! Please remember to practise times tables with your child over the holidays. Regular practice is essential to help them feel confident and fully prepared for the MTC. Teachers have shared areas for development during parents' evening, so do use this guidance to support your child. Happy practising—and perhaps you could even create your own times tables treasure hunt! We would love to hear about it.

This week, **Year 5** children have written an information text based on some of the most unusual creatures found in our oceans. They enjoyed writing about the location, diet, appearance and other unusual features of a chosen creature. Some of these included vampire squid, dugong, leafy sea dragons and many more.

Here are just a few fascinating facts about some of the creatures studied:

Despite their name, ghost sharks are classified as fish, rather than a shark.

The leafy sea dragon can lay 2000-3000 eggs.

The dugong can stand on its tail in water.

There are over 1,200 species of sea cucumber and only 10 of those are bioluminescent.

The leafy sea dragon can eat thousands of shrimp per day.

The dumbo octopus has three hearts and blue blood.

It may have been the last week of term, but with the SATS getting closer, **Year 6** have been hard at work preparing. They have also written some insightful news articles about when the statue of Edward Colston (a slave trader) was pulled down in Bristol and pushed into the water. This subject incorporates their learning from their history topic, Black and British, whilst allowing them to hone their non-biased journalistic skills. To wind down, they played dodgeball in PE and had a lot of fun throwing soft balls at each other!



Have a super Easter.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie, Headteacher

Football

On Tuesday, Woodlands Football Team played their fifth game of the season against East Peckham. With their opposition only having played one game so far, they were unsure what they would come up against. Woodlands started off really well and Ethan G scored the opening goal after two minutes. Reggie M then doubled the lead with both goals coming from corner kicks delivered by Raph H. Goals from Adam M, Rocco D and Raph, who scored a rocket of a goal, saw the team take a comfortable 5 – 0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, East Peckham struggled to keep up with the tempo of the game and we showed some fantastic ball movement. This saw Woodlands create more opportunities in the second half with Edward B scoring his first goal of the league, Adam grabbing a second with a superb header, Reggie and Raph adding another one each and finally, Ethan scored a brace in the second half to secure his hat-trick.

The final score was 13 – 0 to Woodlands and ensured they maintained their undefeated record in the league this year. We now enter the Easter break and will look to win the league with their final two games against Mereworth and Sussex Road respectively.

Players of the Match: Ethan G and Raph H

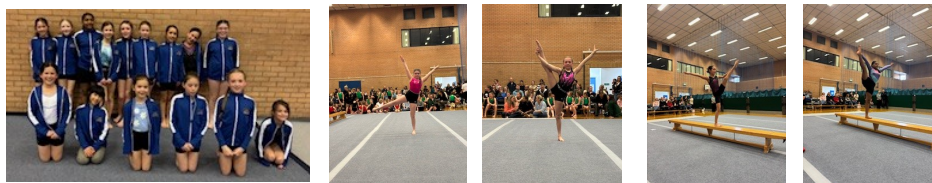
Goal scorers: Rocco D, Ethan G x3, Raph x2, Adam M x2, Edward B x2, Reggie M x2

Gymnastics

Last Wednesday, 15 of our girls from Key Stage 2 took part in an inter-school gymnastics competition at the Tonbridge Angel Centre.

Ivy, Yanxi, Felicity, Amelia, Isabella, Jenny, Lily, Isabelle, Ella, Eva, Elouise, Charlie, Fleur, Esmee and Imogen completed three different gymnastics routines on the floor, the beam and the vault.

All girls performed brilliantly, despite some nerves and, although Woodlands did not place in any of the categories, their determination, effort, behaviour and attitude was outstanding and we are so proud of each of them.



Superstar Corner

Kayleigh from Year 6 and Gracie from Year 4 have been in Dublin competing in the CRDM World Championships. Both girls danced amazingly well in their age categories with Gracie coming 9th place in the world! Well done girls, we are very proud of you.



Cross Country

On Monday, twenty-seven children took part in a cross country event held at Tonbridge School. The event, which was being hosted by Slade Primary School, saw the children run a distance of approximately 1.8km. All the children were fantastic and represented the school exceptionally in some very wet and windy conditions. They all gave 100% and completed the distance with a smile on their faces.

A big congratulations to Felix S, who achieved bronze in the Year 3 boy race, Louis B and Archie A both managed a silver medal in their respective races and Ethan G, who was running the year 6 race, timed his sprint at the end to claim gold.



Staff News

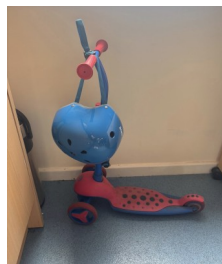
Today, we say our farewell to the glorious Mrs Broad, who has been supporting our children for many years. We wish her all the best for the future.

Also, a note for Year R parents: We are very sad to report that Mrs Gosling continues to be very poorly. Fortunately, Mrs Champion is enjoying Maple on Thursdays and Fridays and will continue into next term.

Lost Property

If this scooter is yours, please come to the Acorn

Office to collect.

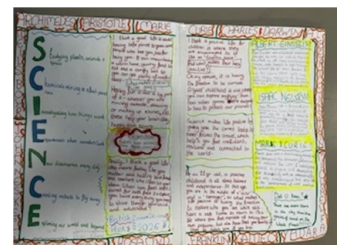


British Science Week Poster Competition

Thank you to everyone who took the time to create a poster for British Science Week. The children were asked to share their thoughts on what makes a good/positive childhood. There were lots of great ideas and creative posters. It was difficult to choose only 5 to represent Woodlands' children as part of the Government's research project.



Here are the entrants that have been selected. Well done to all the children.



Tamara and Olivia – 6 Ash

Luna – 3 Birch

Arjun – 5 Sycamore

Victoria – 3 Birch

Trisha – 6 Aspen

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

2026/2027

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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

Guitar Lessons

Tom Williams has a space to start guitar lessons after the Easter break!

Acoustic/electric, rock/pop, total beginners very welcome. Please contact Tom directly on [07736051082/](tel:07736051082)
tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



Diary Dates

2025/26

w/c 20th Apr

NO CLUBS

22nd Apr

Year 5 Parents—Kent Test Talk

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

09th Jun

Year 5 - British Museum

12th Jun

KS2 Summer Disco

16th Jun

NO CLUBS

22nd Jun - 26th Jun

Year 6 Residential

27th Jun

Summer Fair

w/c 13th Jul

NO CLUBS

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

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WEDNESDAY 15TH • THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

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