

Woodlands Weekly



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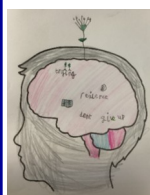
Newsletter No. 27

Welcome back to the sunshine and the start of my favourite seasonal term – summer! Sports day, musical, music festival, colour run ahoy!!

Year R has returned to school in good spirits. They are really enjoying the outside area and have been investigating things growing in the school grounds, using magnifying glasses to examine them very carefully. Their new topic is space and they have been fascinated to learn about meteors, using the book, 'Look Up'. They loved watching a meteor shower courtesy of the class interactive whiteboards.

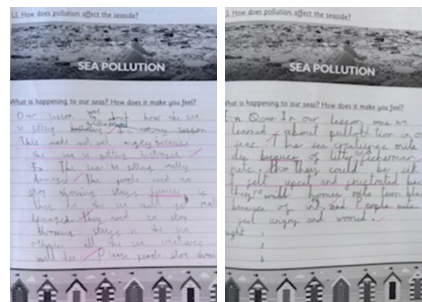


They started the Woodlands mini marathon in style. They found running round the field great fun and amazed us all with their athletic prowess! Thank you to the PTA for the yummy ice pops which the children enjoyed afterwards.



This week in our Growth Mindset lesson, **Year 1** has been learning about the importance of perseverance and not giving up when things feel hard or tricky. They discussed how trying again can help their brains to grow and become stronger learners. The children shared some fantastic ideas about how they can keep going, even when something feels challenging. Here is one child's interpretation of how they can help their mind grow.

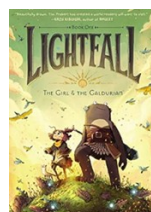
Year 2 started their new topic 'Seaside' in Geography this week. After discussing why we enjoy visiting the seaside, each class made a 'sea in a jar'. It started by being filled with sand, water, shells and fish until the teachers began to add more things we find in the sea... including litter! The children in each class were shocked to see how the oceans can be destroyed and how it can harm the sea creatures that live there. They went on to write some descriptive and persuasive explanations of how pollution affects our ocean habitats and came up with ideas to help prevent it.



Year 3 have started the summer term by launching their new geography topic on rivers. This week, they have been learning about the water cycle in preparation for their exciting trip to the Sevenoaks River Trust next Friday. The water cycle song was a big hit with the children!

In English, the children are learning how to write a non-chronological report. This week, they explored a model text about a dragon sighted in London, and over the coming weeks they will write their own reports about mythical creatures of their choosing.

A new *Star Books* reading challenge is being introduced in **Year 4**, where pupils will earn reward certificates as they read a range of carefully selected texts. The list includes favourites such as *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, alongside newer titles like *Twitch* and *Lightfall: The Girl & The Galdurian*. The children are looking forward to developing their love of reading and celebrating their achievements.



It has been a week of announcements for **Year 6**.

The Star Books scheme was re-launched this week with a number of exciting new books added to the reading corners in each room. The children enjoyed exploring them and selecting their next new read..... We can't wait to hear what they think.

The long-awaited announcement on what the Year 6 production is going to be was made to the year group outside in some glorious sunshine. After a suitably long drum roll, there was much excitement that it will be..... Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Whilst some children were less familiar with the story line, they are all looking forward to watching the film together and getting to know all the characters. Auditions take place later this term, with rehearsals beginning in earnest in Term 6.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events. Please do support both the children and the PTA in their fund-raising by attending. It's also quite a busy time for school trips so please do volunteer if you are able to.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie, Headteacher



Reminders

- Please ensure children are NOT going on play equipment before and after school. This includes the Year R climbing frame.
- Please make sure your child arrives at school on time. Gates open at 8.30am, classroom doors open at 8.40am and all children should be in the classroom by 8.45am. Our office staff should not be reaching their 10,000 steps a day from taking children to class. It is not a reasonable use of their time during the busiest part of their day.

Screen time

Please click the following link for information about screen time:

[Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life](#)

Tonbridge Methodist Church Spring Fair

Please come along and support the Tonbridge Methodist Church Spring Fair on Saturday 25th April 10am-12pm.

There will be cakes, jigsaws, bric'a'brac, jewellery, books, bacon rolls and much, much more!

Superstar Corner

Henry from 4 Walnut competed in the East Kent mini's rugby tournament on 12th April for Tonbridge Juddians RFC. He played very well scoring some excellent try's and made some amazing crunching tackles. His team played 4 games, won 3 and lost 1.

Well done Henry for becoming a real leader and key player for his team.



London Children's Literature Festival

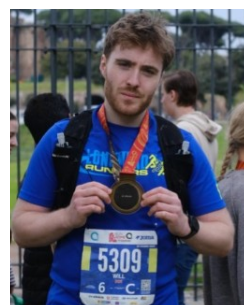
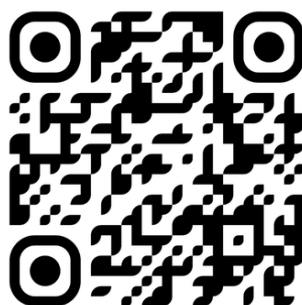
We're delighted to highlight the London Children's Literature Festival, a fantastic celebration of storytelling, creativity and imagination. Featuring events with leading children's authors and illustrators, the festival offers young readers the chance to be inspired, ask questions and discover the joy of books. A wonderful opportunity for families and keen readers alike. Find out more and explore the programme at:

<https://londonkidslitfest.org/>

Marathon Man

Congratulations to Mr Holloway for completing the Rome Marathon.

He runs the London Marathon this Sunday. If you wish to sponsor him in aid of FEAST and Woodlands Primary School, please use the following QR Code.



SEVENOAKS SPRING RUN



Knole Park

3RD MAY 2026
 Start: 9:00 AM
 Registration: 8:30 AM

Sevenoaks School,
 High Street
 TN13 1HU

Stunning route through the beautiful parkland of Knole Park

5K: £22.50
 10K: £25.50

- > Fully marshalled
- > Free parking at Sevenoaks School
- > Water stations
- > Finisher Medals for all Participants
- > Suitable To Beginners To Experienced runners

In Support of: **Dig Deep**



Scan the QR Code or Register at
<https://www.ticketbo.co.uk/on-behalf-of-dig-deep-charity/sevenoaks-spring-run-2026>



UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW

TUESDAY 26TH MAY
WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY
THURSDAY 28TH MAY

9AM - 3PM

PRIZES TO BE WON

AGES 4-13

MAY SOCCER SCHOOL



HUGH CHRISTIE SCHOOL
 3G PITCH
 TONBRIDGE
 KENT
 TN10 4PU

£22 PER DAY
 £40 TWO DAYS
 £56 THREE DAYS



CALL LEE -07837 996183

Ready, Teddy, Sing!

Nursery Rhymes, Teddies and Noisy Toys, followed by a story.



09:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Tonbridge Methodist Church, Higham Lane

Tuesday in Term Time

Register Now at kirsty.mcgee@methodist.org.uk

Launching: 5th May 2026




SPRING AT THE LODDINGTON TAP

LOCAL BEERS AND WINES

SAT 2ND TO MON 4TH MAY

SPRING FARM TRAIL
 LOCAL BEERS, CIDER & WINES
 FOOD TRUCK, ICE CREAM & WAFFLE VAN
 LIVE MUSIC SAT & SUN, 2.30PM
 OLD SCHOOL SAMBA, MONDAY, 2.30PM



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

Term 1: 01/09/2026 - 16/10/2026

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!

Acoustic/electric, rock/pop, total beginners very welcome.

Please contact Tom directly on

[07736051082/](tel:07736051082)

tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



Diary Dates

2025/26

27th Apr

SATS + Devon parent meeting, 6pm

29th Apr

[Class Photos](#)

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

18th Jun

[Summer Music Concert, 3.15](#)

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

[New dates/times in blue](#)