

Woodlands Weekly



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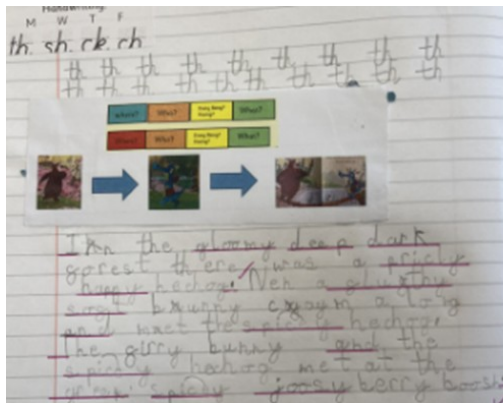
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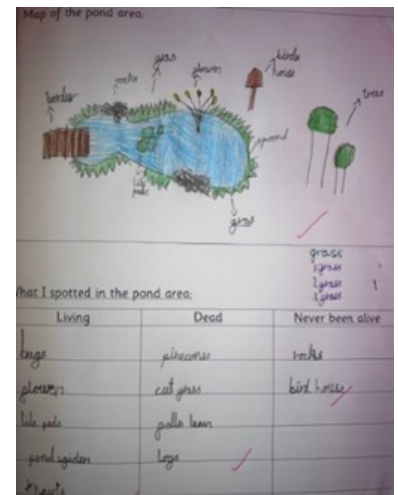
Well done to our fabulous **Year 6** pupils who have worked away at their SATs with a calm and determined confidence this week. As a reward for all their hard work, the children can now wear their leavers hoodies as part of their uniform and today enjoyed watching Chitty Chitty Bang Bang as a year group (whilst enjoying some popcorn of course!) The children have been extremely well-supported by staff and particularly the Year 6 team led by Mrs Corbett – thanks everyone!

In other areas of the school.....

This week, Year R has been reading the book, 'How to catch a star' by Oliver Jeffers. The children thought of great ways to catch a star from the sky. They have also thought about aiming high and have made some beautiful pictures about reaching for the moon.



This week, **Year 1** has been reading the story 'Bear vs Dragon'. The children were given the opportunity to change the two main characters to different animals and use their imaginations to create their own versions of the story. They have been working hard to improve their writing by adding exciting adjectives, and this week they also learned how to use adverbs to make their sentences even more interesting. Have a look at this fantastic opening to a story, written by one of our talented Year 1 children!



Year 2 has been learning about 'Living things and their habitats' in Science this term. This week, each class explored the pond and wildlife area in KS2. They had lots of discussion about the animals that live there, the plants that grow there and whether they were alive, dead or never alive. When they returned to the classroom, they drew and labelled pictures of what they saw and created a table of their findings.

After planting cress seeds in a variety of different conditions a few weeks back, the **Year 3** children carefully observed the results and compared which seeds thrived the best. The children discovered that the seeds grown in plenty of soil, with regular water and placed on the windowsill, showed the healthiest growth. They were able to explain that these seeds benefited from light, air, water, and nutrients - key



elements for strong plant development. Interestingly, the seeds grown in sealed pots with little air still managed to grow, although not as well. The children noticed condensation forming inside the pots and could explain that this helped to water the seeds, showing a growing understanding of how water cycles can support plant life. Building on their learning, the children then explored different types of roots and discussed their important functions, such as anchoring plants in the soil and absorbing water and nutrients. It has been a wonderful week of hands-on scientific discovery, with the children demonstrating curiosity, observation skills, and thoughtful reasoning throughout their investigation.



Year 4 has been reading excerpts from 'Everest', one of their STAR books, in their reading lessons. The children have enjoyed learning about the dangers and challenges faced by climbers attempting to reach the summit of Mount Everest. They read about the suspenseful final ascent of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, and the determination they showed to achieve their goal. The children also used information from the text to support their research and inform the biographies they wrote about Sir Edmund Hillary this week.

In maths this week, **Year 5** has been exploring angles. They enjoyed using angle finders to search the classroom for different size angles. Did you know there are more right angles in a classroom than acute and obtuse angles? There were over 64 rights angles in one classroom and the children hadn't counted them all! They learnt that a reflex angle is greater than a straight-line angle (180°). In science, they continued to look at living things and learnt about the life-cycles of different animals. Some of the children said it was interesting to find out about how different life cycles work - especially, the way some animals look like their parents. Amphibians and insects generally don't and metamorphosise to look like their parents when they become adults.



Phew! What a lot of learning going on across the school.

Have a super and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Headteacher

Woodlands Memorabilia

We are delighted to have recently received a piece of Woodlands' history – a school blazer dating back to when the school first opened in the 1960s. Inspired by this, we are planning to create a display celebrating the rich heritage of our school and the generations of students who have been part of our community. We would love to hear from any current families or former pupils who may have memorabilia they would be willing to share, either as a donation or on loan for the duration of the display. Items might include old uniforms such as ties or badges, photographs, school books, or any other items of interest. We would also warmly welcome short written reflections from former pupils—just a paragraph or two—sharing memories of their time at Woodlands. If you feel you could contribute in any way, please do get in touch with Mr Burns mburns@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

We would be thrilled to include your piece of Woodlands history in this display.

Superstar corner

Joe and Ethan from 6 Aspen took part in the Pure FC U11 team and won the Tandridge League Silver Cup. This was the 4th trophy they have won throughout the last 2 seasons. Congratulations boys!



Massive congratulations to Liselotte from R Beech who competed in her first gymnastics competition and finished first place.

Reminders

- If you have given your child in Year 5/6 permission to walk home, they must leave the site promptly. They cannot use the Acorn Office as a waiting area.
- School clubs finish at 4.15pm. Please ensure you are on time to collect your child. They cannot stay on the school site alone while waiting for you to arrive. The Acorn Office close at 4.15pm.

Parent Volunteers

We really appreciate it when parents/carers offer to help on trips—we couldn't do it without you!

However, volunteering does not guarantee you a place, so please wait to hear from the teachers before assuming you are going. Sometimes we have more volunteers than places.

Guitar Lessons

Tom Williams has spaces for September.

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

Please contact Tom directly on [07736051082/](tel:07736051082)
tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



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PRIZES TO BE WON

TUESDAY 26TH MAY 9AM - 3PM

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY

THURSDAY 28TH MAY

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KENT
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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 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

01st Jun Year 6 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

29th Jun Sports Day

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