

# Woodlands Weekly



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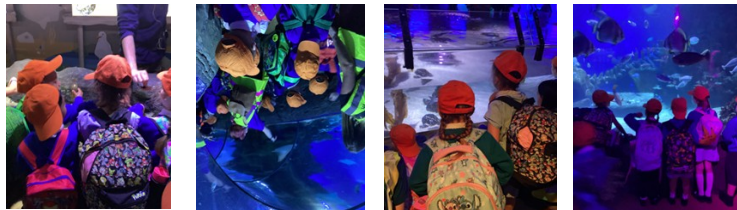
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Welcome back! This week kicked off with assemblies designed by the NSPCC on the theme of 'Speak out. Stay safe.' See the Arbor mail sent out earlier in the week for more information.

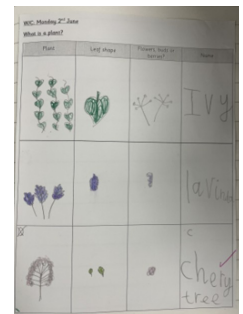
Also this week.....

On Wednesday, **Year R** were out and about. They went to the Sea Life Centre in London and had the most fantastic day. The children loved seeing sharks, rays, turtles, penguins, jellyfish and much, much more. Many children had their first trip on a train to London, which they found very exciting, especially when it went through a tunnel! The children all behaved beautifully and the staff were so proud of them. A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help.



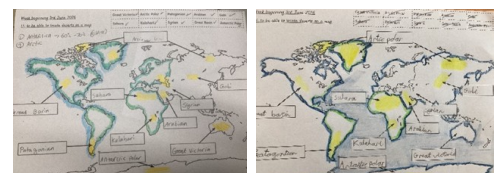
This week in Science, **Year 1** has been learning all about plants and flowers. The children explored the different parts of a flower, including the roots, stem, leaves and petals, and learned about the important job each part does. They were particularly interested to discover how brightly coloured petals help to attract bees and other pollinators.

To put their learning into practice, we went on a flower hunt around the school, searching for different flowers and identifying their features. The children enjoyed spotting the stems, leaves and petals in real plants and discussing how they help the flower to grow.



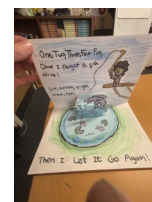
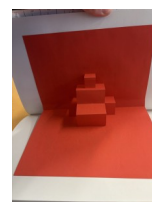
**Year 2** enjoyed an exciting start to their computing topic 'We are Zoologists' this week. They began by thinking about why scientists collect data about animals and the environment before using a classification key to identify insects. Each class went into the forest school area and searched for different bugs on a bug hunt. They found a variety of animals including woodlouse, spiders and ladybirds.

After an incredibly hot half-term break, the children have returned refreshed and full of energy for their final term in **Year 3**—how they have grown! They are looking so grown-up already and more than ready for their Year 4 adventure. This week, they have been diving into an exciting "portal story," which will inspire them to write their own imaginative tales in the coming weeks. In maths, they have wrapped up their unit on money and have now moved on to time—two essential life skills that they will continue to practise and apply in real-life contexts. In geography, we've launched the new topic on deserts. The children have been busy locating deserts around the world on a map and—much to their surprise - discovering that not all deserts are hot and dry! They've also begun learning about biomes and the different environments found across our planet.



In maths, the children in **Year 4** has been learning about different types of angles. They have explored right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles, and practised identifying them in a variety of shapes and real-life objects. The children have become increasingly confident at spotting the differences between each type of angle and explaining how they know. Why not challenge them at home? See how many right, acute and obtuse angles they can find around the house or when out and about!

This week, pupils in **Year 5** have been very busy in their DT lessons. To begin with, they have been testing different mechanisms used in pop-up books. They have also designed and started to create their own pop-up books based on a nursery rhyme. They will be reading these to their buddies in year two next week.



**Year 6** kicked off what is going to be a very busy term, with a trip to Safety in Action in Maidstone. The afternoon consisted of a series of activities all designed to better prepare the children for their transition into secondary school, increasing their independence. This included first aid, safety around trains, the dangers of vaping and water safety. The children were quizzed throughout the afternoon, with the winners being awarded a bag of sweets.



And finally, with safety being very much on the agenda this week, we have been informed that the school needs to purchase two EpiPens for unexpected allergic reactions. We are also undertaking training on this specific subject. We are very happy to do both but it is yet another squeeze on school finances. Last week, we were informed out of the blue that sports premium funding, which schools have been receiving for 13 years, will suddenly end. This came as quite a blow and means that all sports costs will now come from the main pot. To this end, we wondered if there were any parents who would like to make a contribution towards the EpiPen. They cost £350 each. If you are in a position to do so, please contact the office. We would be very grateful.

Please check out our dates section and ensure you join us for the exciting events – both school-led and PTA – over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

## 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](mailto:mburns@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)

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

## Walk on Wednesday

The Eco Club have decided that they would like to reinstate 'Walk on Wednesday'.

This will happen every other Wednesday, starting next week (10.06.2026).

We encourage you to come to school in an active way; walk, scooter, cycle, you could even roller skate!

If you do not live within a reasonable walking distance of school, please consider parking slightly further away from the school ground so that you can actively complete the final 5 minutes of your journey.

If you get the bus to school, please consider getting off 1 stop earlier so that you can actively finish the last 5 minutes of your journey to school.



## Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Sofia in 2 Juniper who won a medal (third place) in her age group for Classical Ballet at the Tonbridge Dance Festival on Bank Holiday Monday. Well done Sofia!



## 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](mailto:tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com)



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AUGUST	WEDS 26 <sup>TH</sup> THURS 27 <sup>TH</sup> FRI 28 <sup>TH</sup>

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## Tonbridge Family Hub

DAY: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
(6 sessions)

Time: 4-5pm

Address: Tonbridge Family Hub,  
Danvers Road, TN9 1TR

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## Diary Dates

### 2025/26

09th Jun	Year 5 - British Museum
12th Jun	KS2 Summer Disco
<b>16th Jun</b>	<b>NO CLUBS</b>
18th Jun	Year 2, Hastings
18th Jun	Summer Music Concert, 3.15
22nd Jun - 26th Jun	Year 6 Residential
27th Jun	Summer Fair, 11.30am - 5pm
29th Jun	Sports Day, 10am-11.45 whole school, 1pm-15.15pm Years 2-6.
30th Jun	Year 5 to LA Tonbridge, 9am –12pm
<b>01st Jul</b>	<b>Year 5 Tonbridge Community Day</b>
09th Jul	Open Evening, 5pm - 7pm
<b>w/c 13th Jul</b>	<b>NO CLUBS</b>
<b>14th Jul</b>	<b>Year 3, No Swimming</b>
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

## 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




Open Evening  
Thursday 9th July  
5 - 7pm

# Woodlands Primary School

Come along and see us at our open evening. The event is for current and prospective pupils and parents.

## What we offer.....

-  A warm, welcoming environment
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-  Highly skilled staff
-  Excellent resources including IT equipment and extensive outdoor play opportunities

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