

Woodlands Weekly



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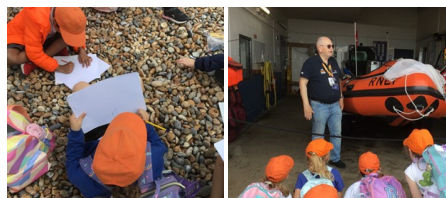
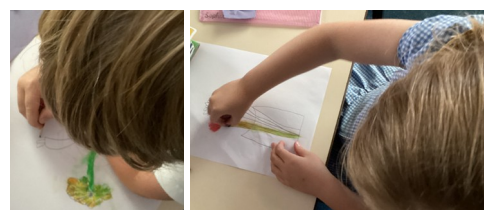
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Well done everyone for surviving what has been a rather warm week! The children have been brilliant, as have our hard-working (if a little sweaty) staff!

A bit of hot weather has not stopped us having a great week of learning.....

Year R has spent a lot of time in the cool of the woods this week. They have taken their magnifying glasses with them and explored the minibeasts who live there. Seeing a snail was particularly exciting because they looked at its foot and remembered that is where its mouth is. Afterwards they played a super game of sleeping lions in the classroom!

Year 1 has been studying a range of artists this term. This week, it was the turn of Van Gogh and his range of sunflower paintings. The children used oil pastels to blend and layer colours, carefully creating their own vibrant sunflower artwork inspired by his famous paintings. They explored how artists can use different shades and textures to bring their pictures to life and were incredibly proud of their finished masterpieces.

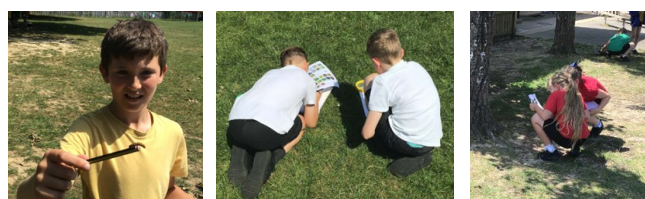


Year 2 had a very exciting school trip to Hastings on Thursday last week. They travelled down to the seaside by train and spent the day exploring. They learnt about the lifeboats at the RNLI station, visited the Fishermen's Museum and enjoyed their lunch on the beach. As they walked along the shore, they spotted lots of fishing boats and saw the features of the seaside they have been learning about in Geography.

The heat certainly didn't deter **Year 3** from their learning this week - although there may have been a few requests for extra water breaks! In maths, the children explored 90°, 180° and 360° turns, both clockwise and anticlockwise, and had great fun testing each other with directional instructions (with varying degrees of success!). In science, they investigated how shadows change throughout the day in relation to the sun's position. The children discovered that although it looks like the sun is moving across the sky, it is actually the Earth spinning on its axis. To bring their learning to life, the children stood in the same spot at regular intervals and traced their shadows each hour. They were fascinated to see how their shadows moved and changed shape over time.



This week in science, **Year 4** became mini-beast detectives as we explored our school grounds in search of a variety of invertebrates. Armed with magnifying glasses and identification charts, the children carefully investigated different habitats, including under logs, amongst plants and in grassy areas. We discovered a range of fascinating creatures and discussed how their features help them survive in their environments.



This week, **Year 5** children have begun their art topic based on the street art found commonly in Brazil. They explored a range of famous commissioned pieces curated by some of the most well-known street artists in the world. They then took inspiration from these artworks and recreated their own piece. The children used a range of bold colours that stand out and mixed these with some intricate patterns to create eye-catching artwork.

The majority of our **Year 6** children are having a blast on their residential. See our Facebook for their posts. What a week! Those who did not attend have been enjoying 'Basecamp' with a trip to Dinogolf, tie-dye creations and lots of games and activities. A big thanks to our Year 6 staff for making both possible.

At the moment, Monday looks perfect for sports day so we look forward to seeing you there. This may still change due to the weather so keep an eye for Arbor messages. Please do adhere to the locations we set for spectators and do not encourage your children to come to you – they are in our charge and we will ensure they have drinking water. It makes it difficult when children and parents start to mix - except for the picnic when we encourage it so please help us to help the children.

Have a super weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Pickleball

Last Wednesday morning eight year 5 and 6 children represented the school at a Pickleball Tournament. At St John's Leisure Centre. Many of them were playing for the first time and discovered what a fun and energetic game it is! Ava, Jack, Amelie, Joshua, William, Frankie, Dotty and Joe were amazing at throwing themselves into the matches. With lighter plastic balls and small easy to hold racquets, it is a game where it's easier to get success in a rally. They did brilliantly, managing a few wins alongside some losses.



The Big Future

We've been invited by the Children's Commissioner for England (Dame Rachel de Souza) to support a national survey called **The Big Future** and we would love your help in encouraging your child to take part at home.

You can access the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

This is a great opportunity for children and young people to share their views about:

- what they enjoy in life
- any challenges they face
- what they would like to see change in their communities

their hopes and ambitions for the future

The survey is open to all children and young people aged 0–18 and their responses will help inform national decisions about children's lives for years to come.

Completing the survey together can be a valuable way to start conversations about your child's experiences and aspirations. It should only take a short time, but provides a powerful way for young voices to be heard.

Thank you very much for your support in helping our pupils contribute to this important national project.

Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Year 6 girls Bella, Amelie and Leila, who celebrated a fantastic season with the Tonbridge Junior Vulcans Under-11 Girls' team on Saturday.

Years 3 to 6 Stationery

In September please ensure all children in Years 3 to 6 have a small pencil case that must fit in their tray. Something with a single zip would be ideal as their trays do get full.

Items to include inside are:

- Rubber
- Pencil
- 0-30cm/mm ruler
- A pair of scissors
- Basic range of colouring pencils: red, blue, green, yellow, purple, brown, black, pink, orange
- Purple biro pen
- Blue handwriting pen



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



The poster features a calendar at the top with dates for July and August. Below the calendar is a photo of children playing soccer on a field. The text includes pricing for different durations, age ranges, and contact information. A logo for 'LC COACHING' is visible in the bottom left corner.

Month	Days
JULY	WEDS 29 TH THURS 30 TH FRI 31 ST
AUGUST	WEDS 12 TH THURS 13 TH FRI 14 TH
AUGUST	WEDS 26 TH THURS 27 TH FRI 28 TH

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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

27th Jun

Summer Fair, 11.30am - 5pm

29th Jun

Sports Day, 10am-11.45am
Years R - 6.

Lunchtime: Parents/Carer's to stay
for a whole school picnic.

1pm - 3.15pm: Years 2-6.

30th Jun

Year 5 to LA Tonbridge, 9am –12pm

01st Jul

Year 5 Tonbridge Community Day

09th Jul

Open Evening, 5pm - 7pm

w/c 13th Jul

NO CLUBS

14th Jul

Year 3, No Swimming

15th Jul

Year 6 performance, 1.30pm

16th Jul

Year 6 performance, 7pm

17th Jul

KS2 Colour Run

20th Jul

Year 6 Leavers Assemblies

Ash, 9.15am

Aspen, 10.45am

Hawthorn, 2.30pm

20th Jul

Year 6 Leavers party, 4pm - More
information to follow.

New dates/times in blue

Explore and discover how to...

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28 and 29 July 2026

SEND hour: 10am to 11am • Morning session: 11am to 1pm
Afternoon session: 2pm to 4pm

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