

# Woodlands Weekly



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Christmas aside, this is our best time of the year for exciting events and nothing was more exciting for me than our very first music festival! Organised by the PTA, the event was a knock-out way to end last week with performances from a range of outside musicians and some of our very own. We had Irish dancers, Charlotte's dancers, the choir and an array of talents on show by our singers and musicians. Our very own rock band gave a brilliant performance of some rock and pop classics including ACDC!



Sports day then provided a fantastic start to this week - a day full of effort, determination and community spirit. Thanks to so many of you for coming and supporting the children. Winning is great but losing graciously is an important part of life and this day provides opportunities for this life lesson. Well done to all of the children for giving it their all and especially to Wyvern House who are this year's winners.....

Phoenix	Griffin	Wyvern	Centaur
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**Year R** loved their first sports' day. They had the best time on all the activities. Thank you to all the grown-ups who came to support them and cheer them on. In other news, they have been thinking about the book, 'Rainbow Fish' and pondering what makes a good friend. They identified traits such as being kind, caring, thoughtful, helpful and great to play with. They also thought about how they could be a good friend to others.



This week in Art, **Year 1** has been inspired by the work of Claude Monet and created their own versions of his famous Water Lilies paintings using watercolours. The children loved experimenting with the paints, discovering how adding different amounts of water could create lighter and darker shades. They carefully blended colours to create beautiful effects, just like Monet. We were so impressed with the children's creativity and confidence as they explored this new painting technique. Look at these amazing pieces of artwork!

**Year 2** enjoyed sculpting and painting their clay sea creatures for their art topic 'Seaside' this week. They have worked hard to design their sea creature and carefully observe its features and patterns. When sculpting them out of clay, they explored different techniques and tools to make the patterns and to mould their creatures into the right shapes. Across the year group, there are lots of different creatures including turtles, starfish and seahorses! They all showed great resilience and creativity.



**Year 3** children have been busy unleashing their imaginations through their exciting portal stories! Inspired by *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, they have crafted vivid descriptions and imaginative narratives, transporting their characters through magical portals into extraordinary worlds. From hidden jungle realms to futuristic cities, each story is filled with mystery, danger and wonder. The children have demonstrated fantastic creativity, enthusiasm and growing confidence in their writing. We are very proud of their hard work and the imaginative journeys they have created.

This week, **Year 4** pupils have been exploring *finding tales* as inspiration for their own story writing. Inspired by the deserted island in *Kensuke's Kingdom*, the children have been using their imaginations to plan a mysterious object that they might stumble across. Will it sparkle and shimmer in the sunlight? Will it be half-buried in the sand, just waiting to be discovered? Who could it possibly belong to? Make sure you look out for their atmospheric setting descriptions at next week's Open Evening. Hidden inside bottles and waiting to be found, their writing will take you on a journey of mystery and imagination. Who knows what intriguing treasures you might discover...

What a busy and fun week **Year 5** have had. After a warm and exciting Sports Day, on Wednesday, the children took a short bus journey to Tonbridge School to participate in their Community Giving Day, which saw the children take part in a range of activities including; hockey, cookery, musical theatre and many more. They were also treated to a wonderful performance by the Tonbridge School Symphony Orchestra as well as a Sheepdog and Duck display. The children had an amazing time trying new activities and were a credit to the school.

**Year 6** have had a busy week, despite still being exhausted from their recent activities in Devon and base camp. Last week, the children represented the school so well when they were out and about and had a blast doing it. It was the hottest residential there has ever been at Woodlands, and yet the children showed perseverance and resilience, while still having fun. Many stepped out of their comfort zones to try activities such as abseiling, ziplining and canoeing and were so proud of themselves, and we of them. This week has been full of sports (on Monday), production rehearsals and visiting their new schools. The fun never stops in Year 6!



I hope you can all make our open evening next Thursday from 5 to 7pm. It's a great opportunity to look through your child's work, chat to their teacher and pop in to say hello to your child's teacher from September. Do bring your child along so they can explain their work but keep them with you please.

See you then!

Vicki Lonie

Headteacher

## **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.

## 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
- Headphones to use in our IT suite



## Lost Property

If any of these bottles are yours, please come and collect from the Acorn Office by the end of the day on Monday 6th July. After this date they will be disposed of.



## 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)



**U.E.F.A.**

JULY	AUGUST	AUGUST
WEDS 29 <sup>TH</sup> THURS 30 <sup>TH</sup> FRI 31 <sup>ST</sup>	WEDS 12 <sup>TH</sup> THURS 13 <sup>TH</sup> FRI 14 <sup>TH</sup>	WEDS 26 <sup>TH</sup> THURS 27 <sup>TH</sup> FRI 28 <sup>TH</sup>

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## Superstar Corner

On Sunday Amelia from 4 Walnut competed in the South East Floor and Vault Intermediate Level Regional competition at Guildford. This was only her 3<sup>rd</sup> competition at this level, she got 1<sup>st</sup> place with a qualifying score to proceed to the advance floor and vault squad. Amazing result. Well done Amelia!



Amelia D and Evie B also from 4 Walnut entered their first competition together as a young female acro pair - and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Tigers international Acro Competition (TIAC 2026) held every year in Essex.

They are thrilled with their silver medals.

## 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

## Diary Dates

### 2025/26

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](#)

## French Club

Have fun with your friends and learn French at

**Woodlands Primary School French Club!**

**Would you like your child to start learning French while it's still instinctive and lots of fun?**

Pupils are invited to join a lovely, friendly group to learn French through games, songs and other fun activities. Sessions are held from 3:20-4pm on Tuesdays.

For more info and prices please contact [CCK112@hotmail.com](mailto:CCK112@hotmail.com) or 07884 255749

Please state your child's year group (everyone welcome) and that you are enquiring about French Club at Woodlands.

[www.facebook.com/frenchclubtonbridge](https://www.facebook.com/frenchclubtonbridge)

[www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge](https://www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge)



## Reading Challenge

Kent Libraries is getting ready to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The Challenge runs from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 5 September and is free for children aged 4 to 11. It helps children keep up their reading over the summer and return to school with greater confidence.

This year's theme is Read to the Beat, celebrating music, rhythm and the enjoyment of reading.

**Summer Reading Challenge launch event at Tonbridge Library:**

To celebrate the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge, Tonbridge library is hosting a special free 'Rubber Band' Guitar craft session. This is a Kent Adult Education, Family Courses run event.

Location: Tonbridge Library

Date: Saturday 4 July

Time: 12.30pm to 2pm

Free craft session. Booking is essential. For bookings, please contact Tonbridge Library in person, or via email:

[tonbridgelibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:tonbridgelibrary@kent.gov.uk)

Suitable for ages 4 to 11 years old



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**11TH JULY**

**MUSIC RUNNING ORDER**

<b>11.00</b>	<b>Arthur and Ifan</b> <i>Talented duo playing jazzy covers</i>	
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Hand Wash Only</b> <i>'Play it Again'* Adult cover band - wide range of styles</i>	
<b>1.00</b>	<b>The Tonics</b> <i>Ex 'Play it Again'* Adult cover band playing soul and Motown</i>	
<b>1.30</b>	<b>Dan and Gemma</b> <i>Soulful piano and vocal duo</i>	
<b>2.00</b>	<b>Outlaw</b> <i>Lively youngsters playing Rock music.</i>	
<b>2.30</b>	<b>Amelie</b> <i>Singer songwriter (winner of Local &amp; Live Bursary Competition)</i>	
<b>3.00</b>	<b>The Disrupters</b> <i>Ex 'Play it Again'* Adult cover band plays rock</i>	

★ 'Play it Again' is our weekly adult band workshop