

# Woodlands Weekly



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It was great to see so many of you at yesterday's open evening. It's a lovely opportunity for the children to show off their hard work and for you to check in with teachers – both current and new.

The heat has not stopped learning at Woodlands this week...

**Year R** has had another busy week. They have been writing their autobiography to share with their new teacher. Their current teachers are so impressed with their amazing writing and sounding out of words. They discussed their favourite event in Year R, and in true Woodlands democratic style, everyone had a vote. The trip to the Sea Life centre won, with sports' day a close second. In maths, they have been learning about positional language and thinking about what is 'behind', 'in front' or 'next to' something. After all their hard work, they cooled off with a refreshing paddle in the stream, which was great fun for the children and adults.



In **Year 1's** Reading for Pleasure session this week, the children enjoyed reading with a partner and sharing their ideas about the books they chose. As they read, the children looked for interesting facts and recorded their discoveries on post-it notes. This activity encouraged them to think carefully about what they were reading, while developing their comprehension and discussion skills. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged with their books and excited to share what they had learned!

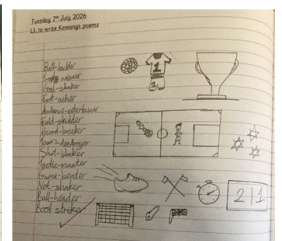
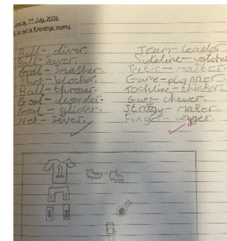
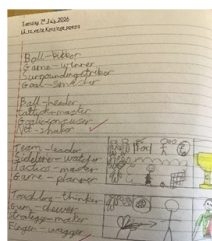
This week, **Year 2's** writing lessons began by exploring different areas of the school, including forest school and the wildlife pond, to see if they could notice anything that was out of place. To their surprise, they found plastic bags littered in the forest and caught in tree branches! This led to great discussions about pollution, looking after our environment and they returned to class to read their new book 'Somebody swallowed Stanley'. This book follows the story of a plastic bag's journey through the ocean and will help inspire them to write their own stories next week.



With England progressing to the next round of the World Cup, excitement has certainly been in the air in **Year 3!** We used the nation's football fever as inspiration for some fantastic poetry writing and the children had great fun creating their own football-themed kennings.

A kenning is a type of descriptive phrase made up of two words, usually a noun and a verb ending in *-ing*, which work together to describe something in a creative way. For example, a goalkeeper might be called a *shot-stopper* or a football could become a *goal-seeking* object.

The children brainstormed and generated lists of football-related nouns and verbs. They then mixed and matched their ideas to create imaginative and effective kennings. As you can see below they came up with some wonderfully inventive examples and enjoyed sharing them with our classmates.



As many of you saw during Open Evening last night, the children in **Year 4** have now completed their fantastic pavilion structures. Working in teams, they designed and built their own pavilions using marshmallows and cocktail sticks, carefully considering how to create strong, stable frameworks. Throughout the project, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and problem-solving skill by adapting and improving their designs as they worked. They should be incredibly proud of the creativity and determination they showed.



This week, **Year 5** pupils have been making posters about the human geography in the country of Brazil. The children researched various categories of human geography including culture, major cities, transport and famous landmarks. Once they had gathered enough information, the children began constructing a poster that encompassed some previously learnt art styles. Some children chose to make pop-up style sections of their poster, while others enjoyed segmenting their poster into sections of bold colours (much like the work of Brazilian street artist, Romero Britto). Some of the children's work was then displayed in the year 5 classrooms for open evening and caught the eye of many visitors.

**Year 6** have been busy rehearsing for their performances next week, we are ALMOST ready and excited for the dress rehearsal on Monday to the rest of the school. We are all really proud of how hard everyone in the cast has worked, learning lines, improving singing and how organised the lighting, sound and backstage crews are being. See you next week for the show!

Thank you for your efforts with sun cream and hats this week – very much needed. It is also a great opportunity to encourage independence both in applying themselves and remembering items that ensure their safety. Every day is an opportunity to grow!

Have a super weekend and enjoy your summer camp out tonight Year 4!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

## School Dinners

Please remember to log in to Arbor and clear any outstanding debts on your child/ren's school dinner accounts before the end of term (especially Year 6!).



## Summer Reading Bingo Challenge

Please read the documents attached to the newsletter for information about our school summer reading challenge.



Who doesn't love a game of bingo?!

**Tonbridge Rotary Club**

# CLASSIC CAR SHOW

**11TH JULY**

TONBRIDGE CASTLE LAWN

## MUSIC RUNNING ORDER

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

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

## Eco Club Plea –Plant based lunch

The Eco Council has come up with the idea of the whole school having a plant based lunch on Monday 13th July.

Our school dinner menu is always plant based on a Monday, so they ask that if you have a packed lunch, please make them meat free for one day!



## Sporting activities

On Monday, Mr Taylor and Mrs Corbett took eight children from years 5 and 6 to All England Tennis Club to watch Wimbledon. We were very fortunate to have secured tickets for court three, which had three double matches scheduled. With the sun beating down, the children loved every minute of it, especially the last game as they watched a British pair secure a well-earned victory. They even got the opportunity to meet both players afterwards, where they had selfies and had some memorabilia signed. The children were a huge credit to the school and on multiple occasions, members of the public spoke on how well behaved they were.



On Tuesday, eight children from years five and six took part in the Dynamo cricket county finals day in Ashford. They started their group 1 campaign against Roseacre and were comfortable winners. In their second match they faced a stern test against Wentworth, who had a couple of fantastic players. Although Woodlands only scored 62 runs, some excellent bowling, especially by Isabelle R and Isabella N, kept the opposition to only 42 runs. St Dunstable College were the opponents for their penultimate match of the group stage and they beat Woodlands comfortably. With morale starting to dip, they faced Southborough, knowing that a victory would guarantee them second place. After a shaky start with the bat, Ethan G and Will S scored some vital runs to bring them to a defendable score. Another fine bowling display by all the children meant that they won their third game of the group. To the

surprise of myself and the children, woodlands had finished top of their group by 4 runs and were now in the final. Unfortunately, Upton were an extremely difficult opponent and they beat us and ultimately won the competition. The children showed incredible grit and determination, as well as camaraderie between the team, and ended the competition as the second best cricketing team in the county. For these 8 children, this was their last competitive sporting event for Woodlands before they move on to secondary school. They have all represented Woodlands for a variety of sports over the years. I would like to personally thank each and every one of them for all their hard work, commitment and achievements for the school. It has been a pleasure to coach you over the years.

On Wednesday, nine children from year one and two took part in the rapid fire cricket County finals day. In the blazing heat, woodlands won their opening two games with some superb running between the wickets. In the third game, they narrowly lost by the margin of two runs but returned back to their winning ways before they stopped for lunch. In the afternoon, woodlands suffered another 2 run loss. The last three games were tough but the team managed to win them all. At the end of the tournament, they finished 2nd overall, finishing with the winners on the same number of points but falling short on total runs. All the children played exceptionally well and represented Woodlands fantastically. I am beyond proud of every one of them. A huge thank you to all the parents and family members who supported the children throughout the day. To be the second best team in the county is a remarkable achievement and one that the children should look back on with immense pride.



After a very long wait, I am pleased to say that the school football team were crowned league champions. After finishing tied on points, Woodlands won the league by having a superior goal difference to Sussex Road. A fantastic effort by all the players this season. Woodlands have now won the league for three years on the trot. I would like to say a huge thanks to all the parents for their support throughout the season as well as to Mr Burns and Mr Holliday for helping coach, manage and referee our training sessions and matches.

## 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



## Guitar Lessons

Tom Williams has spaces for September.

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

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



## 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

w/c 13th Jul	<b>NO CLUBS</b>
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

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FOLLY WILDLIFE RESCUE**

**JULY & AUG**  
VARIOUS DATES

**BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS**  
An exclusive, guided tour around the whole site and animal sections. You'll meet our baby birds, hedgehogs up close and other animals in our care.  
£75 for a group of 6 people.

**SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
1PM - 4PM

**FOLLY OPEN DAY**  
Join us for an afternoon of fun! We'll have lucky dip, a tombola, homemade cake, face painting, second-hand stalls and much more!

*For more details and to book tickets, please visit our website or follow us on social media.*  
100% of proceeds go towards our work for wildlife.  
[www.fwrt.org.uk](http://www.fwrt.org.uk)

## 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

**JULY**  
WEDS 29<sup>TH</sup>  
THURS 30<sup>TH</sup>  
FRI 31<sup>ST</sup>

**AUGUST**  
WEDS 12<sup>TH</sup>  
THURS 13<sup>TH</sup>  
FRI 14<sup>TH</sup>

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

**NEW OFFER**  
BOOK ANY 6 DAYS FOR £100!!

**£22 PER DAY**  
**£40 FOR TWO DAYS** (PER WEEK)  
**£56 FOR THREE DAYS** (PER WEEK)

AGES 4-13

9AM - 3PM

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in partnership with Tonbridge Methodist Church

### Tonbridge Methodist Church (TN10 4JG)

Every Friday from 4pm - 6pm

#### Activities include:

- ▶ Sports and team games
- ▶ Cooking activities
- ▶ Arts and crafts activity
- ▶ Board/card games

Snacks and drinks provided

For more information, contact [bethkemp@ymcatg.org.uk](mailto:bethkemp@ymcatg.org.uk)