

Woodlands Weekly



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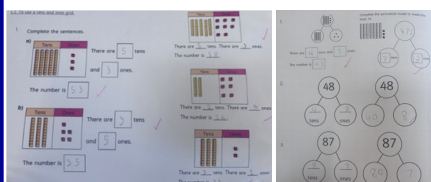
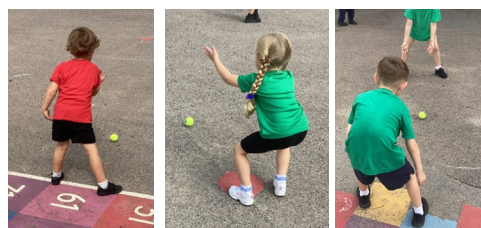
This term's assembly theme is 'Respect'. We are exploring what this means in a primary school setting. We are also using assemblies to introduce our new 'Let Grow' programme and think about how we learn.

Do have a look at the Let Grow information sent out by Mr Burns on how to 'Get out of your comfort zone'. I would also urge you to take a look at this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRXkSn4pUyU>. It is crucial that as teachers and parents, we support our children to keep worries in perspective and not allow them to grow into bigger concerns than they warrant. Sadly, we have pupils that are facing serious parental ill health, loss of a parent or have been removed from their primary carer. These are traumatic situations that require more support. Falling out with friends, being worried about learning and similar issues would be regarded as typical childhood experiences – parents need to help their children through these with the help of their teachers, who are there to guide and support to overcome difficulties.

We are living in a world and time when small concerns are often presented as 'anxieties' and we need to help our children develop the confidence and resilience needed to face everyday issues, rather than avoid them or turn them into a barrier or limitation to success. As the adults, we need to: listen, acknowledge and move on. The Let Grow programme will help you and our child on this journey.

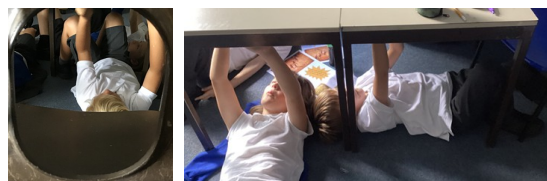
Year R were so excited to have a visit from PC Bobby and PCSO Toni this week as part of their 'Superheroes in the Community' topic. All the children had the opportunity to sit in the police car and switch on the flashing blue lights. PC Bobby showed the children the special police equipment that he carries with him. They were especially fascinated by his handcuffs. PCSO Toni showed the children different police uniforms and hats and then helped every child make a fingerprint on a special certificate, which they were able to take home with them. What a fun visit!

This week in PE, **Year 1** has been developing their rolling, bouncing and hitting skills. The children began by practising rolling the ball accurately back to a partner before progressing to bouncing the ball to each other with greater control. They then moved on to hitting the ball towards their partner, focusing on using the correct technique and improving their accuracy. The children showed great enthusiasm throughout the lessons and worked hard to develop their coordination, teamwork and ball-control skills.



Year 2 have enjoyed learning more about partitioning numbers in different ways this week. They have explored how many tens and ones are in a two-digit number by using base 10 to make the them practically before moving onto pictorial representations.

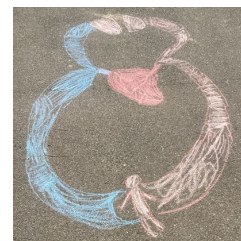
Year 3 stepped back in time to become prehistoric artists! Inspired by San cave paintings, the children created their own artwork in a special "cave" made under the tables. With the lights switched off and only torches to illuminate their work, they used chalk and charcoal to experiment with line, texture and shading. The children carefully depicted the story of a hunter and their prey, just as early artists did thousands of years ago.



Year 4 have been investigating how sound is made and how it travels through vibrations. As part of their learning, the children took part in a fun experiment using string telephones. Working with a partner, the children connected two cups with a piece of string and discovered that sound vibrations can travel along the stretched string. They were excited to test whether they could communicate clearly with one another and explored how the telephone worked best when the string was pulled tight. The activity provided a practical and engaging way for the children to deepen their understanding of sound and vibrations, and they thoroughly enjoyed putting their scientific thinking to the test!

This week, **Year 5** children have enjoyed comparing their life to the lives of children from across the world. Looking at the book 'This Is How We Do It' by Matt Lamothe, the children have learnt about the daily routines of children from Japan, Uganda, Russia and other countries. In particular, the children have been looking at Ribaldo- an eleven-year-old boy from the Peruvian Amazon. The children enjoyed learning about the similarities and differences between their lives. Typical meal choices, routes to school, family, housing arrangements and hobbies were all features of life the children compared.

This week in science, **Year 6** have been learning what the function of the heart is and how it transports blood around the body. They went out onto the playground and, using chalk, drew a large-scale diagram that they could then travel around. As they travelled, they modelled the gas exchange between oxygen and carbon dioxide, showing their understanding of the circulatory system.



Medical Information Reminder

If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, or if there have been any changes to an existing condition, medication or treatment, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Keeping our records up to date helps us ensure that appropriate support, care plans and emergency procedures are in place to keep all children safe and well in school.

Guitar Lessons

Tom Williams has ONE space left.

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

Please contact Tom directly on
07736051082/tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



Piano Lessons

Would you like your child to learn piano? Mrs Jones has space for new pupils (KS2) on Fridays. For all information please contact Kent Music by using this link: [Kent Music - Your musical journey starts here.](#)

All students need to have a piano or keyboard (preferably touch-sensitive) to practise on at home.



Diary Dates

2026/27

22nd Sep	5pm Great Autumn Read (see flyer)
24th Sep	PTA Committee Meeting 7pm All welcome.
29th Sep	Year 1 Bedgebury Trip
30th Sep	Flu Vaccinations
02nd Oct	Individual and sibling photos
5th Oct	Harvest Celebrations, including 9.30am for KS1 at the Methodist church.
6th Oct	Parent Consultations
7th Oct	Parent Consultations for some of R Beech
8th Oct	Parent Consultations
12th Nov	Year 5– Carrot Wood

Term Dates

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

Clubs

School clubs go live **tonight** at 7pm and will start on Monday (21st September).

Join us for our Open Events and discover how we support your child's journey through enrichment and opportunity.

OPEN DAY

Saturday 27 June – 11.00am to 1.00pm

An opportunity to meet our staff and have a tour of the school

OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 7 July & Friday 18 September – 9.00am to 10.30am

Headteacher talk at 9.00am; tours at 9.15am

OPEN AFTERNOON

Wednesday 7 October – 1.20pm to 2.45pm

Headteacher talk at 1.20pm; tours at 1.35pm

OPEN EVENINGS

Wednesday 16 September & Thursday 15 October – 5.00pm to 7.30pm

Headteacher presentations at 5.15pm and 6.45pm

Find out more about our Open Events, Sports and Dance Academies.

Scan the QR code or visit:

sgschool.org.uk/open-events



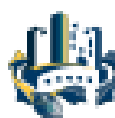
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Leigh Academy
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Open Events

Join us at an Open Event for admissions in September 2027. Each event includes a presentation by our Principal and a tour of the academy by current students.

Click a date to book your place online

Open Evening

Thursday 17th September

4 - 5pm

5 - 6pm

6 - 7pm

Open Mornings (8.45am - 10.15am)

Friday 18th September

Friday 25th September

Friday 2nd October

Friday 9th October

Friday 16th October

Further tours may be arranged by request.

Average grade across all Post 16 qualifications: B-

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