

Woodlands Weekly



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Newsletter No. 6

I received a lovely email about the weekend to kick off this week:

'It was church a parade at Tonbridge Methodist church today. There were a lot of Woodlands smiley faces looking very smart in their Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scout uniforms this morning. They behaved beautifully in the church and then paraded around the local estate.'

Always a pleasure to hear what the children are up to in their spare time and that they continue to represent themselves and their families well.

Speaking of which.....

KS1 Harvest Service

On Monday, KS1 enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Service at Tonbridge Methodist Church. The children had been working hard to learn four songs for the service and they certainly impressed with their fantastic singing, particularly with a brilliant rendition of Cauliflowers Fluffy!

Reverend Kirsty kindly hosted us at the church and spoke to the children about just how many people are involved in making something as simple as a loaf of bread. We thought about the whole journey, from growing and harvesting the wheat, to grinding it into flour, baking the bread and finally delivering it to our shops.

A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated items for the church food bank. It was lovely to see our KS1 children coming together to celebrate Harvest and think about the importance of sharing with and helping others in our community.



Year R have had another wonderful week. They explored capacity using rice and water. It was great fun but may have caused a few soggy children! They also studied ephemeral art (art that only lasts a short time) by using some of the resources from our woodland area. They discussed with a partner what they might make; foraged for the things they needed and then created their masterpieces.

Year 1 has been inspired by the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy, who creates sculptures using natural materials, and produced some phenomenal drawings of leaves this term. The children showed fantastic concentration as they carefully observed the different shapes, edges and delicate veins of the leaves, capturing these details in their line drawings. Each child captured the tiny details that make every leaf unique. There are certainly some budding artists in Year 1!



Year 2 went on an exciting visit to the Tonbridge Methodist Church last week where they were met by Reverend Kirsty. In school, they have been learning about sacred places and on our trip, Reverend Kirsty explained why churches are sacred places for Christians. The children were able to identify different features within the church including the cross, the organ and the stained glass windows and why they are there. The adults were really impressed with all of the excellent questions they had thought of!

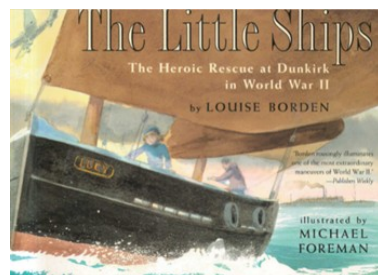


Last week in **Year 3**, the children designed their own Stone Age-inspired necklaces, choosing to use shells, teeth or bones. This week, they brought their designs to life using clay and modelling tools, carefully shaping each piece and making holes ready for threading. Once dry, the pieces will be painted and assembled next week to complete their necklaces.



This week, **Year 4** has been incredibly busy! They worked hard to add the finishing touches to their Viking huts, showing great creativity and attention to detail. In Science, the children explored sound in more depth through a range of exciting experiments, investigating the different mediums that sound can travel through. They enjoyed making predictions and discussing their findings like real scientists. Meanwhile, in English, the class reached the thrilling climax of their suspense stories, using powerful vocabulary and descriptive language to keep their readers on the edge of their seats. We have included a little excerpt from one of our authors: *"I felt my skin fill with goose bumps that were more bumpy than a cat's tongue. My lips turned blue, my tongue started to swell and butterflies flew in my tummy. My pulse began to quicken. My chest pounded. My body froze. Feeling anxious, my muscles stiffened and my legs felt like jelly. When and how could this have been placed here? I thought. The note dropped as I realised I wasn't alone."*

As you know, **Year 6** have been learning about World War II and they are all really enjoying their history lessons. This week, we have extended their learning on Dunkirk into guided reading by enjoying the book 'The Little Ships' by Louise Borden. Next, they will use all of their knowledge to compose a very challenging piece of poetry called ottava rima, based on the 1940 evacuation from Dunkirk.



All round quite a hands-on week of learning for our young Woodlanders!

I think they deserve a break so I'll give them two days off and see them on Monday!

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Headteacher

Sports Update

On Monday, at Tonbridge Sportsground, seven children from year 5 and 6 took part in a tennis event, where they played matches against other schools as well as participating in different skills. The children had a great time on what started off as quiet chilly but warmed up.



Volunteers Needed: Changing KS1 Reading Books

We are looking for volunteers who could spare a little time each week to help change reading books for our Year 1 and Year 2 children.

The role would involve organising and swapping reading books on set days (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). It does not need to be a commitment on each of these days and the role could be shared between a number of volunteers to make it manageable. We would arrange for and pay for a DBS check if you do not have one already.

This support would make a real difference to our staff team and help ensure children continue to have regular access to books to enjoy at home.

If you think you may be able to help, please contact Mr Burns (mburns@woodlands.kent.sch.uk). We would love to hear from you!

Reminders

- Please remind your children not to play on the equipment before and after school.
- If your child is unwell and going to be absent from school, please inform us by calling 01732 355577 and pressing option 1.
- Your child should come to school with a named water bottle each day. We ask for your child to have water and not squash/juice.
- We do not allow birthday treats to be brought into school and distributed amongst the class. If you wish to do this outside of the school grounds, this is your choice.
- Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure your children have appropriate warm clothing.

Christmas card competition

Tom Tugendhat (MP) is holding his annual Christmas card competition.

To enter, drawings must be on A4 (portrait or landscape). Their card must be Christmas themed and with their name on the front so it can be printed on the card.

The winning four designs will receive 100 blank copies of their own card, a special prize and an invitation to meet Tom Tugendhat and have a tour of the Houses of Parliament with their parents.

Any designs must be submitted to either Miss Castle or the office by Monday 12th October.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Mr Taylor and Mr Beard who completed the Tonbridge Half Marathon on Sunday 4th October.

Both achieved PB's!



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.



Guitar Lessons

Tom Williams has ONE space left.

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

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



Diary Dates

2026/27

12th Nov	Year 5– Carroty Wood
14th Nov	Fireworks, gates open at 4.30
28th Nov	Christmas Fair
22nd Jan	Quiz Night
29th Jan	KS2 Disco
5th Feb	KS1 Disco
14th May	KS2 Disco
21st May	KS1 Disco
5th Mar	Bingo
12th Mar	Break the rules day

New dates/times in blue

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

Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!

FREE entry







Follow clues, explore real crime stories, discover fascinating police equipment, and enjoy interactive displays.

Learn how crimes were solved in the past and see unusual objects from more than 200 years of Kent Police history.

Looking for something to do this October half term?

The museum will be open from **Tuesday 27 October to Saturday 31 October, 10am to 4pm**. For the latest opening times and visitor information, please check the museum website before you visit.

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