

Woodlands Weekly



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This week started with a focus on our core value of COMMUNITY and how we can show we are proud to be part of the Woodlands Team.

It was great to meet some of our new Year R parents on Wednesday evening – we can't wait to welcome your children to our school.

Reception enjoyed their drumming workshop this week - they loved creating rhythm and beat.



Year 1 had quite the experience on Monday! Some aliens invaded their classrooms!! The children were surprised to walk into their classrooms after lunch to find unusual objects such

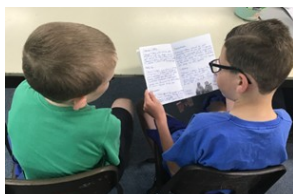


as slime, green wool, paint, flour, glow sticks, asteroids, beads, warning tape, glitter, strange yellow curly pipe-cleaners and other items! There was also a code to crack which was on an envelope and it said 'do not open!' They had to investigate and work out what had happened ready to write a recount later in the week. The children decided that it was aliens – little did they know it was actually Miss Sheeres, Miss Nelson and Mrs Hyett!

Year 2 children are being Zoologists in Computing this term. They will be using keys to sort and classify bugs, by answering yes or no questions. This week we have been out looking for bugs to classify. Children have considered how to classify them, for example by number of legs, wings or whether they have a shell. The forest school was the perfect place to hunt. Children found spiders, slugs, snails, worms, wood lice, ants and beetles. Some of them were even friendly!



Year 3 felt very lucky this week as Year 4 came to share some work they were proud of with them. They were all very impressed with the presentation and quality of the Year 4 booklets. Year 3 loved looking at the type of work they will complete in Year 4 next year. Thank you Year 4 for inspiring us with your mountain booklets! Year 3 are looking forward to sharing their portal stories with Year 4 later in the term.



This showcased how well the Year 4 children could present their work to an audience and how well they knew their subject when asked questions about it.



Now that we have started term 6, there will be more information coming out about the Yr 4 sleepover. There have been 58 responses so far. If you haven't managed to reply, the form will be sent out again this week.

On Wednesday, Year 6 attended Safety in Action in Maidstone. This is aimed at children making the move from primary to secondary school; a big change which brings with it a variety of new experiences and challenging situations. During their visit, they discussed with members of the emergency services (and other organisations) the risks associated with everyday life as they move into their teenage years and become more independent. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable morning and well done to the Woodlands team who were joint winners of the competition, achieving 100% in the quiz.



It was an absolute pleasure to watch our Yr 3/4 boys and Yr 5/6 girls play in the football tournament yesterday. The girls showed grit and determination during their three games, while the boys brought home the winners' cup. Well done to all who played and thank you to Mr Rich and Mr Burns for their coaching skills.



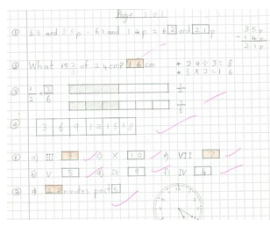
I'm off today for my op, so this was an uplifting end to my week. Be back with you soon.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Superstar Corner

A special mention for Ammar in Year 3 this week. The standard of presentation of his maths homework every week is to be commended. Well done!



Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has today opened a six-week consultation, as part of a Community Governance Review, into whether Tonbridge should have a Town Council. The consultation runs until 5pm on Monday 14 July 2025.

We have an on-line [response form](#) on our website alongside [dedicated pages](#) providing background information and Q&As.

Swimming Gala

Nine wonderful Woodlands Swimmers took part in a swimming Gala on Wednesday evening, with 11 other schools from the Tonbridge area. It was tough going with many different races, including medley relays and individual races. Most of our swimmers hadn't taken part in a gala before so it was a new experience for them. They all swam brilliantly and gave their all! Their behaviour was outstanding, in the way they supported each other and represented the school.

We placed in the lower half of the 12 schools. These places 7-12 were not scored, so we'll go with 7th! Special mention for Elena, who won a medal for 3rd place in the 25 m backstroke, well done!

Our swimming squad – Alex O, Oliver R, Elliot O, Chloe H, Archie S, Imogen B, Gamy P, Chloe M and Elena C.



Avenue to Angels

This Thursday, we took two football teams to compete in the final round of the Avenue to Angels tournament at Tonbridge Angels Football Club. Both teams had earned their places for this finals day following wins against other Tonbridge schools in a previous round at St Gregory's School.

On a wet June morning, each team played three matches in a league format. Our Year 5 and 6 girls' had three narrow defeats against Langton Green, Yalding and Claremont. The results didn't fully reflect the balance of play in the games. They showed great effort and fight in all the games and should be really proud of themselves.

Our Year 3 and 4 boys' team also started with a defeat; 1-0 at the hands of Hildenborough. However, the boys responded brilliantly with a dominant 3-0 win over St James'. Goals were scored by Oliver, Jasper and Rocco. The team still needed a win in their final game against Claremont though to stand any chance of bringing back the trophy to Woodlands. Locked at 0-0 and with only seconds remaining, this was looking unlikely but Rocco scored a great goal from a narrow angle to give us the win 1-0. That meant we all watched the final game - Claremont vs Hildenborough - hoping that Hildenborough dropped points. In a nerve-wracking contest, the Claremont goalie pulled off a string of fine saves meaning the game finished 0-0. As a result, our boys finished top of their group and won the tournament!

This is a team with a mixture of Year 3 and 4 boys, who - although all talented footballers - have not played or trained together much at all. It was a great achievement.

I would like to thank all the parents who supported both teams so enthusiastically - despite the grim 'summer' weather. Thank you to Mr Taylor for organising everything beforehand - I know he was gutted not to be there too. My final thanks goes to Alex Rich, who coached the boys' team in both rounds of the tournament absolutely superbly. His knowledge and calmness made a massive difference to the team.



Woodlands DT project

A Woodlands DT project is underway and we are building new Reading Benches to go outside of classrooms. We are looking for donations of unwanted wood, hopefully pallets, tree trunk sections or scrap wood with a minimum of 20cm width. It can be collected if necessary.

Also, if any pupil wants to help build the benches using their DT skills, Mr Cook will need some volunteers to help design, sand, construct and paint the benches. This will take place at Gardening club after school on Thursday and is open to all year groups. Please email him if you would like to help at dcook@woodlands.kent.sch.uk.

National Book Tokens

Please use the following link to vote for Woodlands School. It could help us win some vouchers for books and improvements to our Libraries.

[Competitions and Prize Draws | National Book Tokens](#)



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Eleanor Clark
DANCE COMPANY

TIMETABLE – JUNE/JULY 2025 (TERM 6)

WEDNESDAYS –

GOLDSMID HALL, TONBRIDGE

4PM-5PM JUNIOR JAZZ TECHNIQUE

5PM-5:30PM ISTD G5 TAP

5:30PM-6:30PM INTER/SENIOR JAZZ

6:30PM-7:30PM INTER/SENIOR CONTEMPORARY



THURSDAYS –

WEALD MEMORIAL HALL, WEALD

4PM-5PM JUNIOR BALLET & LYRICAL

5PM-6PM INTER/SENIOR BALLET

6PM-6:30PM SENIOR POINTE (G5 +)

6:30PM-7:30PM ELITE COMPETITION TRAINING

* AUDITION ENTRY ONLY, CONTACT FOR DETAILS



* FULL TIMETABLE COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2025 TO INCLUDE ISTD CLASSES & EXAM ENTRY FOR BALLET, MODERN & TAP*

BOOK YOUR SPACE TODAY!
EMAIL ELEANOR - eleanorclark05@gmail.com

Tonbridge Juddians RFC Girls Rugby Pitch Up & Play Event



JOIN US! **SUNDAY 8TH JUNE, 10:00 – 12:00**

- ✓ SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 8
- ✓ FUN INTRODUCTORY SESSION
- ✓ LEADING GIRLS SET UP IN WEST KENT
- ✓ NO RUGBY EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Just turn up on the day for a fun training session. Great introduction to the game. Warm and friendly atmosphere. Go on, give it a try!

For more information contact:
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Term Dates

2024/2025

Term 1: 02/09/2024 - 25/10/2024

Term 2: 11/11/2024 - 20/12/2024

Term 3: 06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025

Term 4: 24/02/2025 – 04/04/2025

Term 5: 22/04/2025 – 23/05/2025

Term 6: 02/06/2025 – 22/07/2025

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

School Lettings

Woodlands school are now able to offer lettings of the Oak Hall, Muga and Field.

Letting charges evening (up to 5pm) / weekend users:

Hall £20 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Muga £35 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Field £50 per hour + £30 unlock and lock

Please contact the school business manager for bookings on SBM@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

Diary Dates



2024/2025

07th Jun	Summer Fair and Circus, 12 - 4pm
11th Jun	Father's Day biscuit sale after school
13th Jun	KS2 Disco
16th Jun	Year 2 Hastings Trip
18th Jun	Year 1 Castle Day in School
23rd Jun	Year 6 Residential, Barton Hall
- 27 Jun	
27th Jun	Year R and KS1 disco
30th Jun	Sports Day
01st Jul	Eco Council and School Council I- Houses of parliament visit
03rd Jul	Mid summer read, 5.30—6.30pm
10th Jul	Open Evening, 5-7pm
14th Jul	Sports day back up
18th Jul	KS2 Colour run
21st Jul	Year 6 Leavers' party
07 Sep	Dragon Boat Race
26th Sep	PTA Quiz and AGM
15th Nov	Fireworks

[New dates/times in blue](#)