

Woodlands Weekly



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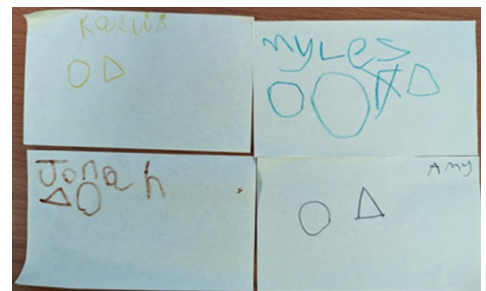
Last week ended with a bang! What a fantastic Fireworks night on Saturday. Thank you to the PTA for organising, staff for helping out and parents for joining us. It's such a lovely event, full of joy and a sense of community. Also last week...

To mark Children in Need this year, the children took part in the 'Challenge Yourself to 25' by completing **25 repetitions** of an exercise of their choice. Whether they were doing 25 star jumps, 25 sit-ups or even 25 seconds of plank, the children showed fantastic enthusiasm and determination. It was lovely to see the smiles and encouragement as everyone pushed themselves to reach their target. It was a brilliant way to stay active while raising awareness for an important cause. Thank you to everyone who donated – as a school, we managed to raise over £800!

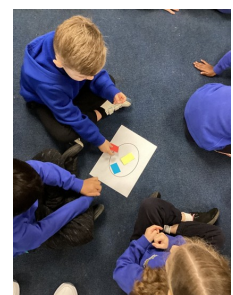
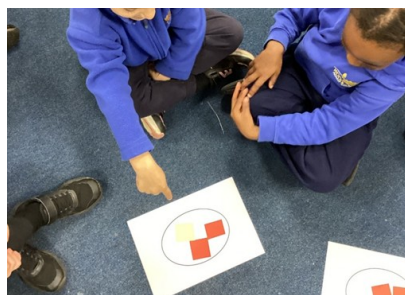


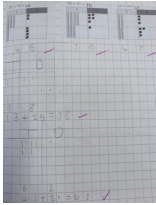
This week began with assemblies on our core value of RESPONSIBILITY. We also held our second open morning for prospective parents. Year 6 pupils did a sterling job giving tours and answering questions. I was very proud to show off our fabulous pupils and their work!

Also this week, **Year R** has been learning about shapes. They looked for shapes in the school environment and had a go at drawing shapes. Can you recognise the shapes some of the children have drawn?



Year 1 has been developing their oracy skills this week. The children used thoughtful discussion to share their ideas about our English book, 'Loud'. They explained their thinking clearly and confidently drawing on the Zones of Regulation to explore how the main character might be feeling.





Year 2 has been adding two 2 digit numbers using a tens and ones grid in Maths this week. We used the sentence 'Add the ones, add the tens' and made the numbers practically using base 10. Once we had made the numbers, the children then drew them in their books to solve each question.

Construction has been the name of the game in **Year 3** This week. During the first two weeks of the term, the children have been learning about the parts of a castle – drawbridge, towers, crenels, merlons etc – and what 3D shapes could be used to construct their own.

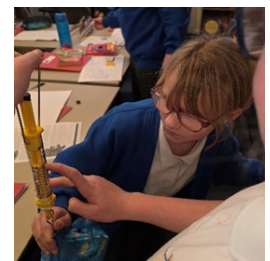
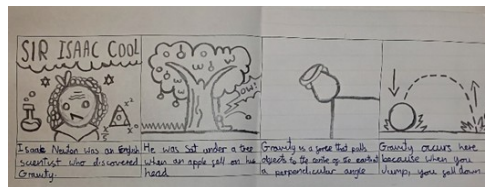
This week, they have started on the construction. To start with, they have cut out all the nets for the towers and turrets considered how they will stick them together and construct the castle.



This week has also given the children the opportunity to show how much they have learned whilst being in Year 3. They have shown great resilience in completing the assessments and should be very proud of what they have achieved.

Our children in **Year 4** had the opportunity to showcase their learning from last term in their class assemblies. They shared their knowledge of Vikings and performed their song beautifully! The children enjoyed speaking about their learning in science, and the audience even got to see one of their amazing experiments from their topic on sound. The children acted out *Arthur and the Golden Rope* with confidence and enthusiasm. They then read their brilliant suspense stories inspired by *Varjak Paw*. Well done to everyone – clear voices and bundles of confidence on display!

Our science topic in **Year 5** this term is Forces. This week we answered the question – 'Why do objects fall to the ground?' Luckily, in 1667, Isaac Newton had already made the observations we needed to give us the answer and our research told us it was gravity (a pulling force to the centre of the Earth and other large bodies such as the sun). We explored how Newton metres work and created a cartoon strip to share our findings.



Last week, **Year 6** were invited to the Methodist Church to take part in an evacuee experience day. The children looked incredible dressed up as evacuees and threw themselves into the day wholeheartedly. They took part in four sessions: 'Make Do and Mend', rationing, 'Dig for Victory' and war time songs and stories. They particularly enjoyed the tasting. Who knew you could make cupcakes with tomato soup and no sugar?

At lunch, an old-fashioned skipping competition kept the children amused – no smart devices were required to engage the children and bring on the smiles and giggles. They definitely have a competitive edge but they are also a very supportive and kind bunch.

The children represented Woodlands in the best way possible and the volunteers at the church were very impressed. Thanks to everyone who took part and for your donations to the church. You raised an impressive £140.

Don't forget to keep your child's costume as they will need it again for the Music Showcase in December.



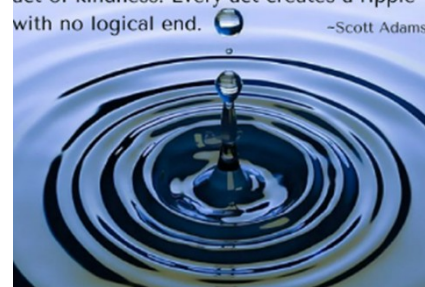
And finally, we have an exciting new leadership opportunity for pupils at Woodlands! This week the children will be finding out about the new role of Kindness Champions. There will be a Champion in each class. The Kindness Champions will be raising the whole school awareness of the importance of kindness. They will meet termly with Mrs Adams and share ideas around how to do this - watch this space! If your child would like to apply and they are in KS2, they will be asked to write a letter at home about how they would make a great Kindness Champion. In KS1 and Year R, they will be doing this in class. Unfortunately, children who already hold pupil leadership roles will not be able to apply. We can't wait to spread more kindness at Woodlands 😊

Have a super weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.
 -Scott Adams



Medical Tracker

A reminder that if your child has a minor injury at school you will be informed via Medical Tracker. Please check your emails regularly.

Christingle

On Monday 1st December, Reverend Kirsty will be explaining about Christingle in each Key Stage.



She will be showing KS1 how to make a Christingle and what it means.

In KS2 (year 3 upwards), all the children will have an opportunity to make their own Christingle. If your child would like to participate, they will need to bring an orange, 1 small candle, 4 cocktail sticks and some dried fruit e.g. raisins. Please bring this in on 1st December.

KS2 Assemblies

Assembly time 2.45pm

Parents arrive at 2.40pm

Year 3 - Romans, w/c 02/03/2026, dates tbc

Year 5 - Greeks, w/c 09/02/2025, dates tbc

Year 6 - WWII, Thursday 11th December

Superstar Corner

Sebastian L from 5 Rowan passed his level 4 at Ninja Warriors this weekend. Well done Sebastian!



Christmas Dates

8th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Carols to the community (Methodist church) Timing TBC
09th Dec	EYFS performance, 2.15pm
10th Dec	EYFS performance, 9.30am
12th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Carols to parents (Methodist Church) Timing TBC
15th Dec	Year 1 performance, 2.15pm
16th Dec	Year 1 performance, 9.30am
18th Dec	Year 2 performance, 2.15pm
19th Dec	Year 2 performance, 9.30am



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 - 02/04/20226

Term 5: 20/04/2026 - 22/05/2026

Term 6: 01/06/2026 - 21/07/2026

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.

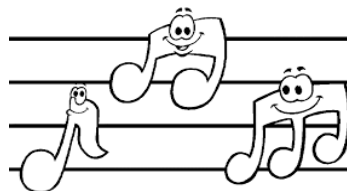
For more info and prices please contact CCK112@hotmail.com or 07884 255749

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

www.facebook.com/frenchclubtonbridge

www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge

Woodwind lessons



If you are interested in your child learning the flute, recorder, clarinet please contact Nicky to discuss lessons.

Nicky Catterwell: MA, BA (Hons)

Instrumental Teacher: Flute, Recorder, Clarinet Theory up to grade 5

Email: n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk

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Website: www.nickycatterwell-flautist.co.uk

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all of those that donated to the poppy appeal, our school raised an amazing £3,394.15.

The total amount raised in Tonbridge was £35,475.66.



Thank you

Thank you for all of the kind donations of books for our school libraries. We are currently at capacity, and will not longer be able to accept anymore donations.



Diary Dates

2024/2025

29th Nov	Christmas Fair
05th Dec	Secret presents 'Elfridges'
23rd Jan	Year 5 Young Voices
30th Jan	KS2 Spring Disco
06th Feb	KS1 Spring Disco
06th Mar	Break the rules day
05th Jun	KS1 Summer Disco
12th Jun	KS2 Summer Disco
04th Jul	Summer Fair

New dates/times in blue

Play 'n Grow Childcare Ltd.

Christmas Holiday Club

Angel Centre
Tonbridge TN9 1SF

Open to all children aged 4 to 11

Opening Times

Open 8:30am to 3:30pm

24th December

29th December to 31st December

24th December is only till 1pm

Exciting Events

23rd, 29th, 31st December -

Bounce and Soft Play

30th December - A special guest from
Once Upon a Wish Event

<https://playngrowholidayclub.ipalbookings.com/>





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