

Woodlands Weekly



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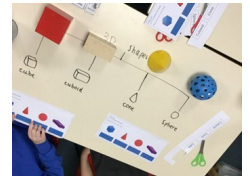
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Although we were very much in the Christmas spirit this week, we still had a focus for assemblies on our core value of RESPONSIBILITY: Understanding that what we do affects others. This is a key part of being a good human being and the fundamentals of many of our daily conversations.

This week, **Year R** has loved performing their Christmas play. Thank you for coming to watch them and being such a great audience. What a great start to their performing career!

They have also been reading 'The Gruffalo's Child' as their Drawing Club story this week. They especially enjoyed describing the Gruffalo's child and thinking about other animals she might have met. They had some super ideas. The children have been very busy with BEAM (Balance, Education and Movement) on a Friday morning in their PE lessons. Do ask them what they have been doing.

This week, **Year 1** has been learning about 3D shapes. The children explored spheres, cubes, cones and cylinders, using real objects from around the classroom to help them recognise each shape in everyday life. They enjoyed building models, sorting shapes by their features and discussing how 3D shapes are different from the 2D shapes they already know.

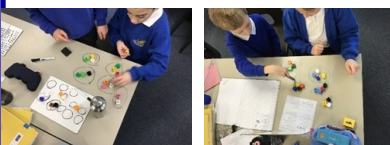


Year 2 finished and published their journey tales inspired by the story 'Meerkat Mail' this week. After careful editing and working hard to improve their learning, they were very excited to share their stories with Year 1. Each class went to Year 1 and read their own story to a partner. The teachers were so impressed with their story-telling voices!

As well as working on the Carol Concert, the children in **Year 3** have been trying to: persuade the adults that they deserve a treat next week, learn the difference between grouping and sharing and they have been learning about the climate of Europe in Geography. Europe was the destination for their geography. The differing climate across the continent was the topic. The children were introduced to temperate, polar and subtropical climates and how they differed, as well as which countries lay in which region. This required them to use atlases to locate where countries could be found and what their climate was.

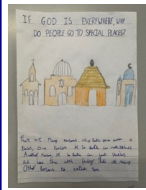


In English, the children have been learning the techniques of persuasion and how this is different from begging and bargaining. They have been looking at rhetorical questions, emotive language and the difference between facts and opinions.



Maths, the children were allowed to vandalise the tables! They drew sorting circles so that they could work on the difference between sharing and grouping. This is the early stages of multiplication and division and will become an integral part of their learning going forward.

Over the last few weeks, the **Year 4** classes have been applying their map-reading skills of the local area while going on a walk. Equipped with their maps and a sense of adventure, they embarked on a journey out of the school. Their task was to read the map accurately, understanding the key symbols and using the compass to navigate a pre-planned route. They have all truly gone the extra mile in furthering their knowledge. We hope they found this lesson to be a real landmark for their learning. Well done Year 4! (and Mr Beard for his geography puns!)



This week, **Year 5** children have been learning about places of worship in RE. The children have explored the various reasons a person might visit such places, including feeling close to God/Gods, making new friends, celebrations and festivals. The children summarised their learning by creating a poster displaying various reasons for attendance.

Year 6 performed their World War II showcase on Thursday - what a show they put on! They sang beautifully and with great enthusiasm. There were so many highlights: the singers in the small groups, the readers, the actions and the smiles. We are incredibly proud of the children who performed as a year group for the first time.



During our Forest School programmes, year 2 and year 4 have had hands-on experiences in the natural environment. They have enjoyed identifying plants and leaves in the woods, organising scavenger hunts, using their imaginative play with the dinosaurs, using the trim trail and making Viking pinch pots with clay. At the end of each session, the children have enjoyed their mindfulness exercises and getting the opportunity to hug a tree! Thanks to Mrs Newble for organising all of this.

I am looking forward to seeing even more productions next week – hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie



Woodlands Football Team

On Friday, Woodlands Football Team played their second league fixture against Slade United. Unfortunately, last week's player of the match, Joe A, was missing through illness, but we welcomed back Raph H, who missed the opening match of the season. As Woodlands were the away team this week, Slade decided that the pitch would be smaller than what is usually played, which did affect the way the team played. Woodlands started off brightly and created some free-flowing football with some crisp passing and deserved to take the lead with a superb team goal that ended with Ethan G shooting across the keeper into the bottom left hand corner. Woodlands continued to dominate but lacked composure in front of goal as multiple chances went begging. Slade were growing in the game and capitalise on not only Woodlands poor finishing but a poor pass gifted the Slade winger to shoot. Their goal, which took a deflection off Rocco D's head as he tried to block the shot, brought the game level just before half-time.

The second half was just as scrappy as the first and Woodlands continued to create chances but rarely put the keeper in trouble with shots going over the bar or wide of the posts. Woodlands nearly found themselves behind as a kick-in went straight towards the Woodlands goal. A Slade player believed that they had touched this but their coach showed excellent sportsmanship by saying the ball went in the net untouched so the goal was disallowed. With a couple of tactical changes, Woodlands began to pounce on some poor passes from the Slade defenders and what felt like it would never happen, Woodlands regained the lead with a wonderful strike from Raph H. Woodlands continued to push for more goals but two excellent saves from the Slade keeper and hitting the woodwork three times kept Slade in the match. Once again, Woodlands were close to ruing so many missed opportunities as de je vu nearly happened as with thirty seconds left, another poor pass from the Woodland defence allow Slade an opportunity to level the match. Thankfully, the result shot was blocked for a corner kick and the corner was cleared immediately, leaving the referee to blow the full-time whistle. The match was describe as a 'potential banana-skin' by Mr Burns as the way the game was played, Woodlands could have easily dropped points or even lost the match so to come away with three points was a relief for the players as well as the coaches. We now head to the winter break and will resume our league campaign in the start of February.

Goal Scorers: Ethan G and Raph H

Player of the Match: Rocco D

Parking

PLEASE park with consideration for our neighbours and children's safety. Parking on pavements prevents families, especially those with pushchairs, to use the path and forces them onto the road.



Christmas Dates



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

Play Equipment

We are continuing to add to our playtime offer to our pupils – the KS2 construction area has gone down very well! If you have any dressing up items that you no longer want, please bag them up and leave them with the office. We can use these in all three key stages and they will add another dimension to our playtimes.

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

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

School clubs

There will be NO school run clubs next week.

Next term clubs will begin the week beginning 12th January.

There will be NO clubs on Tuesday 27th January 2025.



Woodlands Community Carol

Singing

We will be holding a carol singing event on the Oak playground on **Thursday 18th December**.

Please come along and join us.

The PTA will be serving tea/coffee and mince pies.

If it is raining, it will be in Oak hall.

Request

We would be very grateful for any of the following items for girls in KS1 (Years R, 1 and 2)

- Underwear
- Socks
- Leggings

On Wednesday, ten children from years 3 and 4 took part in a Velcro Darts Event. The children had so much fun including entering the competition via their walk-on song of 'Ice, Ice Baby' by Vanilla Ice. Both teams hit the bullseye multiple times and the Woodlands 180's finished third out of seven teams. A huge thank you to Mrs Glasscoe, who took the children to the event.



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Story Garden

Kent Libraries

Join in with this year's Winter Mini Challenge!

A fun free Challenge that encourages children to keep up their reading from 1 December to 20 February 2026.

It's free to take part online, where children can unlock special digital rewards and earn a printable certificate once they meet their reading goal!

For more information, speak to your local library team, scan the QR code or head to wintermini.org.uk

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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

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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

2024/2025

09th Jan Year 3 Romans Day

23rd Jan Year 5 Young Voices

27th Jan NO CLUBS

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