

# Woodlands Weekly



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This week's assemblies were led by the lovely Reverend Kirsty, during which she explained about Christingle. KS2 took part in a fun and festive "Strictly Come Christingle" competition first, where they were shown how to create Christingles. Mr Taylor was a surprise competitor but rose to the challenge and impressed everyone with his creation, earning a brilliant score of 9.5/10! After the assembly, KS2 children returned to their classrooms to make their own Christingle.

Over in KS1, children also enjoyed their assembly, during which one child from each class was chosen to demonstrate how to make a Christingle. Reverend Kirsty spoke about the meaning behind each part and shared an important message for this year by leaving one toothpick empty to symbolise that not everyone in the world is as fortunate as we are.

It was a joyful and meaningful way to celebrate this special Christian tradition together.

If you would like to make a Christingle at home, you will need:

An orange – which represents the world

Red ribbon or tape – which stands for God's love around the world

Sweets or dried fruit – which shows God's gifts to us

4 cocktail sticks – representing the four corners of the world or the four seasons of the year

A small candle – represents Jesus as the light of the world



Whether Christian or not, it's always good to hear about customs and traditions of World Faiths to broaden understanding and celebrate difference.

Also this week....

**Year R** has been exploring the book, 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen during their drawing club sessions. They really enjoyed drawing the bear, the setting and where they might like to go on a bear hunt. As a special treat, they watched Michael Rosen re-tell the story and loved joining in with the actions.

They have also been very busy practising their Christmas play which they are very excited to be sharing with their families next week. (I can't wait!! Tissues at the ready!)



**Year 1** has been learning about different animal groups and their features. This week, Year 1 was given a challenge: choose an animal from one of the five groups we have studied this term, create a model of it and include key details. For example, adding scales to a fish or adding the fur to a mammal. They did a great job showing what they've learned.

In **Year 2** this week, the children joined in with a Science live lesson with a Christmas theme. On their festive farming quest, Year 2 learnt about what animals including sheep, camels and reindeer need to be healthy. They discovered how many years it takes for our Christmas trees to grow and even watched how brussel sprouts get harvested for our Christmas dinners. The children loved watching live and had lots of excellent questions to ask the farmers.



**Year 3** has reached the end of the journey. They have completed their journey tales and published them to go in their Published Work books that will follow them up through the school. They are very proud of what they have produced and hopefully this will continue with all of the written pieces they are going to complete this year. Next up is 'persuasion'.

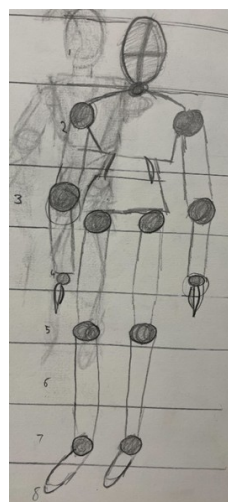
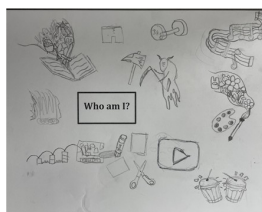
Speaking of journeys, Year 3 children have started their journey of multiplication this week. They have been working on equal groups – splitting the amount into equal groups. Following this with arrays. See if they can explain what they are to you.

Finally, the children have been working on their carols for their upcoming performances. It is great to see how many children wanted to be considered to have solos for the singing and how many wanted to have spoken parts. Looking forward to seeing many of you there next Friday.

This week, the children in **Year 4** had a fantastic time becoming young scientists as they explored how condensation works. They watched the impact of breathing onto cold mirrors and learned that the foggy layer created was actually water droplets forming from water vapour in their breath. The cold mirrors helped everyone see this change right before their eyes.



In art, **Year 6** has been looking at the human form. They have drawn on inspiration from various artists and experimented with different techniques before focusing on the proportions of the body. Using mannequins, they extended their learning by sketching people in different positions. They will be using these skills to plan and create a piece of art representing themselves and their interests.



A big thank you to all of the parents and staff who planned and manned stalls at the Christmas Fair. What a lovely event! It was great to see so many of you there, supporting the school by spending your hard-earned cash! The money raised is needed now more than ever to purchase crucial learning resources such as laptops so we really appreciate your time and contributions.

Have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you in the next couple of weeks at the numerous Christmas productions we have in store. I apologise in advance for the tears but you know they are coming!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

## Staff News

We are excited to announce that Mrs Adams, who supports many pupils and families with attendance and behaviour, is starting a secondment in January. Her excellent skills and knowledge of SEND will be put to good use to support the setting up of alternative provision resources in Sussex on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of the academic year. She will still be very much part of the Woodlands team, and will continue her great work, but please be mindful that she may need a little more time to get back to you if you communicate with her on these days.

## Superstar Corner

Sophie from 4 Chestnut attends British Military Arts, Kent and had her grading assessment last Sunday in front of a panel of assessors. She showed her learnt techniques and 8 rounds of fitness. Sophie's dedication, discipline and hard work has meant she has now achieved her orange belt. Well done Sophie!



Jack from 6 Ash also achieved his orange belt in karate. This is a great achievement considering he started just over a year ago. Well done Jack!



## 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) 9.30am
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

## 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](mailto: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.

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[www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge](http://www.instagram.com/frenchclubtonbridge)

## School Football Team

Last Friday, Woodlands Football Team began their league campaign with the school looking to defend their title, which they've won for the past two seasons. Just like previous seasons, we have chosen to play our matches at Longmead Stadium, the home ground of Tonbridge Angels FC, which gives the children an incredible experience to play at a ground of a team in the National League South. We also welcome Mr Holliday as another coach to the team with myself and Mr Burns continuing for another season.

For their first game of the season, Woodlands welcomed Bishops Chavasse, who narrowly beat us in a pre-season friendly a few weeks ago. The message to the team was to start the first five minutes on the front foot and get an early goal to settle any nerves. However, it was the complete opposite as within a minute of the opening whistle, a sloppy pass caught us off-guard and Bishops Chavasse took an early lead. The team looked shocked with what happened but they responded positively and parity was restored with Rocco D grabbing the first goal of the season for Woodlands with a rebounded effort after Joe A forced the keeper into a good save.

With nerves now settled, Woodlands started to control the game and began creating some wonderful chances through precise and clinical passing, which led to goals from Adam M, Rocco D and Joe A. Training has been primarily focused on controlling the ball and passing to create scoring opportunities so it was pleasing to see the hard-work paying off. Joshua R-F, who assisted two of the goals, scored one of his own and Rocco D completed his hat trick before the end of the first half. Ethan nearly got Woodlands seventh of the half with a wonderful strike that hit the crossbar.

After a quick turnaround at half time, Woodlands continued where they left off and Joe A scored his second of the match with a powerful header from a well-directed corner from Adam M. It was another corner that provided the eighth goal of the match for Woodlands with Reggie M's shot, which he told me was on target, taking a wicked deflection that wrong footed their keeper. Bishops Chavasse found a second wind and started to create their own chances and with a mix up at the back, a long ball was pounced on by their striker, who powerfully struck the ball into the back of the net.

Conceding another goal seemed to focus Woodlands and Rocco D pounced on a loose pass and dribble half the pitch to slot the ball into the left hand corner and Joe A grabbed his third with a brilliant low strike with his left foot. With the last kick of the game, Rocco D scored his fifth with a superb flick from a free kick. The final score was 11-2 to Woodlands and really positive way to start their league campaign.

Goal Scorers: Rocco D x5, Joe A x3, Adam M, Joshua R-F and Reggie M

Player of the Match: Joe A

Next Match: Slade 5/12/25



## 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

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

## Diary Dates

### 2024/2025

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



# Christmas Activities

29th December - 31st December

## Tonbridge & Malling

For children aged 5-16 who are eligible for **Benefit Related Free School Meals**

### Bounce into 2026

EM Forster Theatre "Jack and the beanstalk"



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Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

## Tonbridge & Malling Family Hubs

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December

**Bounce into 2026 (SEND) - 10.30am-11.30pm**



Join us at Snodland Community Centre for a post Christmas pre new year Bounce experience.  
FREE Healthy snacks available at the event.  
SEND session reduced numbers  
**FOR AGES 5-16 ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT**  
[Snodland Community Centre Paddlesworth Rd. Snodland ME6 5DP.](#)



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### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December

**'Jack and the beanstalk' Panto EM Forster Tonbridge**



Get ready to laugh and shout this December as the festive family favorite 'Jack and the Beanstalk' bursts onto stage in Tonbridge.  
FREE Healthy snacks available at the event.  
11am performance (Est time of finish 1:20)



**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 5/16**  
[Arrival from 10:30am 5/16 Entry 10/16 Adults 11/16 11/16](#)

### New Years Eve Hampers

All families registered HAF and attending one of our events will receive a New Years Eve hamper. Food with recipe cards and a game for the family to play.  
Collection at events



### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Scan the QR code next to the activity to register  
Please add all children to the form