

Woodlands Weekly



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What a fabulous end to last week – our senior choir were invited to sing at Tonbridge School for the Family Carols event, organised by Tonbridge Round Table and Tonbridge Philharmonic Society. We were the only school invited to this very special event and our pupils did a fantastic job. Led by the rather marvellous Mrs Richards, the children sang like angels. Well done to the choir – I was very impressed, as were the many local people who came to compliment the children at the end.

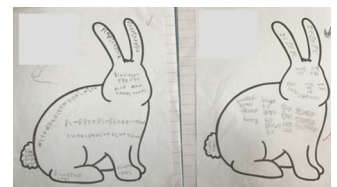


We have continued this week with more wonderful productions – this week from Years 1 and 2. Well done to the children and staff for their hard work – and to Year 1 family members who joined in with the freestyle dancing section of 'Winter Wonderland'!

Also this week...

Year R had a super time exploring the woodland to see how it has changed over the past few months. They loved investigating the undergrowth and canopy to spot the changes. They have been reading 'The Stickman' as their Drawing Club story this week. When they were in the woods, they collected sticks and then enjoyed making their own stick families back in the classroom.

As well as working very hard on their Christmas performance, **Year 1** has been writing shape poems about different animals. Here are some examples...



Year 2 has blown everyone away with their Christmas nativity performances this week! They shared their show called 'The tale of two birthdays' with KS1 and their families. Everyone was so proud of them for their singing, dancing and acting. Thank you to all of the families at home who have helped with learning lines and providing costumes!

We've made it! You've made it! They've made it! As you will be aware, children in **Year 3** persuaded the teachers to watch The Polar Express. They were thrilled and very excited that they had been successful.

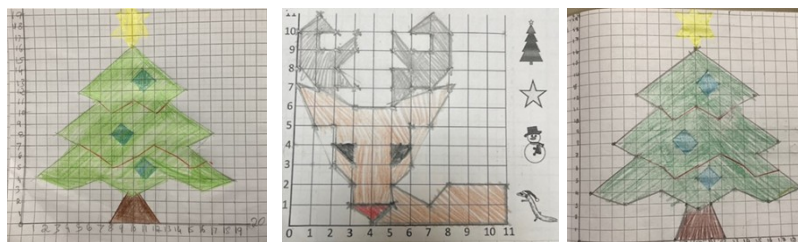
With the coming of the last week, the children have been exploring different aspects of Europe. They finished learning about the varied climates around Europe last week and have moved on to the human and physical features. The children have located major rivers and mountain ranges across the continent. As well as this, they have studied key landmarks and cities across the continent and created their own fact file. They have visited the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Venice, the Colosseum, the Eiffel Tower and the Acropolis. Next term, the Yr 3 children will be studying Romans, drawing portraits of themselves and learning about Jesus' teachings.

The children in **Year 4** have been busy engineers as they designed and made their very own slingshot cars! The children began by drawing a labelled design and setting clear design criteria for their vehicles. They then constructed a sturdy chassis using lolly sticks, carefully joining them together with hot glue guns. Next, they fixed wheels onto the chassis using dowelling and created a car body which was then also securely attached to the chassis. Using a rubber band slingshot mechanism, the children will test how far their cars could travel, evaluating what worked well and what could be improved.



This week, **Year 5** children have created a Christmas story and are excited to read to children in KS1. They have also completed their learning in Forces, by exploring how levers, pulley and gears work in the real world.

This week in **Year 6** the children have been continuing their learning, whilst also getting into the festive spirit. In guided reading, they have been studying the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas', visualising what Father Christmas looks like based on the language the poet used. In maths, they have been practising plotting co-ordinates with a festive theme. Also, in PE they had a snowball fight and decorated a Christmas tree. Ask your children if you want to find out more!



We hope you have a fabulous Christmas!

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

Superstar corner



Congratulations to Esmee from 5 Rowan for getting 1st place at the south east regional gymnastics competition.

All About Family Magazine

Here is the link for the winter edition of All About Family Magazine. This digital magazine gives valuable information for your children, including:

Internet safety with NSPCC

Discover a great new read

How much screen time is too much?

Childhood vaccinations from Dawson Cornwell

ADHD advice

How to talk to children about mental health

And much more.

<https://allabout-family.co.uk/national-magazine/>

School clubs

Clubs will begin the week beginning 12th January.

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

Request

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

- Underwear
- Socks
- Leggings

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
22nd Jun - 26th Jun	Year 6 Residential
12th Jun	KS2 Summer Disco
04th Jul	Summer Fair

New dates/times in blue

KS2 Stationery

A gentle reminder to stock up/replace/check on stationery in your child/ren's pencil cases ready for next term.

Pencil cases should include:

Pencils,

Rubber,

Glue Stick,

Purple Pen,

Coloured pencils,

Blue handwriting pen

KS2 Assemblies

Assembly time 2.45pm

Parents arrive at 2.40pm

Year 3 - Romans, w/c 09/03/2026,

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

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.

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JUNIOR SQUASH SESSIONS ...with Katie

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We're launching our Squash Coaching Programme
at Poulton Wood on Wednesday 7th January!

9:30-10:15 | Tiny Rackets - ages 3-4
4:30-5:30 | Beginner Squash - ages 4-6
5:30-6:30 | Junior Squash - ages 7-11

For more info or to book, please contact Katie at
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