

Woodlands Weekly



Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

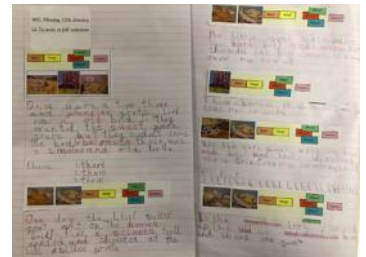
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This week's assemblies carried on with the theme of RESILIENCE. We looked at how making mistakes is a key part of learning and that we need to understand this to allow us to persevere and show determination. In KS1, we also continued to identify situations that would/would not be classed as bullying. I can already see the children starting to understand the difference between the two. The children were very good at saying what they would do if this happened – tell an adult in school.

This week **Year R** has travelled to Africa on their 'Journey around the World'. They loved tasting exotic fruits - the mango and pineapple were a particular hit. They explored the book, 'Handa's Surprise'. They particularly enjoyed acting the story to each other, especially the part with the cheeky goat – ask your child about this if you don't know about it! Their drumming workshop was a great experience. If you live near the school, you might even have heard it. African music filled the air for an energetic session of African dance for our PE session. Wow – what a week!

This term, **Year 1** has been busy writing their own versions of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children have been using Colourful Semantics to help them build clear, well-structured sentences and extend their ideas. They have focused on who is in the sentence and what they are doing before adding in more details. The children have shown great creativity when retelling the story and adding their own details. Well done, Year 1!



This week, **Year 2** has been inspired by reading the book 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne as part of their 'tale of fear' writing topic. On Monday, a mysterious tunnel arrived in the door of the classrooms. As the children crawled through, they were transported into a dark forest. Once inside, they had to try and find the statue of one of the characters. This helped them to become immersed in their learning and has led to some great vocabulary and sentences.

In science, **Year 3** have been focusing on forces. In particular they have explored push and pull. This week, they investigated whether you could compare how objects move on different surfaces. Ramps were set up, stop watches were at the ready and the cars were off! It turned out that a surface such as wood, meant there wasn't as much friction to stop the cars compared to the surface of carpet which created more friction.



This week, **Year 4** children explored monoprinting, inspired by simple line drawings of natural objects. They revisited single-line drawing skills before creating clear, simple designs ready for printing. Using rolled-out paint, the children traced their drawings onto paper and carefully peeled it away to reveal a unique print. The process was exciting and allowed every child to produce a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork!

Last Friday, **Year 5** performed a selection of their songs for Young Voices to family members and Mrs Lonie. We are pleased to say that it was so good, it brought tears to Mrs Lonie's eyes - always a good sign. We are continuing to rehearse the full repertoire, and by the time you read this, the children taking part will be standing next to more than 8,000 other children singing their hearts out at the O2 Arena. Look out for some photographic evidence of the trip on the school's Instagram and Facebook accounts! (Written by Mr Holliday – I would have left out the bit about me blubbing!)

Following on from their highly successful 'World War II evacuation' in November, **Year 6** were visited by Helen and Jackie from the local church community. The Make Do and Mend group had tasked the children on the day to sew patches of cloth together to demonstrate how small pieces of scrap cloth could be used in a meaningful way. Little did the children know that the ladies would be keeping their patches and subsequently creating a gift for each class. Year 6 were presented with three cushions, made by the Make Do and Mend group, which now sit proudly in each class's book corner. A lovely example of the school value of community in action! Thank you so much, ladies!



In other news, the Year 6 boys art club are having a brilliant time and have produced some pretty impressive pieces after only two weeks...



We also have quite the entrepreneur in Vihaan in Year 6. See his poster later in the newsletter – artwork by Ben.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

KS2 Assemblies

Assembly time 2.45pm

Parents arrive at 2.40pm

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

Year 5 - Greeks

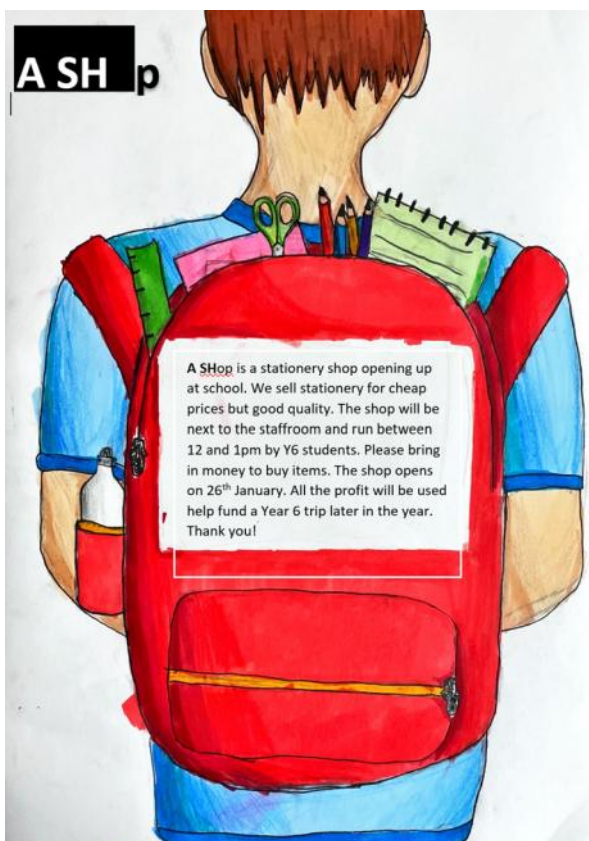
Sycamore - Tuesday 10th February 2026

Hornbeam - Wednesday 11th February 2026

Rowan - Thursday 12th February 2026

Lost Items

If any of the below items are yours, please come to the Acorn Office to collect.



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

Gas works

We have received a letter regarding an upgrade to our gas network, focusing on Higham School Road.

The works will take place from 26/01/2026—09/02/2026. It may involve digging up footpaths and roads.

Please be mindful of this when dropping off and collecting your child/ren for the next couple of weeks.

We have noticed an influx of cars coming up to the school gates on Higham School Road, unfortunately there is not enough space for multiple cars to turn around here and it has caused multiple problems both for pedestrians and other drivers.

As the car park is for staff only, and the turning area has parking restrictions, please refrain from driving up here.

Unwanted Gifts

Support the School PTA 💖

We are still collecting unwanted gifts for our PTA raffles.

Did you receive a gift for Christmas or your birthday that you were thankful for... but didn't really like?!

Or something you already have? 📺

Instead of hiding it in a cupboard or throwing it away, please think of the School PTA!

These gifts are collected throughout the year and used as raffle prizes at our fairs and bingo nights.

♻️ They help keep event costs down and stop items going to landfill.

Unwanted Christmas Clothing

PTA Donation Appeal

The PTA are still on the hunt for unwanted Christmas clothing!

👕 Christmas Jumpers

👔 Ties

👔 Suits

👶 Baby outfits

👕 T-shirts & more!

📺 Please donate any unwanted festive clothing to be re-sold at our Christmas Fair.

📍 Drop-off point: Box in Acorn Reception

Thank you for helping support our school and PTA 😊

SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW

PRIZES TO BE WON

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 9AM - 3PM
&
TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

AGES 4-13

FEBRUARY
SOCCER
SCHOOL

HUGH CHRISTIE SCHOOL
3G PITCH
TONBRIDGE
KENT
TN10 4PU

£22 PER DAY
£40 TWO DAYS

CALL LEE -07837 996183

Diary Dates

2025/26

27th Jan	NO CLUBS
30th Jan	KS2 Spring Disco
06th Feb	KS1 Spring Disco
12th Feb	Mid Winter Read
5th Mar	World Book Day
10th Mar	NO CLUBS
13th Mar	Break the rules day
20th Mar	Comic Relief
09th Mar	Year 1, Tonbridge Castle
12th Mar	Year 4, Hever Castle
05th May	NO CLUBS
05th Jun	KS1 Summer Disco
16th Jun	NO CLUBS
22nd Jun - 26th Jun	Year 6 Residential
12th Jun	KS2 Summer Disco
04th Jul	Summer Fair



THE KENT ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE


Recruiting now!



Join our Irish dancing family today!

Classes located in Tonbridge and Halling
Classes taught by:
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Phone: 07522886454



THE KENT ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

Class Timetable

MONDAYS
5:30pm-7:30pm: Advanced
7pm-8pm: Adults
Mission hall
Golden Green

TUESDAYS
5pm-5:45pm: Beginner A
5pm-6:30pm: Beginner B
6:30pm-8:30pm: Inter/Open
Woodlands Primary school
Tonbridge

WEDNESDAYS
5:45pm-6:45pm: Beginners
Halling Primary school
Halling

THURSDAYS
5pm-7pm: Mixed
Woodlands Primary school
Tonbridge

1:1 Lessons available monthly




LEGO RAFFLE

Enter for a chance to win a Lego set valued at £300



£50! PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY STORE OR ONLINE

RAFFLE DRAWN 22ND FEBRUARY @ 3PM

SCAN QR CODE TO BUY TICKETS

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

RAFFLE SUBJECT TO A RESERVE. IF £300 IS NOT MADE IN TICKET SALES THE RAFFLE WILL NOT BE DRAWN



BRICKS AT THE MUSEUM

DATES: 14TH TO 22ND FEBRUARY 2024 (HALF TERM)
LOCATED: RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
TIMES: 10 AM - 4PM DAILY (3.30PM LAST ENTRY)

ARE YOU A LEGO ENTHUSIAST? IF SO THEN POP ON DOWN AND ENJOY THE FUN WITH LIKE-MINDED LEGO LOVERS AT OUR ULTIMATE FAMILY FRIENDLY EXHIBITION WEEK! (NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRANCE FEES APPLY) NO NEED TO BOOK!

LEGO FIGURE HUNT
SEARCH AROUND THE MUSEUM, FIND THE HIDDEN LEGO FIGURES & WIN A PRIZE... ONLY £1.50

PLEASE CONTACT US ON:
INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK OR
WWW.RAFMANSTON.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION!

INTERESTED IN DISPLAYING YOUR LEGO MOC?
EMAIL INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK FOR DETAILS

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

BOOK HERE

RAFFLE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS.