

Woodlands Weekly



Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

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Newsletter No. 19

It's that time of year when illnesses are around and about. I just want to start this week's newsletter by saying a big thank you to all of our wonderful staff who are filling gaps and going the extra mile to cover their colleagues!

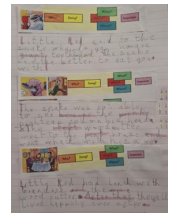
Year R thought you might like to see a photo of their Chinese dragon dance last week – they did so well. This week they have 'travelled' even further afield – all the way to Australia. They have enjoyed the story of 'The Koala who could' and thought about how to challenge themselves to be brave and try new things. They have learned about many of the different animals that are found in Australia.

Despite the rather inclement weather at times, they have loved our fantastic outside area and challenged themselves to build and traverse an exciting trail made of a variety of objects. They also experimented with floating and sinking in some of the rather large puddles – floating and sinking objects rather than children! Some puddle jumping and splashing was also necessary and great fun.

Please check that your child's wellies still fit. If you haven't provided a splash suit, please do if you possibly can. It is great to be able to use our school grounds whatever the weather.



Year 1 has been enjoying retelling the traditional tale of *Little Red Riding Hood* in English lessons, with a creative twist. After learning the story, the children re-imagined it by changing the villain from the wolf to a different animal of their own choice. They met some very inventive characters, including bears, owls, snakes and even spiders! The children used their storytelling skills to describe their new villains and think carefully about how the story would change, showing great imagination and enthusiasm throughout.



Year 2 has been beginning to explore multiplication in their maths lessons this week. This included practically making arrays using counters to represent each multiplication question e.g. 4×5 is 4 rows of 5 counters. Towards the end of the week, they have also been drawing arrays to solve questions.

Year 3 has been exploring list poems this week. Inspired by 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough, the children went on a sound hunt around the school to hear different sounds. They heard: pots and pans crashing in the kitchen, adults talking to their classes, children splashing in puddles at playtime and much more. Keep an ear out for the onomatopoeic words used in their versions of the poem to come.

The Sound Collector – by Roger McGough

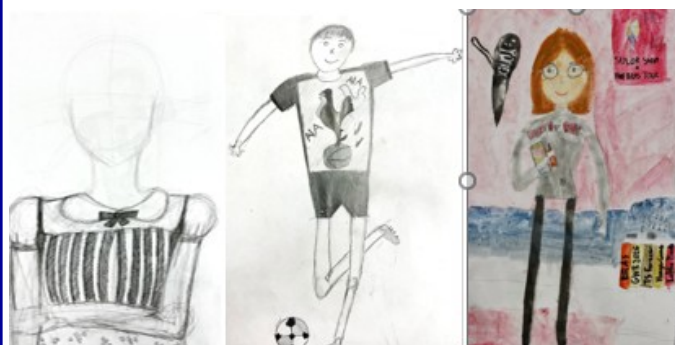
	A stranger called this morning Dressed all in black and grey Put every sound into a bag And carried it away	
	The whistling of the kettle The rattling of the lock The purring of the kitten The ticking of the clock	
	The popping of the toaster The crunching of the flakes When you spread the marmalade The scraping noise it makes	
	The hissing of the frying pan The locking of the grill The bubbling of the hotbub As it starts to Jill	
	The drumming of the raindrops On the window pane When you do the washing up The gurgle of the drain	
	The crying of the baby The squeaking of the chair The creaking of the curtain The creaking of the stair	
	A stranger called this morning He didn't leave his name Left us only silence Life will never be the same	

In **Year 4**, the children explored printmaking by taking inspiration from the iconic skyline of **London**. Each child carefully selected a landmark and began by sketching its outline, focusing on simple shapes and clear lines. They then transferred their designs onto polystyrene, imprinting the outlines in preparation for the final stage of the process. The children showed great concentration and creativity throughout and we're looking forward to seeing their finished prints come to life in the final printing session.

This week in **Year 5**, the children began to make their clay pots in art. They experimented with different methods, making pinch pots and coiling. They then made their own creation. Next, the children will be decorating them using designs inspired either by the ancient Greeks or Clarice Cliff. They are looking forward to showing them to their parents next week in the class assemblies.



Year 6 are reaching the end of their art topic focusing on the human form. They have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to express their personalities in these lessons. The children explored the proportions of the human form, how they are represented by different artists and worked on a larger scale. During this topic, the children were given greater ownership over the direction of their artwork and were able to express themselves through their art. We think you will agree that the results are extraordinary.



KS2 Assemblies

Parents arrive at 2.40pm

Assembly time 2.45pm

Year 3 - Romans,

Birch - Tuesday 10th March 2026

Elder - Wednesday 11th March 2026

Whitebeam - Thursday 12th March 2026

Year 5 - Greeks

Sycamore - Tuesday 10th February 2026

Hornbeam - Wednesday 11th February 2026

Rowan - Thursday 12th February 2026

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

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AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026

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To speak to one of our advisors please call us on **03000 420 002** or fill in our online enquiry form [here](#).



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

Mid Winter Read

Come to Woodlands Midwinter Read and get some inspiration for what to read next.

Thursday 12th February

5.30 pm - 6.30pm

Oak Building

Please see the attached posters with more information.



Diary Dates

2025/26

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

[New dates/times in blue](#)



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PRIZES TO BE WON

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

AGES 4-13

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SATURDAY

GIRLS ONLY FIRST SESSION FREE

SESSION

10.15-11.15AM

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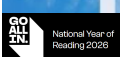
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Whether you are reading alone, enjoying being read to or sharing a book, everyone knows reading expands worlds, sharpens minds, and fuels creativity. But fewer of us are making time for it.

It's time for Woodlands to Go All In and we're starting this with our Midwinter Read.

In 2026, the National Year of Reading is reconnecting reading with the things that already inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. It's reading that fits how we live, not the other way around.



- Mrs Lonie will be joining on the reading journey round Oak Building eager to hear what you love reading.
- Mr Cook will be in the lower hub where he will share books by his favourite author and illustrator, Anthony Browne.
 - Mrs Husband will be in the lower hub reading a selection of picture books.
 - Mrs Styles will be in 3Elder introduces you to Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx where you meet the clever Marcy on a quest to save her dad from the belly of the sphinx!
 - Mrs Keene will be in 3Whitebeam sharing her love of Adam Kay books and learning more about science while laughing out loud.
 - Mr Hill will be in 3 Birch get ready to dive into different dimensions, expand equations and reach for the stars with Christopher Edge's quirky stories.
 - Mrs Sheridan will be in 4Walnut where you can dive into her favourite picture book 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan proving you're never to old for a good picture book.
 - Miss Fox will be in 4 Hazel with her love of Rick Riordan books, ancient Greek mythology and adventure.
 - Mr Holloway will be in 4Chestnut with his green eggs and ham, a cat in a hat and all things Dr.Zeuss.
 - Miss Whitmore will be on the upper hub with the wonderous Wonky Donkey and other picture books that can be sung or performed!
 - Mr Taylor will be in 5Sycamore reading all things sports related – biographies, match reports, statistics and more.....
 - Miss Stockdale will be in Oak Library with some pupil librarians, look for your next read and borrow a book from the library (including a selection brought over from Acorn Library).
 - Mr Burns will be in the maths room off of the upper hub where wildlife is the star in all the books he wants to share.
 - Mrs Brown will be in 5Rowan using reading to help make and create.
 - Mr Holliday will be in 5Hornbeam where you can discover all things Pokémon and how this links to reading.
 - Mrs Timms will be in 6Hawthorn with the dark and eerie tale 'The Skull' by Jon Klassen. A gothic folktale which has a shiver of creepiness but ends with strength, empowerment and a reminder that even the strangest friendships can be the most comforting.
 - Mrs Joyce will be in 6Aspen will be sharing an extract from 'The House with Chicken Legs' – a spellbinding reimagining of the Russian fairy tale of Baba Yaga; a story of one girl's adventure to find her destiny.
 - Mrs Corbett will be in 6Ash reading extracts from 'Kick' by Mitch Johnson. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.