

Woodlands Weekly



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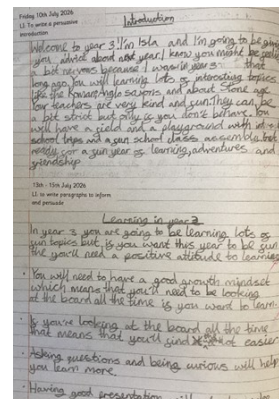
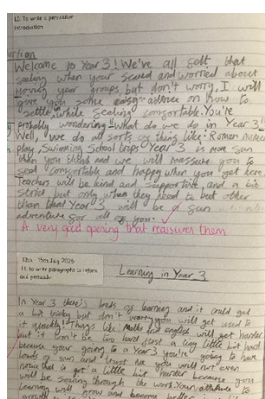
This week's assemblies focused on our core values and why they are important to us. COMMUNITY is the name of the game this term and we have seen this in spades recently – from the amazing music festival held by the PTA to the tent pitching by Year 4 parents last Friday. Our open evening last week had a lovely community feel to it and then we won £500 of Pho vouchers for the PTA to use as prizes - thanks to all of you who voted for our school. Woodlands - what a great place to be!

This term, **Year 1** has been incredibly busy developing their artistic skills through a beautiful flower-themed project. The children have explored a range of artistic techniques and materials, creating a fantastic portfolio of work that showcases both their creativity and growing confidence as artists. They have shown great enthusiasm, perseverance and pride in their work. This display of their finished pieces is a celebration of their hard work and we hope you enjoy looking at their beautiful floral masterpieces as much as they have enjoyed creating them!



Year 2 pupils have loved finishing their clay sea creatures this term. After the clay had dried (which was much quicker with the warm weather!) the children were able to paint their sea animals with their chosen colours. The children loved seeing their finished projects and being able to share them at open evening too.

With transition season in full swing, **Year 3** have stepped into the role of expert advisers and have been busy writing their very own Year 3 Survival Guides for the current Year 2 children. Using persuasive and instructional writing, the children shared top tips, helpful advice and a few words of reassurance to help ease any worries about moving up. We're sure our Year 2 pupils will be more than ready for the adventure ahead!



Last Friday, the children in **Year 4** enjoyed the unforgettable experience of spending a night at school! Having successfully persuading Mrs Lonie to camp over, it was finally time for the big occasion. The parents flocked to the field at 15:15 and a sea of tents, some noticeably larger than others, appeared promptly. The children were extremely excited to return at 18:00 and thoroughly enjoyed a night of activities, free rein of all school equipment and some fabulous group singing courtesy of Miss Ridger. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork and laughter. The children all slept until the sun rose at 4:30am, where they enjoyed a movie in the comfort of their sleeping bags in the hall. The whole of the Year 4 team was incredibly impressed with how well behaved all the children were and how mature they were throughout the whole of the event. We would like to thank the parents for their support in both setting up and dismantling the tents. I would also like to thank the staff who gave up their precious family time for the event. Great stuff!!



This week **Year 5** have been busy learning about deforestation and the impact it has had on the amazon rainforest. The children were shocked at the amount of trees that get cut down daily, so they have each written a campaign leaflet to tell their family and friends what we can do to save the rainforest.

Year 6 were so excited to perform their show to you this week. 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' was a huge success and they were all fantastic. They have worked incredibly hard preparing for their end-of-year performance. From learning lines and songs to perfecting their acting and stage presence, they have shown dedication, teamwork and resilience throughout. We are extremely proud of their commitment and enthusiasm, and we know their efforts helped make the performance a fantastic success. Another great team effort from our Year 6 staff and Mrs Richards.



Before we go into our last week of term, could I please remind parents to be considerate about our neighbours? Some parents have been parking outside residents' homes, with the engine running to keep the car cool (and they do this in the winter to keep them warm.) Please crack a window at this time of the year and turn engines off. The fumes are going into open windows and upsetting our neighbours.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Vicki Lonie

School Dinners

Please remember to log in to Arbor and clear any outstanding debts on your child/ren's school dinner accounts before the end of term (especially Year 6!).



Superstar Corner

Rose LW in 3 Birch had 14 inches of hair cut off to donate to charity.

Well done Rose!



Years 3 to 6 Stationery

In September please ensure all children in Years 3 to 6 have a small pencil case that must fit in their tray. Something with a single zip would be ideal as their trays do get full.

Items to include inside are:

- Rubber
- Pencil
- 0-30cm/mm ruler
- A pair of scissors
- Basic range of colouring pencils: red, blue, green, yellow, purple, brown, black, pink, orange
- Purple biro pen
- Blue handwriting pen
- Headphones to use in our IT suite



Guitar Lessons

Tom Williams has spaces for September.

Acoustic/electric, rock/pop, total beginners very welcome.

Please contact Tom directly on [07736051082/](tel:07736051082)
tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com



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

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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

2025/26

20th Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assemblies Ash, 9.15am Aspen, 10.45am Hawthorn, 2.30pm
20th Jul	Year 6 Leavers party, 4pm - More information to follow.

7th Sep	3 Birch Rocks Day
8th Sep	3 Elder Rocks Day
9th Sep	3 Whitebeam Rocks Day
29th Sep	Year 1 Bedgebury
12th Nov	Year 5— Caroty Wood

New dates/times in blue

Spot the LEGO for £1.50 with prize at the end!

Valid from 20th of July to 7th of September 2026

Summer savings

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Begum Bari

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With ice cream, crepes, coffee (that's for the adults) and glorious gardens to explore, our shows create an easy holiday win. There is plenty of time to enjoy the estates either before or after the performances so everyone gets to engage with nature, and there can be a history lesson thrown in!

Come and join us this summer, we've loads going on...

Details for the events above and the rest of the festival programme are available here:

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