

# Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

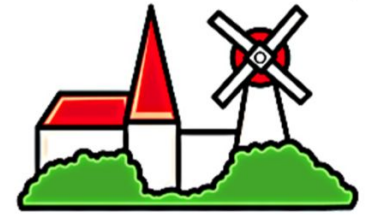


## Newsletter 8

19 December 2025

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"Let your light shine..."



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy and festive term, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the autumn term. It has been a pleasure to see the children take part in so many wonderful Christmas activities, from performances and celebrations to shared meals and festive events. Their enthusiasm, hard work and joy have truly captured the spirit of the season.

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year, refreshed and ready for the exciting learning ahead. From everyone at the school, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. 🌲 ✨

Warm wishes,  
Mrs Ridley





## Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!

### Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Etho

Rabbit Class: Sophie

Woodpecker Class: Arthur

Blackbird Class: Oliver

Fox Class: Whole Class

Squirrel Class: Whole Class

Owl Class: Sonny

### Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Whole Class

Rabbit Class: Whole Class

Woodpecker Class: Whole Class

Blackbird Class: Zara






Fox Class: Tommy

Squirrel Class: Mr Brabner!

Owl Class: Whole Class

## Diary Dates



<b>Friday 19 December (Today!)</b>	FOWSA Christmas Raffle Last day of Term 2 Christmas holidays!	
<b>Monday 5 January</b>	Inset Day	
<b>Tuesday 6 January</b>	Start of Term 3	
<b>Thursday 8 January</b>	Year 6 swimming starts	
<b>Friday 9 January</b>	Rabbit Class Come & Learn 1.45 to 2.45pm	
<b>Friday 16 January</b>	Sit & Shine Non-uniform day for Pilgrims Hospice in memory of Mrs Priest	
<b>Tuesday 10 February</b>	Safer Internet Day	
<b>Friday 13 February</b>	End of Term 3	
<b>Monday 23 February</b>	Start of Term 4	
<b>Tuesday 21 April</b>	Hedgehog & Woodpecker School Trip	



FOWSA run a second hand uniform shop offering a low cost, more sustainable option. Second hand items are in good used condition and are priced at £1.

The school page is here:

[https://www.grownoutofit.co.uk/school/Woodchurch\\_Church\\_of\\_England\\_Primary\\_School/10994](https://www.grownoutofit.co.uk/school/Woodchurch_Church_of_England_Primary_School/10994)

When you have placed your order you will receive a message asking you to confirm if you wish to collect from the school office or have your items given to the child to bring home. You will receive email notification for the message so please check your junk mail.

FOWSA will endeavour to have your item(s) ready within 3 school days.



## Attendance

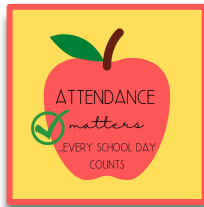
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
92%	94.2%	94%	95.6%	93.8%	93.9%	93.9%

Whole school attendance: 94%

The DfE has asked schools to share the following guidance with families. Please do ensure you have a read through as it might help you in the future:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



## What we encourage...

We believe it is vitally important for children to attend school regularly and punctually. This will give them the best opportunity to progress and achieve their full potential. Good attendance and punctuality will also encourage children to become responsible and resilient individuals, which will serve them well in their future working lives.

Every child, in line with the Government's expectations, is expected to maintain a high level of attendance (at least 95%). We hope that you appreciate how crucial good school attendance is to your child's progress, achievement and chances in life and we look forward to working with you to ensure that your child's attendance is the very best it can be.

## Benefits of good school attendance

Children with good attendance:

- Feel happier and gain in confidence
- Achieve more academically and keep up with work more easily
- Develop well socially and find it easier to make and keep friends
- Establish good educational habits and routines at an early age
- Are able to make a positive contribution to school life in general
- Are much more settled into school life.
- LEARN!

All of these are important life skills for your child



We are really excited to share the PE and new Forest School session information for Term 3.

On PE days, children may come to school in their PE kit. On Forest School days, children should wear clothes and shoes they do not mind getting dirty and which are appropriate for the weather. Please also send their school uniform in a bag on Forest School days in case they get wet or muddy and need to change.

Please could the year 2 and 3 parents click on the below links for forest school consent:

Woodpeckers (year 2):

<https://bookwhen.com/righteousoaks/e/ev-sgbqd-20260113090000>

Blackbirds (year 3):

<https://bookwhen.com/righteousoaks/e/ev-sa0ya-20260113103000>

Class	Forest School	PE
Reception		Friday
Year 1		Monday & Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday am	Monday & Friday
Year 3	Tuesday am	Monday
Year 4		Monday & Friday
Year 5		Friday
Year 6		Thursday (swimming)



We will remind you of these days via Class Dojo and will inform you of any changes due to weather or staffing as needed.

## Library Winter Reading Challenge

Over the winter months, children are encouraged to cosy up with a good book, explore new authors and genres, and enjoy the magic of reading. By signing up at the library, they can take part in fun activities, collect rewards and work towards completing the challenge. We hope this will inspire a love of reading and help our children discover some wonderful books this winter!



**THE READING AGENCY Winter Mini Challenge**

**Story Garden**

**Kent Libraries**

### Join in with this year's Winter Mini Challenge!

A fun **free** Challenge that encourages children to keep up their reading from 1 December to 20 February 2026.

It's free to take part online, where children can unlock special digital rewards and earn a printable certificate once they meet their reading goal!

For more information, speak to your local library team, scan the QR code or head to [wintermini.org.uk](http://wintermini.org.uk)

**SCAN ME**

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[kent.gov.uk/libraries](http://kent.gov.uk/libraries)

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GOVERNMENT OF KENT

**Kent County Council**  
[kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk)



### INFORMATION LEAFLET

We would ask you to agree:

- Not to park on the yellow Zigzag markings or lines at any time.
- Not to drop off or pick up your child/children from the yellow Zigzag markings.
- To park safely when dropping off/picking up your child/children at the school.
- To be considerate when parking so as to avoid inconvenience to the local residents.
- Where possible to park away from school and walk the remaining distance (your school may suggest areas where parents can park).
- Whenever possible walk to school.
- To reduce speed and drive with care when approaching the school.
- To be patient when waiting to drop off/pick up your child/children.
- At all times to give priority to pedestrians and respect other road users in or around the school grounds.

# FOWSA UPDATE

*As we wrap up Term 2, a huge thank you to everyone who's supported FOWSA and our school community this Christmas season.*

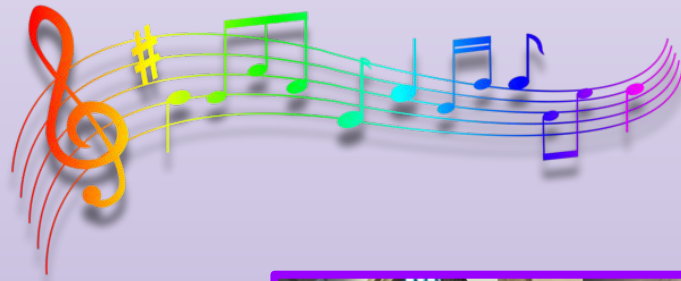
*Our Christmas Movie Night was a brilliant success – the hall was packed with festive cheer, and it was so lovely to see the children enjoying a cosy end-of-term treat with friends. The Glow Disco was another highlight, with neon moves, big smiles, and an energy level that only primary school kids can achieve before bedtime.*

*A massive congratulations to all of our Christmas Raffle winners – we hope you enjoy your prizes! And an equally massive thank you to all the parents who donated so generously, whether it was raffle prizes, time, or helping hands. Your kindness makes these events possible and directly supports the extras that make school life even better for all our children.*

*Thank you again for being such a supportive community – we wish you all a restful Christmas break and a very happy New Year.*

*Ela, Danielle & Emma*





We've had a wonderful and very festive run-up to Christmas in school, filled with lots of fun and special moments. The children have enjoyed taking part in our carol concert and nativity performances, sharing a delicious Christmas dinner together, and an exciting trip to the pantomime. We hope you enjoy the selection of photos that follow, which capture some of these lovely memories. 🎄 ✨



# Some of our Nativity Stars!



*Festive Fun at the  
Christmas Pantomime*





Tots & Tales Woodchurch sessions, running every other Wednesday from 9:30–10:30am. If you'd like to find out more and enjoy some story-time and craft-filled fun, please visit their website to book your place.

Upcoming Sessions:  
Wednesday 7th January 2026 – Owl Babies

Wednesday 21st January 2026 – Harry and the Dinosaurs

Wednesday 4th February 2026 – The Tiger Who Came to Tea

- Prices: • £9.50 per session  
• £26 for the full block when all three sessions are booked together  
• Under 2s go free with any paying sibling

👉 Please click the link below to book and secure your place:

<https://sites.google.com/view/totstales/woodchurch-sessions?authuser=0>



**Christmas Services in DENSWOOD**

Woodchurch Christmas Cracker 6th December 2-5pm

Carols at Chequers on the Green 7pm 18th December

Carols in the Churchyard Bethersden 19th December 6.30pm

Lessons & Carols & mulled wine High Halden 21st December

Christmas Eve Nativity and crib services 4pm – **all 3 churches**

**Midnight Christmas Eve Service 11pm Woodchurch**

**Christmas Morning Eucharist 9.30am Bethersden**

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# CAROL SERVICES

2025

OUTPOST CHURCH

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
DEC 14TH  
6.30PM - 7.45PM  
MULLED WINE, MINCE PIES AND MORE!

**FAMILY CAROL SERVICE**  
DEC 21ST  
10.30AM - 11.45AM  
NATIVITY, NIBBLES AND PHOTOBOOTH



THE WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE  
LOWER ROAD, WOODCHURCH, TN26 3SQ



NOVEMBER TO  
MARCH 2026

**NOURISH**  
GROW WITH US



**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**WEEK ONE**

3 Nov  
24 Nov  
15 Dec  
19 Jan  
9 Feb  
9 March  
30 March

Chicken Pie 1  
Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Crushed Potato  
Cauliflower,  
Carrots

Strawberry Mousse 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V  
Bean Biryani VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rainbow Pasta 1  
Seasonal Vegetables

Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Gammon & Gravy  
Broccoli Tot 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes,  
Cabbage,  
Peas

Fruit Jelly VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake 1,7  
Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Green Beans  
Grated Carrots

Parsnip Brownie 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Pork Sausages 1,6  
Vegetable Sausage VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans  
Cucumber Sticks

Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots VG

**WEEK TWO**

10 Nov  
1 Dec  
5 Jan  
26 Jan  
23 Feb  
16 March

Caribbean Brown Chicken  
Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,  
Carrots,  
Peas

Chocolate Ice Cream 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V  
Buffalo Cauliflower Wings  
& Wedges VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Chicken & Gravy  
Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes  
Broccoli,  
Carrots

Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Stew & Dumpling 1  
Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Cauliflower,  
Green Beans

Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Salmon Bites 1,8  
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Peas,  
Coleslaw 9

Marble Cookie 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots VG

**WEEK THREE**

17 Nov  
8 Dec  
12 Jan  
2 Feb  
2 March  
23 March

Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V  
Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,  
Green Beans,  
Mixed Salad

Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Noodles 1  
BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Sweetcorn,  
Peppers

Chocolate Rice Pudding 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Pork & Gravy  
Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes,  
Green Beans,  
Carrots

Fruit Jelly VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Cottage Pie  
Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Beetroot Cake 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Fish Fingers 1,8  
Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Peas, Baked Beans,  
Grated Carrot

Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V  
Yoghurt 3,7,  
Fruit Pots VG

Primary 3

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg  
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

**AVAILABLE  
DAILY**



# STAY 'n' PLAY

Woodchurch Primary



START

**3.10pm**



WELCOME

CLUB, STRUCTURED ACTIVITY OR CREATIVE PLAY\*

HALF TIME

**4.30pm**



BRAIN BREAK

CLUB, STRUCTURED ACTIVITY OR CREATIVE PLAY



FULL TIME

**6.00pm**

3:10

3:45

4:30

5:00

5:45

## Monday

**Sign In**

Fruit snack | Activators

Laser Tag/ Ultimate Nerf  
OR Tag Rugby

**Sign Out & Collection A**

Meal time | Quiet play

Laser Tag/ Ultimate Nerf  
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

**Sign Out & Collection B**

## Tuesday

**Sign In**

Fruit snack | Activators

Construction Club  
OR Football Club

**Sign Out & Collection A**

Meal time | Quiet play

Construction Club  
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

**Sign Out & Collection B**

## Wednesday

**Sign In**

Fruit snack | Activators

Forest School/ OAA  
OR Dodgeball Club

**Sign Out & Collection A**

Meal time | Quiet play

Forest School/ OAA  
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

**Sign Out & Collection B**

## Thursday

**Sign In**

Fruit snack | Activators

Arts & Crafts  
OR Basketball Club

**Sign Out & Collection A**

Meal time | Quiet play

Arts & Crafts  
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

**Sign Out & Collection B**

## Friday

**Sign In**

Fruit snack | Activators

Cookery Club  
OR Archery Club

**Sign Out & Collection A**

Meal time | Quiet play

Cookery Club  
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

**Sign Out & Collection B**

## TEAMTHEME KENT

Please note that, where as the timing structure will remain the same, sometimes there may be occasional need for some individual activities to differ from those that are shown here