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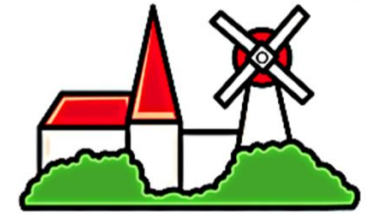
"Let your light shine..."



Newsletter 9

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. The term has started really positively, with our children demonstrating fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm for their learning. It has been a pleasure to spend time in classes and share in the high-quality teaching and learning taking place across the school. We are committed to continuing to work in partnership with families and greatly value your support in ensuring punctuality and high attendance, as well as supporting your children at home with reading, spellings, and times tables.

We are also delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our team: Mrs Makinde, our new Year 6 teacher, and Mrs Norris, our new Year 5 Teaching Assistant. Please do take the opportunity to introduce yourselves and join us in welcoming them to our school community.

During our recent staff INSET day, one of our key focuses was anxiety, with particular attention given to anxiety in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This was a highly informative session, and staff came away with a greater understanding alongside practical strategies to further support our learners.

Linked to this, this week's Website Focus highlights our SEND Support pages. Did you know our school website has a dedicated SEND Support area filled with helpful information for families? From guidance on how we support children in school, to links, resources, and advice for parents and carers, these pages are designed to offer clear, accessible support whenever you need it.

👉 You can explore the SEND Support pages here:

<https://www.woodchurch.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Special+Educational+Needs&pid=57>

Kind Regards,

Mrs Ridley



Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!

Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Betsy & Tommy

Rabbit Class: Stephen & George

Woodpecker Class: Noah

Blackbird Class: Keira & Isaac

Fox Class: Freddie & Samuel

Squirrel Class: Oscar & Ollie

Owl Class: Daisy & Ronnie

Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Sofia

Rabbit Class: Dylan & Darcie

Woodpecker Class: Florence-May

Blackbird Class: Luca & Adelaide




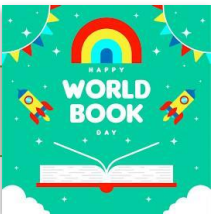
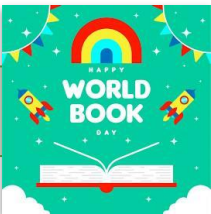

Fox Class: Violet & Albie

Squirrel Class: Pippa & Florence

Owl Class: Faith, Sonny & Ollie



Diary Dates

Friday 6 February	NSPCC Number Day - Wear a number themed outfit for a donation here 
Tuesday 10 February	Safer Internet Day 
Friday 13 February	End of Term 3
Monday 23 February	Start of Term 4 
Monday 2 to Thursday 5 March	Scholastic Book Fair 
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day 
Thursday 12 March	Young Carers Day
Thursday 2 April	End of Term 4
Tuesday 21 April	Hedgehog & Woodpecker School Trip 



Sit and Shine Non-Uniform Day



shine
BRIGHT

To remember and celebrate the life of our much-loved colleague, Mrs Priest, we held a Sit and Shine Non-Uniform Day. Children came to school wearing something bright or colourful - a little reminder of the brightness, joy, and positivity Mrs Priest brought to our school family over many years.

Thank you for all the donations which have been pouring in; we are truly grateful for your generosity. The money will go to the Pilgrims Hospice, in memory of Mrs Priest, to support the vital care they provide to families and individuals in our community.



There is of course still time to donate by clicking [here](#)



Attendance & Punctuality Update 🎉

We are delighted to see so many of our pupils arriving at school on time and ready to learn each day. High levels of attendance and punctuality make a huge difference to children's progress, confidence, and wellbeing. We would like to thank all our families who place such strong value on being in school every day and on time, and especially those who have gone the extra mile to get children into school during the recent awful weather conditions. Your commitment and support are truly appreciated and worth celebrating!

To encourage and celebrate excellent attendance, classes are working towards our Popcorn Party reward. Each class collects one popcorn piece for achieving over 96% attendance in a week, with the top-attending class each week earning two popcorn pieces. Once a class collects 10 popcorn pieces, they earn a Popcorn Party! 🎬🍿

A huge well done to Year 3 (Blackbirds), who were the first to reach 10 popcorn pieces at the end of last term and enjoy their Popcorn Party — a fantastic achievement!

Attendance

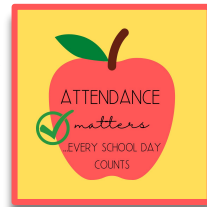
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
92.4%	94.6%	93.7%	95.4%	93.9%	93.7%	93.8%

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





Year 1 Rabbit Class – Come and Learn

Year 1 recently enjoyed completing a series of exciting challenges linked to their Geography project, “From Ice to Sunshine,” based around the enquiry question: *What is it like in the hottest and coldest places on Earth?*

To complete their “passports,” the children had to take part in each challenge, which included:

- *Breaking the animals free from the ice*
- *Creating homes suited to different climates*
- *Sorting the correct clothing for hot and cold environments*

It was lovely to see the children engaging so well alongside their families, developing their understanding of different climates while having lots of fun together!



We love seeing our children thrive through OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). It gives children the freedom to explore, imagine and lead their own play. To enrich this play and our outside areas, we would greatly appreciate any donations of the following items:

- Crates
- Pots, pans and large utensils
 - Scaffold boards/Planks
 - Tubes/Guttering
 - Cable drums
- Dress up clothing- all sizes
- Small world toys- cars, figures etc
 - Lego - normal/duplo
 - Water butts
 - Play sand
 - Pegs/Clips
 - Brooms

Alternatively, if you know anyone that could help us please do get in touch. We appreciate your continued support.

Responsible Parenting

Kent County Council

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.

Number Day 2026



Friday 6th February



NSPCC Number Day - Let's Dress Up as Numbers! 



We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day and inviting everyone to get involved by dressing up in a numbers-themed outfit! Think numbers, shapes, times tables, maths heroes, or anything number-related.



To take part, please bring a small donation to support the NSPCC and help keep children safe.




Let's have fun with maths, get creative, and raise money for an amazing cause - every number counts!



Valentines Day Special
Woodchurch Church of England Primary School
Thursday 12th February 2026

£12.50 per a child
£23 for 2 paying siblings
Under 2s go free with a paying sibling
4 craft activities and a book to take home.
Book: Love Monster by Rachel Bright



- Heart Suncatchers**
Children will tear and stick colourful tissue paper onto sticky heart shapes to create bright suncatchers for our windows, supporting fine motor skills while exploring colours and patterns.
- Love Monster Crafts**
Inspired by Love Monster, children will design their own monsters using pink paper, googly eyes and pipe cleaners. We'll talk about how everyone is different and unique, encouraging confidence and self-expression.
- Heart Printing**
Using heart-shaped sponges, potatoes and cardboard, children will dip and print with paint to create repeating patterns, encouraging creativity, sensory exploration and early mark-making.
- Valentine Sensory Tray**
Our sensory tray will be filled with red and pink rice, heart confetti, scoops, cups and Valentine treasures. Children will explore textures, practise pouring and scooping, and develop fine motor and early maths skills.
- Pink Playdough Love**
Children will roll, press and shape pink playdough using heart cutters, rolling pins, sequins and flowers. A gentle strawberry or vanilla scent will add an extra sensory element while strengthening little hands.
- Valentine Calm Bottles**
We'll also be making calming bottles filled with pink water, glitter and heart sequins, giving children a chance to shake, watch and relax as the glitter slowly settles.



JUNIOR CRICKET NEEDS YOU!
TENTERDEN CRICKET CLUB

GIRLS & BOYS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME AGES 5-16

INDOOR SESSIONS START 25th JANUARY
HOMEWOOD SCHOOL @10AM

ECB QUALIFIED COACHES with county & international experience
Competitive teams at under 9s, under 11s, under 13s and under 16s.

OUTDOOR SESSIONS START 26th APRIL
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Junior Coordinator & Club Safeguarding Officer Nik Le Marechal
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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

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Sign In

Sign In

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Fruit snack | Activators

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Laser Tag/ Ultimate Nerf
OR Tag Rugby

Construction Club
OR Football Club

Forest School/ OAA
OR Dodgeball Club

Arts & Crafts
OR Basketball Club

Cookery Club
OR Archery Club

Sign Out & Collection A

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Meal time | Quiet play

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Meal time | Quiet play

Meal time | Quiet play

Laser Tag/ Ultimate Nerf
OR Creative play

Construction Club
OR Creative play

Forest School/ OAA
OR Creative play

Arts & Crafts
OR Creative play

Cookery Club
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Sign Out & Collection B

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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

*Outdoor activities include: Forest School, Football, Monkeyball, Nerf, Adventure Playground, Goalball, Tennis, Archery, Basketball, 4Square etc.
*Creative/quiet play options include: Lego, Arts & Crafts, Makery Make, Puzzles, Board Games, Card Games, Chrome Books, Reading etc.