

Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

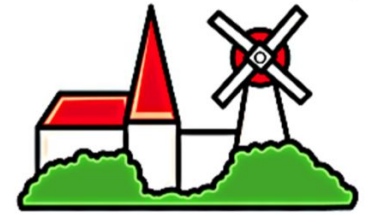
“Let your light shine...”



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a fantastic start to term, with lots of energy, enthusiasm, and excellent attendance—well done everyone! Mrs Burlton and I have been visiting classes this week with a focus on maths teaching and learning. It was wonderful to see such engaged and independent learners. We observed a range of lessons, including counting in groups of 10, exploring capacity, calculating the area of rectangles, and working out the diameter and radius of circles.

On Tuesday, EYFS and Year 2 enjoyed a lovely trip to Bodiam Castle, travelling by steam train—what a memorable way to start the term! Staff were very proud of the children, who showed excellent behaviour and a positive attitude throughout the day. A great time was had by all. EYFS have had a busy week, finishing with their “Come and Learn” session linked to their new topic, *Dinosaurs*. The creations made with family members were absolutely brilliant.

Although it's a short term, we still have lots of exciting events ahead, including the Year 6 residential and our “Flourish Together” day with our friends from High Halden to round things off.

This term, we're also looking to refresh and enhance our OPAL play resources. We'll be organising and restocking, and would really appreciate any donations you may have. If you have items such as small world resources, crates, guttering, bikes, or scooters, please do consider donating them to the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Ridley





Celebration Awards



Well done to all award winners!

Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Michael

Rabbit Class: Elsie

Woodpecker Class: Billy

Blackbird Class: Harley & Lacey

Fox Class: Pearl

Squirrel Class: Oscar

Owl Class: Rosa

Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Whole Class

Rabbit Class: Maddie

Woodpecker Class: Ruby

Blackbird Class: Angelena

Fox Class: Matilda

Squirrel Class:

Owl Class: Lilly-Anne

Diary Dates

Monday 27th April	Yr6 Parent Talk Re Residential	
Monday 4 May	Early May Bank Holiday	
Monday 11th May- Thursday 14th May	Yr 6 SATS	
Friday 15th May- Monday 18th May	Yr 6 Residential	
Tuesday 19 May	Yr 1 Come & Learn	
Friday 22 May	Flourish Together Day End of Term 5	
Monday 1 June	Inset Day (no children)	
Tuesday 2 June	Start of Term 6	
Friday 12th June	Pyjamarama - Click here to donate	
Monday 15-19 June	Sports Week	
Tuesday 16-18 June	Yr 6 Bikeability	
Friday 19 June	Sports Day	
Sunday 5 July	FOWSA Colour Run	



Healthy Snacks & Packed Lunches



Children may bring a healthy snack for morning break such as fruit or vegetables (e.g. apple, cucumber, tomatoes, celery). Other suitable options include breadsticks, crackers, rice cakes (no chocolate), dried fruit, cheese or cereal bars (nut-free). Please note that sweets, crisps, chocolate, biscuits, cakes and juices/smoothies are not allowed at playtime.

Our EYFS and KS1 children also benefit from the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, where they are provided with a daily piece of fruit or vegetable and encouraged to try a variety of options.

If your child brings a packed lunch, please ensure it is healthy and balanced.

This should include a variety of foods such as fruit and vegetables, a carbohydrate item (e.g. sandwich, pasta, rice or crackers), a source of protein (such as meat, egg or beans) and a dairy item like yoghurt or cheese. Drinks should be low in sugar, and children should also bring a bottle of water each day to stay hydrated and support concentration.

Due to allergies within school, we are a **nut-free school**, so please do not include any nut-based products in lunchboxes or snacks.

A small treat such as a biscuit, cereal bar or small cake can be included as part of a balanced lunch, but this should be limited to **one item per day**. Please be mindful that some foods marketed as “healthy” can still be high in sugar.

The following items are not permitted in packed lunches:

- Sweets, confectionery or chewing gum
- Fizzy or sugary drinks, including energy drinks
 - More than one dessert item
 - Any products containing nuts

To read our full food policy, please visit our website here:

<https://www.woodchurch.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Policies&pid=142>

Attendance

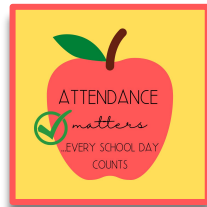
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
92.4%	94.9%	92.3%	94.5%	94.8%	94.8%	94.7%

Whole school attendance: 94.1 %

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



Wear your pyjamas to school on this day and donate £1 to the Book Trust. Children are welcome to wear their slippers but we suggest bringing these in a separate bag to change into. To donate please click this page.

Mrs De-Keyzer will lead worship in the morning to share more about Pyjamarama day and why we celebrate it here in school.

Throughout the day, the children will be fully immersed in everything story and reading!

Look out on our dojo pages to see what we all get up to in our classes.



 BookTrust

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Welcome to Pyjamarama!

GO
ALL
IN.

National Year of
Reading 2026

“Let your light shine...”



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What is Pyjamarama?

Pyjamarama is an event where children around the country – at school, nursery or at home – spend a day in pyjamas to help raise money so every child can experience the benefits of reading. Pyjamarama will take place this year on [Friday 12th June](#).

Why are we running it?

At BookTrust, we want to get every child reading. The last few years have seen the disadvantage gap grow and there's never been a more urgent time to make sure children in the greatest need don't miss out on the life-changing benefits of reading.

Share a story

Each class will get the opportunity to hear a different adult from around school read to them through the day! Who will you get?



Each pupil will take part in the pyjamarama day scavenger hunt. Who will find everything on the list?

Year R&2 Bodiam Castle Trip





Ashford & District Young Farmers Club

LAMBING DAY

Lambing & farm animals
Tractor & trailer rides
Craft stalls
Have a go at spinning
BBQ & local food & drink
Sheep shearing demo's

Sunday April 26th 2026
10am - 4pm

Hope Farm, Wittersham, Kent TN30 7NP

£5 per head (Under 2's free)
Tickets on the gate only - cash only
This is a working farm with limited disabled access

Supporting:

GRAFFEG

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS DOG?

COMING TO RIGHTEOUS OAKS CIC
for story time, Forest School activities plus meet the author and illustrator May 2nd 10-12

Booking link:
<https://bookwhen.com/righteousoaks/e/ev-s622c-20260502100000>

WOODCHURCH CARNIVAL

Woodchurch Green
6 JUNE 2026 from noon

FUNFAIR - PARADE - GAMES
FOOD & DRINK - DOG SHOW
MUSIC - PERFORMANCES -
SHOPPING - COMPETITIONS

www.woodchurchcarnival.uk

NHS North East London NHS Foundation Trust

OSI Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety

Being away from caregivers
General worries
School worries
Bedtime fears
Social worries
Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs, injections)
& more

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

OSI COULD HELP YOU

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!

HOW TO ACCESS OSI

If your child attends one of our schools and you feel OSI would be helpful for you and your child, please scan the QR code which will take you to our website and the OSI self-referral form.

Alternatively, if you would like to discuss this further with someone or would like to consider alternative support, please speak with the Senior Mental Health Lead in your child's school.

Home-Start
We are kind. We are respectful. We work together with our communities.

Can you spare 2-3 hours a week to help a family in need?

Home-Start matches each individual volunteer with a family who is struggling. We offer a comprehensive preparation course and ongoing supervision and support. If you have experience of family life then please get in touch!

Contact us today to find out more
volunteers@home-start-ashford.co.uk

HOME START
Ashford & District

Charity no. 1100561
Office 11, The Cobble Building, Lower Peabottom, Northfleet, Kent DA11 9AB, 7623 1413

HARRY POTTER THEMED MENU

GROW WITH US
NOURISH

21ST MAY

Slytherin's Chicken Meatball Sub 1,5

Berty Bots Bean, Pepper and Cheese Pocket 1,7 V

Hagrid's Choice of Jacket Potatoes and a choice of fillings 7,8,9

Ron's Roast Wedges

Moaning Mertle's Mixed Veg

Gilly Weed Salad

Hagrid's Bake (Vanilla Cake) 1 VG

Leaky Cauldron's Jelly VG

Hedwigs Fruit Pots VG



Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:

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 V Vegetarian VG Vegan

End the school day *your way!*
With our 2 ways to stay and play.

BOOK NOW



3.15 - 4.30

Fun 'n' Fitness

Fun 'n' Fitness only £6.00
+ Stay 'n' Play session 2 £12.00

Monday: Multi-sports

Tuesday: Dodgeball

Wednesday: Football (World Cup Weds)

Thursday: Cricket

Friday: Athletics

3.15 - 4.30 OR 3.15 - 6.00

Stay 'n' Play

Session 1 £6.00

Session 1 + 2 £12.00

Monday: Arts & Crafts

Tuesday: Science

Wednesday: Cooking

Thursday: Construction & Remote Control Cars

Friday: Forest School



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TEAMTHEME KENT



APRIL TO
OCTOBER 2026
NOURISH



SPRING INTO SUMMER MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

13 April
4 May
1 June
22 June
13 July
31 August
21 September
12 October

Beef Bolognese Pasta **1**
Cheese & Pesto Swirl **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Baked Wedges
Seasonal Vegetables

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

Macaroni Cheese **1,7 V**
Chick Pea & Spinach Biryani **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Carrots
Mixed Peppers

Toffee Tart **1,7** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Roast Gammon & Gravy
Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy **6 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Cabbage
Swede

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

Chicken Korma
Herby Tomato Pasta **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice
Green Beans
Carrots

Chocolate Orange Cake **1 VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Fish Fingers **1,8**
Wrap Stack **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips
Sweetcorn & Peas
Coleslaw **9**

Lemon Drizzle Biscuit **1,6 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**
Fruit Pots **VG**

WEEK TWO

20 April
11 May
8 June
29 June
20 July
7 September
28 September
19 October

Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta **1,7 V**
Vegetable Burger in a Bun **1,5,6 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Baked Wedges,
Carrots,
Peas

Honey Cake **1** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Minced Beef Curry
Pesto & Pea Pasta **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice
Seasonal Vegetables

Summer Trifle **1,7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

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

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Broccoli
Carrots

Cornflake Cookie **1,7,16**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Chicken Fajita **1**
Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice
Tomato Salsa
Green Beans

Carrot & Orange Cake **1 VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

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

Chips,
Peas,
Grated Carrot

Oaty Biscuit **1,15 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**
Fruit Pots **VG**

WEEK THREE

27 April
18 May
15 June
6 July
14 September
5 October

Mild Chilli Beef
Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice
Peas
Mixed Peppers

Jam Roly Poly **1,6 VG** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Chicken Pie **1**
Vegetable Stir Fried Noodles **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Crushed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

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

BRUNCH
Pork Sausage & Bacon **1,3,6**
Or Vegetable Sausage **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Brunch Hash Potatoes
Baked Beans
Mushrooms & Tomatoes

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

Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V**
Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rainbow Rice
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw **9**

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

Fish Fingers **1,8**
Cheese & Bean Parcel **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips,
Peas, Baked Beans
Cucumber Sticks

Caramel Cookie **1,7 V**
Yoghurt **3,7**,
Fruit Pots **VG**

Primary 3

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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

