

Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

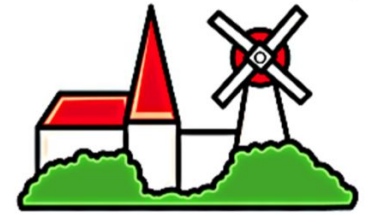
“Let your light shine...”



Newsletter 16

8 May 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already at the end of Week 3 – time is flying! This week in particular has included lots of extra fun alongside our usual timetables, and we have only been in for four days!

On Wednesday, as a whole school, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday alongside Helen and Sarah from Forest School by taking all the children on a walk, followed by a snack and playtime on the field. Our local resident, Wade, kindly helped us take a very special photograph of the children arranged in the shape of the number 100, using a drone to capture the image from above. We hope to be able to share the photographs soon – and even send them to David Attenborough himself! Yesterday, the whole school also enjoyed a fantastic road safety show which was interactive, fun and informative. Two performances were delivered to ensure the content was age-appropriate for all children to understand and enjoy. The children loved getting involved and have come away with lots of important knowledge about staying safe near roads.

We are also delighted to welcome three new additions to our team. Gina Hawksworth has joined us as a Midday Meals Supervisor and is already loving working at Woodchurch Primary and getting to know the children. Ella Ward has started as a Teaching Assistant in Woodpecker class, while also supporting across other classes when needed, and she has already become a valuable addition to the team. Hollie Lovering has joined Fox class as a Teaching Assistant and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience from working across different primary year groups. We are very pleased to welcome them all to the Woodchurch team.

Finally, we are working hard this term and next to further develop our playtime resources for the children. If you would like to support us with this, we would be incredibly grateful for any contributions from our playtime wishlist. https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/27JDNXLYX65X2?ref_=wl_share Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Ridley



Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!

Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Charlie

Rabbit Class: Clementine & Dylan

Woodpecker Class: Daisy & Mamie

Blackbird Class: Isaac & Thomas

Fox Class: James & Violet

Squirrel Class: Elise & Elijah

Owl Class: Harry & Mia

Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Sofia

Rabbit Class: Pippa

Woodpecker Class: Etta & Connor

Blackbird Class:

Fox Class: Noah

Squirrel Class: Pollyanna

Owl Class: Stanley & Oscar

Diary Dates

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	
Saturday 6 June	Woodchurch Carnival Day	
Sunday 7 June	Steps for Huxley - Woodchurch Green 2-4pm	
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	

Punctuality and Full School Day Reminder

Please help your child make the most of every school day by arriving on time and staying until the end of the day. This week alone, 22 children arrived late to school on one morning, meaning valuable learning time was missed at the start of the day. Morning routines and end-of-day activities are an important part of learning, and arriving late or leaving early can disrupt both your child's progress and the wider class. We kindly ask that children are collected at their designated finish times unless there is an exceptional circumstance, such as a medical appointment. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



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Attendance

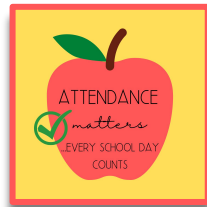
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
92.5%	95%	94.1%	94.6%	94.8%	94.7%	94.5%

Whole school attendance: 94.4%

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



SPONSORED WALK

STEPS

for **HUXLEY**



SUNDAY
7 JUNE



2-4PM



MEETING POINT:
WOODCHURCH
VILLAGE GREEN





Small steps. Big difference. 

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A REAL IMPACT 

Steps for Huxley

As a school community, we are coming together to support a family connected to our school whose son, Huxley, is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia.

Huxley is 10 years old and should be in Year 5. He has been receiving treatment and care at The Royal Marsden Hospital, but the next stage of his treatment will require private funding.

To support Huxley and his family, FOWSA are organising a sponsored walk on Sunday 7th June for our children, families/carers and friends   Everyone is welcome to join in, while helping raise vital funds. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer or responsible adult.

It is free to take part, but we are asking that each participating child raises a minimum of £5 in sponsorship, with any additional sponsorship very gratefully received. Every step taken and every pound raised will help make a real difference.

 100% of funds raised will go directly towards supporting Huxley's treatment.

If you are planning to take part, please register your details so we have an idea of numbers:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/QsK92K6DnM>

Sponsor forms can be collected from the School Office.

We are grateful for your sensitivity in sharing and talking about Huxley's story with care and respect for the family's privacy as they navigate this extremely difficult time.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.

BATTING FOR HUXLEY

10 year old Huxley is part of our All Stars and Dynamos kids cricket family and is currently fighting cancer.

Become one of Huxley's Heroes and join us for an evening of fun to raise money for life saving treatment.

FRIDAY 29TH MAY FROM 5PM

STONE-IN-OXNEY CRICKET CLUB ♦ TN30 7JL ♦ GAMES
FAMILY CRICKET ♦ BBQ ♦ BAR ♦ RAFFLE ♦ MUSIC

gofundme™



Everyone welcome bring your family & friends!

Your support truly makes a difference.



BATTING FOR HUXLEY RAFFLE PRIZES

EUROSTAR TICKET PAINTBALLING TICKETS FOR 10 PEOPLE
NIGHT IN A SHEPHERD'S HUT RUMBLE WRESTLING TICKETS
HELL4LEATHER KIDS CRICKET BAT PADEL LESSON
WORLD OF WATER BREAKFAST FOR 2 KIDS GOLF LESSON
WEEKEND FAMILY TICKET FOR TRACTORFEST 2026
KENT CRICKET TICKETS ESTÉE LAUDER GIFT SET

VOUCHERS FROM GENEROUS FRIENDS AT:
HAIR AT FIFTEEN THE FERRY INN THE SALON ST MICHAELS
THE OLD POST OFFICE CAFÉ CHLOE'S CAKES & BAKES
RIGHTEOUS OAKS FOREST SCHOOL LYDD GOLF CLUB
PLURENDEN MANOR FARM BALFOUR SALON NO.1
KNIGHTINGALES FISHING HWS PHYSIOTHERAPY
JUMP KENT MR CRICKET HOCKEY BEAUTY ROOMS
ROCKITS SENSORY THE DUKE'S HEAD THE SALON RYE

£10 FOR 5 TICKETS

AVAILABLE OUTSIDE SCHOOL 2.45PM-3.10PM
MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 11TH MAY-22ND MAY

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?

community

KENT ART COMPETITION

THE KENT COUNTY SHOW
With Trail Blazers
FOR AGES 4-11

Create a piece of art inspired by farming or the countryside and have your artwork on display at the Kent County Show, 3-5 July 2026.

EVERY ENTRANT will receive one free child and one free adult ticket to The Kent County Show at Detling Showground.

1st Prize: Win a Trail Blazers Fishing Party or Forest Adventure Experience for you and 9 friends
2nd Prize: Receive a one to one fishing lesson and a two day fishing pass at a Trail Blazers Lake
3rd Prize: Win a family ticket to BiddendenTractorfest for two adults and two children for the 15th or 16th August

ENTER BY 20th JUNE TO BE IN WITH YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

NHS North East London NHS Foundation Trust

OSI Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

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

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.

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

WOODCHURCH CARNIVAL

Woodchurch Green
6 JUNE 2026 from noon

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

www.woodchurchcarnival.uk

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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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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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

