

Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already on our penultimate newsletter of this academic year, and that I'm nearly at the end of my first year at Woodchurch. The last couple of weeks have been filled with so much learning, excitement and memorable experiences across the school.

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Front Door Theatre Group to Woodchurch to perform *Fisherman's Tail*. Thanks to funding secured through a local Christian Trust by Mrs Burgess, the workshops and whole-school performance were provided at no cost to the school. The interactive storytelling, drama and music brought the stories of the fishermen on the Sea of Galilee to life and provided a wonderful enrichment opportunity for our children, supporting their RE learning in an engaging and memorable way. A huge thank you to Mrs Burgess for organising this fantastic experience. We have also enjoyed wonderful performances from our Year 4 ukulele group and the children receiving one-to-one music lessons. It was lovely to see their growing confidence, musicality and sense of rhythm. Meanwhile, our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard rehearsing for their end-of-year production. This week they performed their first full dress rehearsal to the rest of the school, and it was absolutely brilliant. Their singing, confidence and enthusiasm shone throughout, and we can't wait for families to see the final performance.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome our new EYFS children into school for their transition visits, and it was lovely to meet their parents at our recent parent information evening. We have also welcomed several prospective families to Woodchurch, with children attending transition sessions ahead of September. We are very much looking forward to our whole-school transition day next week, which is always an exciting milestone as children begin to prepare for the next stage of their learning journey.

Our staff INSET day this week was both productive and exciting, with teams working hard to plan for the next academic year, develop new ideas and prepare resources to ensure another successful year ahead. As we approach the end of term, the warm weather and busy weeks can leave everyone feeling a little tired and irritable. We would really appreciate your support in reminding your children to continue following *The Woodchurch Way* by showing kindness, respect and care towards everyone in our school community. Together, we can ensure we finish the year as positively as we have lived it.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Ridley

Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!



Learner of the week:

- ★ Hedgehog Class: Reggie
- ★ Rabbit Class: Ella
- ★ Woodpecker Class:
- ★ Blackbird Class: Bettina
- ★ Fox Class: Beatrice
- ★ Squirrel Class: Florence
- ★ Owl Class: Daisy



Vision & Values awards:

- ★ Hedgehog Class: Darcey
- ★ Rabbit Class: Dylan
- ★ Woodpecker Class: Arthur
- ★ Blackbird Class: Lillie
- ★ Fox Class: Martha
- ★ Squirrel Class: Missy & Macie
- ★ Owl Class: Whole Class



IMPORTANT DATES

for your diary

Monday
13 July
2pm

Rocksteady Concert



Tuesday 14 &
Wednesday
15 July

Yr 6 Production



Wednesday
15 July

Yr 4 School Trip



Friday
17 July

Whole School
Transition Day



Monday
20 July

Yr 6 Leavers Service –
All Saints Church



Tuesday
21 July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly /
Last Day of Term 6 and
the academic year



Thursday
3 September

Start of Term 1



Thursday
10 September

Kent Test



Thursday
17 September

Individual Photos



Thank you!

OPAL Donations Needed!

As part of our commitment to providing exciting, creative and engaging play opportunities for all children, we will be refreshing and expanding our OPAL resources over the summer break. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations from parents, carers and members of our local community.

We are particularly looking for:

- ❖ Scooters, balance bikes, skateboards and ride-on toys
- ❖ Dressing-up clothes, dolls, prams, toy cars and small animal or dinosaur figures
- ❖ Old pots, pans, metal bowls, baking trays, sieves and plastic guttering/tubes for mud kitchen and water play
- ❖ Plastic or wooden crates, cable drums/reels, wooden pallets and large tarpaulins for construction and den building

If you have any of these items that are no longer needed but still in good condition, please consider donating them to the school. Your support will help us continue to develop our outdoor play environment and provide even more opportunities for children to learn, explore and have fun through play.

Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS, EVERY MINUTE MATTERS



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

EYFS (R)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.0%	94.4%	93.0%	93.3%	94.6%	91.8%	93.8%

Whole school attendance: **93.3%**
(All Above)

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:

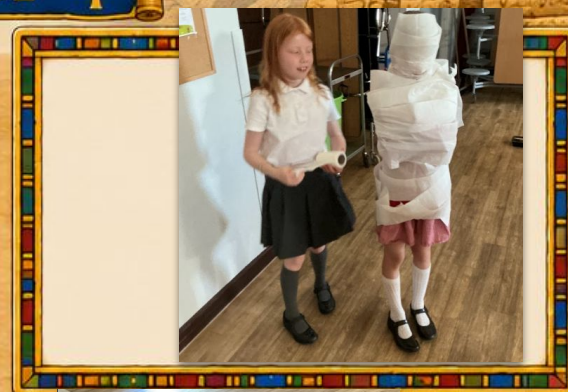
- ✓ Feel happier and gain in confidence
- ✓ Achieve more academically and keep up with work more easily
- ✓ Develop well socially and find it easier to make and keep friends
- ✓ Establish good educational habits and routines at an early age
- ✓ Are able to make a positive contribution to school life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



★ All of these are important life skills for your child ★

OUR YEAR 4 CLASS HAVING A FANTASTIC TIME PARTICIPATING IN OUR EGYPTIAN WORKSHOP!

♀ EXPLORE • LEARN • CREATE ♀



DISCOVER
THE PAST



INSPIRE
THE FUTURE



Bookworms of Woodchurch

Join the Summer Reading Challenge – *Read to the Beat!*

The Summer Reading Challenge is returning to Kent Libraries from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 5 September, and we'd love to see as many of our Woodchurch children taking part as possible.

The challenge is completely free and is open to children aged 4 to 11. This year's exciting theme, Read to the Beat, celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire and connect us—all through the magic of reading.

Taking part is a fantastic way to keep children reading over the summer holidays, helping to maintain their reading skills, spark their imagination and build confidence before returning to school in September. Children can enjoy a wide range of books, collect rewards and discover that reading really can be great fun.

Why not visit your local Kent Library to sign up and join the challenge? We look forward to hearing all about the fantastic books our children have enjoyed when they return to school in September!



The poster features a vibrant blue background with musical notes, a bird carrying a book, a drum, and headphones. The title 'READ to the BEAT' is prominently displayed in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below the title, the text 'Summer Reading Challenge 2026' and 'Get ready to turn up the volume on reading this summer!' are written in bold. A pink banner contains the text 'Find free family friendly fun at your local library, and Go All In for the National Year of Reading.' A QR code is located on the right side, and a sign-up instruction is at the bottom left. Logos for The Reading Agency, Universal Music Group, Arts Council England, Kent Libraries, and Kent County Council are at the bottom.

THE READING AGENCY **UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP UNITED KINGDOM**

READ to the BEAT

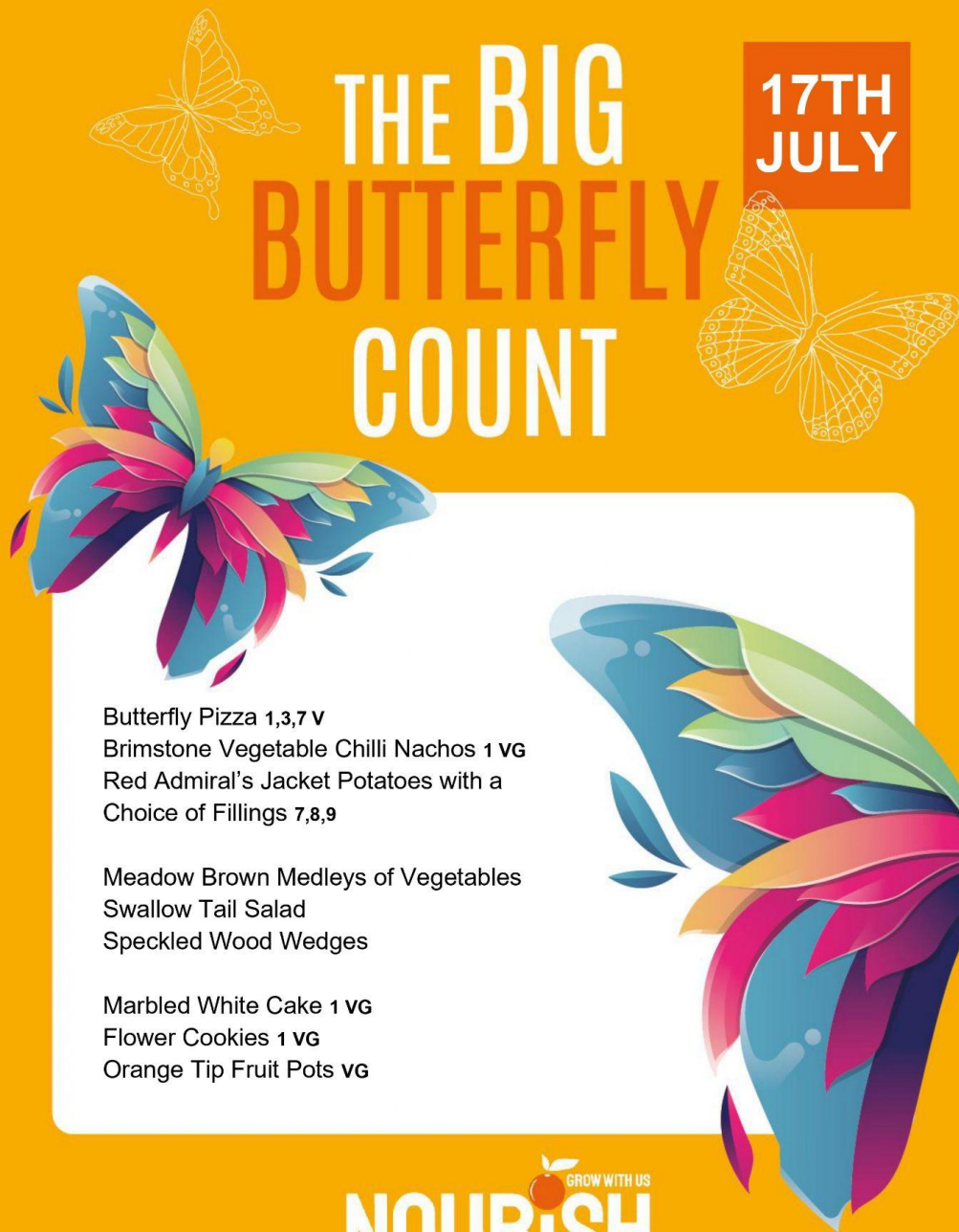
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Visit kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND **GO ALL IN! National Year of Reading 2026** **Kent Libraries** **Kent County Council**

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Butterfly Pizza 1,3,7 V
Brimstone Vegetable Chilli Nachos 1 VG
Red Admiral's Jacket Potatoes with a
Choice of Fillings 7,8,9

Meadow Brown Medleys of Vegetables
Swallow Tail Salad
Speckled Wood Wedges

Marbled White Cake 1 VG
Flower Cookies 1 VG
Orange Tip Fruit Pots VG

GROW WITH US
NOURISH

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

STAY 'n' PLAY

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TERM 6 HIGHLIGHTS

What we've been busy doing!

Sports Clubs

What we've been playing...



World Cup fever is in full flow in Football club, & - although usually a winter sport - it's been enjoying its time in the sun alongside the usual summer sport staple - Cricket club.

Arts & Crafts

What we're making...



In our Mini-Makers club we've been getting busy with bracelet making of all types - from Loom Bands and Aqua Beads to throwback Scooby Doo bracelet and keyring creations.

Construction Club

What we're building...



We've been designing and building bespoke race tracks for our RC cars - to really test the mettle of our racers - pushing those spatial awareness and problem-solving skills to the max!

NOTICE BOARD

Stay 'n' Play reminders



Important Info

Please ensure that your personal information, as well as your child's, is up to date. Current medical and dietary requirements help us keep your child safe when in our care.

Childcare Vouchers & Grant

We accept payment for Stay n' Play sessions either directly, or through both the Childcare Vouchers and Childcare Grant Schemes. If you need assistance with this, please contact us on the email below and we can help.

FROM US TO YOU

A gift to say thanks.

To thank all of our Stay 'n' Play families we're offering an exclusive **Buy 1 day, get 1 FREE day** (3 days max.pp) this summer camp. Simply make your booking, email Lauren (email below) your booking receipt and dates you'd like to claim your FREE days, and we'll do the rest!



We hope your children are enjoying their time at Stay 'n' Play as much as we enjoy having them! If you've any feedback or suggestions, feel free to reach out lauren.wiltshire@teamthemekent.co.uk

Our Multi-sports happy, healthy holiday camps also offer childcare every school holiday. You can learn more at teamthemekent.co.uk/holiday-camps

TEAMTHEME KENT
teamthemekent.co.uk/stay-n-play



Woodchurch CE Primary School Community Notice Board



Parish of Denswood

Create a picture with natural things collected in the churchyard

Picture Perfect with Parish Petals

Tuesday		Thursday
18th August	&	20th August
All Saints Woodchurch 10-12		St Margaret's Bethersden 10-12

Come and join us!

Refreshments available at both venues

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BURGERS BATS & BUGS

LIMITED PLACES BOOKING ESSENTIAL

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD WOODCHURCH

8pm Burgers
8:45pm Bat spotting and listening with bat detector
9:00pm Bug bioluminescence with UV torch

PAY WHAT YOU CAN (GUIDE PRICE £5)
CONTACT REVD MARIA TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:
DENSWOODCULATE@GMAIL.COM
07716815275

Skirmish At The Museum

11th - 12th July 2026
...breathing new life into history
10am to 4pm

SKIRMISHES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!
INTERACTION ENCOURAGED!
ALL ERAS WELCOME!
OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE
VEHICLE RIDES AND AIRCRAFT

Bar available
All proceeds to the museum and local Veteran's Association
Some re-enactors may fire blank guns and cannons, which can be loud!

Normal museum entry prices apply.
If you have any questions, please contact us at:
info@rafmanston.co.uk
www.rafmanston.co.uk

WhatWords: remarried mornings gave
Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

BOOK HERE



♥ Let your light shine... Matthew 5:16

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

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

