

A Message For Our Year 6 Leavers

As you leave Woodchurch Primary School and begin the next stage of your journey, remember the words we have shared so often together:

"You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others."

Matthew 5:14-16

Throughout your time at Woodchurch, we hope you have discovered your unique gifts and talents. We have watched your confidence grow, your friendships flourish and your character shine through the way you have cared for others, embraced new challenges and celebrated success.

As you move on to secondary school, carry our school vision with you. Let your light shine. Shine through your kindness. Shine through your courage. Shine through your perseverance. Shine by standing up for what is right, showing compassion to others and always being the very best version of yourself.

Wherever your journey takes you, remember that your light has the power to encourage others, to make a difference and to brighten the world around you.

Although you are leaving Woodchurch, you will always remain part of our school family. We are incredibly proud of all you have achieved and excited to see where your light will lead you next.

Go forward with confidence, embrace every opportunity and never be afraid to shine.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others..."

May your light continue to shine brightly for all to see.

With love, pride and every good wish for the future,
From everyone at Woodchurch Primary School

Let Your Light Shine



Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!



Learner of the week:

- ★ Hedgehog Class: Whole Class
- ★ Rabbit Class: Whole Class
- ★ Woodpecker Class: Whole Class
- ★ Blackbird Class: Whole Class
- ★ Fox Class: Whole Class
- ★ Squirrel Class: Whole Class
- ★ Owl Class: Whole Class



Vision & Values awards:

- ★ Hedgehog Class: Whole Class
- ★ Rabbit Class: Madeline
- ★ Woodpecker Class: Whole Class
- ★ Blackbird Class: Adelaide
- ★ Fox Class: Whole Class
- ★ Squirrel Class: Whole Class
- ★ Owl Class: Ollie



IMPORTANT DATES

for your diary



Woodchurch CE Primary School

Thursday
3 September

Start of Term 1



Monday
7 September

Meet the Teacher



Thursday
10 September

Kent Test



Thursday
17 September

Individual Photos



Friday
25 September

Macmillan
Coffee Morning



Thursday
1 October

National Poetry Day



Friday
23 October

Last Day of Term 1



≧ Thank you! ≦

School Uniform Reminder

As many families will be preparing to purchase school uniform for September, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our school uniform expectations.

Wearing the correct school uniform helps to promote a sense of pride, belonging and equality within our school community.

We kindly ask that all items of clothing, footwear and accessories meet our uniform requirements from the start of the new academic year.

Our uniform expectations are as follows:

Our School Uniform

- Woodchurch red jumper, fleece, or cardigan with embroidered school logo
- Plain white shirt (long or short sleeved) or white polo shirt
- Grey shorts or trousers
- Grey pinafore dress or skirt
- Red gingham checked summer dress (*Terms 5, 6, and 1 only*)
- White, grey, or black socks or plain navy, black, or red tights.

For full details of our school uniform, including where to purchase branded items and information about our second-hand uniform shop, please visit our School Uniform page on the school website: [School Uniform page](#).

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standards. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, smartly dressed and ready to learn.

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
91.8%	94.0%	93.0%	93.0%	94.8%	92.1%	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 ★

— Year 4 School Trip to — Godinton House and Gardens



Exploring • Learning • Making Memories

What a
fabulous
day!



DISCOVER

EXPLORE

ENJOY

A day
full of fun
and new
experiences!



Bookworms of Woodchurch

READ TO THE BEAT – SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026!

Kent Libraries' fantastic Summer Reading Challenge is back! This year's theme is Read to the Beat, encouraging children to turn up the volume on reading and enjoy lots of brilliant books throughout the summer holidays. 

Children can visit their local library, sign up for free and take part in the challenge by reading books, collecting rewards and discovering fun, family-friendly activities along the way. 

 The challenge begins on Saturday 4th July

 Sign up at your local Kent library

 Completely free to take part

 Suitable for children of all ages

Regular reading over the summer is a wonderful way to keep children's skills fresh, build confidence and help them return to school ready for the new academic year. 

Let's see how many of our children can complete the challenge this summer! Don't forget to share your certificates and reading achievements with us when we return in September. 

 Visit kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge for more information.



The poster features a blue background with musical notes, a book with a green cover, a book with a blue cover, a pair of headphones, and a smartphone. The text 'READ to the BEAT' is prominently displayed in large, colorful letters. Below the title, it says 'Summer Reading Challenge 2026' and 'Get ready to turn up the volume on reading this summer!'. It also mentions 'Find free family friendly fun at your local library, and Go All In for the National Year of Reading.' A QR code is provided for sign-up. Logos for The Reading Agency, Universal Music Group, Kent County Council, Kent Libraries, and the National Year of Reading 2026 are included at the bottom.

THE READING AGENCY

UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP UNITED KINGDOM

READ to the BEAT

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Find **free family friendly fun** at your local library, and Go All In for the National Year of Reading.

Sign up at a library near you from Saturday 4 July
Visit kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

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Kent Libraries

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📖✨ Volunteer Readers Needed for September! ✨📖

We are looking for some wonderful volunteers to come into school and listen to children read in our KS2 classes from September. 🏫📖

Whether you can offer a regular slot each week or a little time when you are available, your support would make a real difference to our children's confidence, fluency and enjoyment of reading. ✨

No teaching experience is needed, just a love of books, a friendly smile and a little time to spare! 😊📖

Please contact the school office or speak to a member of staff if you would be interested in joining our reading team.

Thank you for helping us bring books to life!



FOWSA Update

As another school year comes to an end, we would like to thank everyone who has supported FOWSA.

This year we brought our school community together through a range of events, including a school disco, movie night, Mother's Day Craft, Easter Craft and the Colour Run. We also organised Steps for Huxley, a sponsored walk that helped to raise vital funds to support Huxley, in Year 5, with his treatment. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended and helped make these events such a success.

Thanks to your incredible support, we have been able to fund coaches for the whole school to enjoy the pantomime, a new sound system for staged productions and sports days, new books for every classroom, an animal workshop for Science Day, an author visit for World Book Week and farewell candles for our Year 6 leavers. Every event attended and every cake, ice cream and raffle ticket purchased has helped make this possible, with every penny raised going back into the school to enrich our children's learning and experiences.

Thank you for being part of such a wonderful school community. Have a fantastic summer, and we look forward to seeing you all in September for another school year!

Danielle, Ela, Emma and Clare x

Governor update

The Governing Board met recently for its final meeting of the academic year. Alongside approving the minutes from the previous meeting, governors were pleased to appoint a new Chair, congratulating Leon Hackling on his appointment and thanking Clare Silcock for the last 7 years and her dedicated service as Chair. Hilary Ndongong was also appointed as Vice Chair, with thanks expressed to Nik Le Marechal for his valued contribution in the role over the past 13 years. We were delighted to welcome three new co-opted governors - Peter James, Kelly Brace and Victoria Quinn - and thank them for stepping forward to support our federation. They bring a wealth of experience and skills that will strengthen the work of the governing board.

Governors agreed monitoring pairs for the new academic year and received updates on safeguarding, attendance, finance and the Christian vision, values and distinctiveness of our schools, including developments to the RE curriculum. The board reviewed progress against our strategic priorities, considering current actions and readiness for September, and discussed monitoring reports from across the federation, asking questions to support and challenge school leaders. Governors also shared the training they have completed over the past term and reflected on key learning that will help inform future governance. We continue to be encouraged by the commitment of staff and governors alike as we work together to provide the very best education for all our children.





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 18th August All Saints Woodchurch 10-12	Thursday 20th August St Margaret's Bethersden 10-12
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Come and join us!

Refreshments available at both venues

EVENTS AT THE K&ESR - 2026

Summer of Fun!

DATES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

The Explorer's Express Join Colonel Steptoe on the train to learn the fascinating history of the railway, from the past to the present. <i>Hosted by a professional actor</i>	Bricks on the Move A carriage will become a creative play space that includes thousands of LEGO bricks.	The Teddy Express This paw-tive experience is especially for our younger visitors and their favourite cuddly companions.
The Great Train Mystery A live interactive whodunnit. Something suspicious is afoot aboard the train, we need your help to crack the case!	KIDS GO FREE July 21 st to August 31 st Please note: Separate charge applies for activities.	Circus Workshops Roll up and join the circus! Step into a world of big-top fun with lively hands-on workshops for the whole family.
Calligraphy Workshop Learn the basic techniques of modern calligraphy and create your own cards to take home with you.	Folk Art Workshop A real hands-on experience discovering the world of Folk Art. This engaging workshop is guaranteed to inspire.	Willow Workshop Learn to master the art of willow weaving and make a beautiful dragonfly to proudly take home with you.

* Up to three children travel free when accompanied by a fare-paying adult.

KENT & EAST SUSSEX RAILWAY
 Tenterden Town Station, Station Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6HE
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Join **THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE** Museum Adventure!

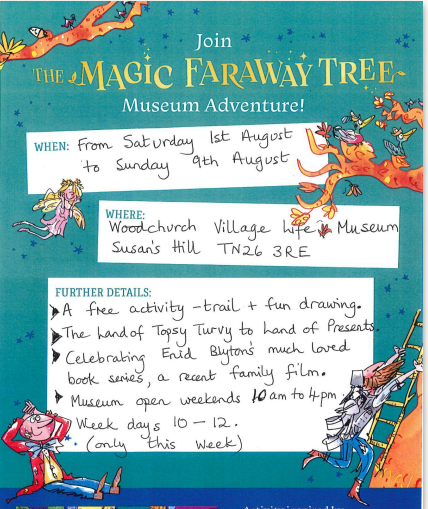
WHEN: From Saturday 1st August to Sunday 9th August

WHERE: Woodchurch Village Life Museum, Susan's Hill TN26 3RE

FURTHER DETAILS:

- A free activity - trail + fun drawing.
- The hand of Topsy Turvy to hand of Presents.
- Celebrating Enid Blyton's much loved book series, a recent family film.
- Museum open weekends 10am to 4pm.
- Week days 10 - 12.
- (only this week)*

Activity inspired by *The Magic Faraway Tree* books by **Enid Blyton** with illustrations by Mark Beech



BURGERS BATS & BUGS

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD WOODCHURCH

LIMITED PLACES BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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)
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- Compassion
- Hope
- Forgiveness
- Thankfulness
- Love

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



ROCK
STEADY

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-  Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
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Much more than music

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Insights from 3,737 parents

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Georgia

92%

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Insights from 1,738 children



**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S
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