

Mrs Ridley

Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!



Learner of the week:

- ★ Hedgehog Class: Poppy
- ★ Rabbit Class: Reggie & Kade
- ★ Woodpecker Class: Isaac & Monty
- ★ Blackbird Class: Mamie & Billy
- ★ Fox Class: Joshua & Luca
- ★ Squirrel Class: Sasha & Tallulah
- ★ Owl Class: Ollie & Pollyanna



Vision & Values awards:

- ★ Hedgehog Class: Whole Class
- ★ Rabbit Class: Michael & Darcey
- ★ Woodpecker Class: Poppy & Clementine
- ★ Blackbird Class: Emme & Bea
- ★ Fox Class: Miley & Bettina
- ★ Squirrel Class: Pearl
- ★ Owl Class: Macie



Dates for your Diary



Thursday 1 October

National Poetry Day



Wednesday 7 October

Parents Eve
(3.30pm to 5.30pm)



Thursday 8 October

Parents Eve
(5pm to 7.30pm)



Friday 23 October

Last Day of Term 1

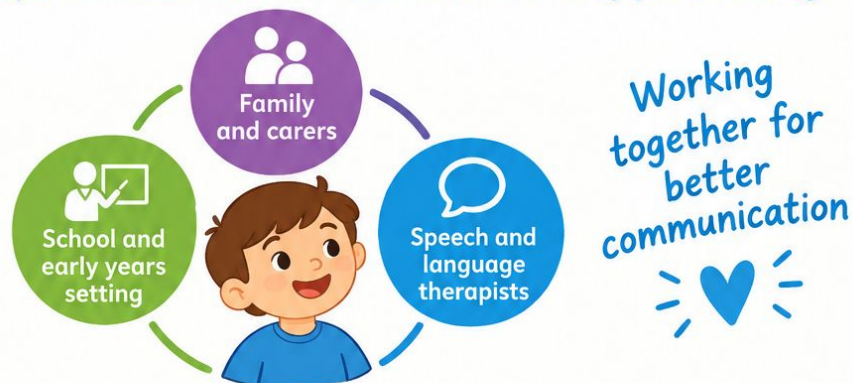


We look forward to
seeing you there!

Speech and Language Therapist Update

Kent has adopted the **Balanced System**[®] framework to better support children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).

This approach means that everyone in a child's life, including speech and language therapists, work together to support their speech, language and communication development at home and in their school or early years setting.



You can learn more about the **Balanced System**[®] on the SEND information hub:



kent.gov.uk/balancedsystem



Video:

<https://vimeo.com/103777526>



Video with BSL:

<https://vimeo.com/1069632466>

Upcoming **FOWSA** events



Thursday 22 October,
3.30–4.45pm – School Disco



Friday 23 October –
End of Term Cake Sale and
Second-hand uniform shop



Friday 4 December –
Own Clothes Day, in exchange
for a Christmas gift/raffle
donation



Thursday 17 December,
3.30–4.30pm – Christmas Movie

Thank you for your continued
support – it makes a big difference!

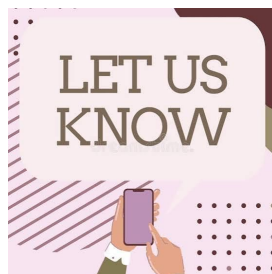
If Your Child Is Absent

If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know by **9am on the first day of absence** by calling our absence line on **01233 860232** or emailing us through **ParentMail**.

Please remember to **contact us each day** that your child is absent due to illness.

If we have not heard from you, we will follow our safeguarding procedures to make sure your child is safe. We will initially try to contact you by **phone, email and ClassDojo**. If we are still unable to make contact, we may contact your emergency contacts or, where necessary, visit your home address.

Thank you for helping us to keep all our pupils safe and ensuring that we know where they are when they are not in school.



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
98.0%	95.7%	98.0%	95.1%	97.8%	96.2%	88.6%

Whole school attendance: **95.7%**
(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 ★



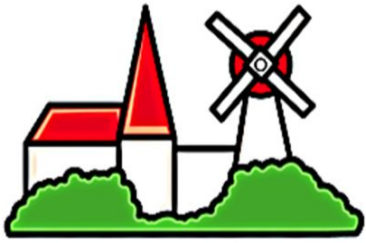


Year 2 Woodpeckers,

visited the Woodchurch Museum last week and went on a local walk to learn about the physical and Human features of Woodchurch village. We had a great time learning about this for our first project Woodchurch to Tocuaro.



"Let your light shine..."



Woodchurch CE Primary School

Macmillan Coffee Morning





✨ EYFS Tours ✨

Is your child starting School in
September 2027?

Come and discover Woodchurch CE
Primary School.

A small, family-friendly school with a calm and caring feel,
where every child is valued, encouraged and inspired to let
their light shine.



Experience what makes Woodchurch such a special
place to be.

☀ Book your personalised tour

☎ 01233 860232

✉ office@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

♥ FOWSA – Friends of Woodchurch School Association

FOWSA is a huge part of our school community, organising lots of fun events and activities for our children and families throughout the year. They also work incredibly hard to raise vital funds for our school, helping us provide extra-curricular opportunities, experiences and resources that we simply would not be able to fund from our school budget alone.

However, FOWSA needs your help! They are hoping to have at least one parent from each class involved as part of the FOWSA committee. I work closely with FOWSA whenever I can, as do members of our staff team, but we really need more parents and carers to get involved and share the load.

The current FOWSA volunteers are a lovely, friendly group who would be delighted to welcome some new faces, fresh ideas and extra energy. You don't need to have any previous experience — just a willingness to get involved and help make a difference to our school community.

Whether you can give a little time, share an idea, help at an event or simply be part of the team, your support would make a huge difference.

Could you be the FOWSA representative for your child's class? Please let me know if you are keen to get involved, and I will pass your details on to the FOWSA team.

Mrs Ridley ♥



Woodchurch CE Primary School Community Notice Board

Rotary Club of Tenterden Christmas Story Competition 2026

Pupils from year 1 to year 6 are asked to write an original story with a Christmas theme, or a Winter theme, unaided and in their own handwriting. The story should be neatly presented on A4 paper if possible, comprising of around 150 words and may be decorated. The pupil's name, year group, together with the name of the school, should be included on the reverse side of their story.

Entries need to be in by
Wednesday 2 December
to the school office.

Prizes for the winner for each year will be awarded



Good luck!

1st Woodchurch Squirrels and Beavers

Mondays 5.45 - 7pm

Woodchurch Scout and Guide Community Centre

Fun activities including...

- Cooking
- Craft
- Outdoor activities

Come along, make friends and have fun!

✉ 1stwoodchurchinfo@gmail.com



Time to shine Junior's

A group for SEND children and young people aged 7-11 years to socialise and learn new skills in a safe, relaxed environment. This group is for children and young people who may find it difficult to access mainstream groups and would like some support to build their confidence.

The group numbers are lower to meet the needs of everyone attending and to create a calmer environment.

Waterside Family Hub

DAY: Monday

Time: 4.00pm - 5.15pm

Address: Turner Close, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0PQ

Contact Information: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

Booking required – link in the description.

You do not need to have a diagnosis to attend this session



Visit your local Family Hub today
[Kent.gov.uk/familyhub](https://kent.gov.uk/familyhub)
KentFamilyHub



Stepping Up 5-11 Years

Join us for a fun, confidence-building course for children aged 5-11. Over six sessions, they will explore emotions, build friendships, and learn practical skills through creative activities, games, and discussions in a safe, friendly environment.

The Willow Family Hub

DAY: Thursday

Time: 3.45pm - 5.15pm

Address: Halstow Way, Ashford, Kent TN23 4EY

Contact Information: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk 03000 418800

Booking required – contact your Family Hub.



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KentFamilyHub



♥ 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

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS



IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK

-  Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
-  Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
-  Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
-  Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
-  Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK TO START
LESSONS IN SEPTEMBER!



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com

LEARN TO PLAY MUSIC IN A BAND THAT'S FOR EVERYONE.

Choose from: Drums, guitar, bass, keyboard or vocals.

Inclusive and hassle-free!

Takes place in school, instruments provided and no experience necessary!

Have fun and learn by playing

Children work their way through a curriculum of up to 300 musical skills.

Taught by professional musicians

Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning music fun.

Much more than music

Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and academic achievement.

Progress at their own pace

Your child can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification!

End every term on a high note

Watch your child shine as they perform in their end of term concerts.

For details on availability and cost, visit rocksteadymusicschool.com and find your school on the sign up page. **Money back guarantee** for the first month. **No payment in August.** Cancel at any time.

98%

of parents say their child loves or enjoys their Rocksteady lessons
Insights from 3,737 parents

"Rocksteady has given Campbell a true love of music. It has improved his life dramatically."

Georgia

92%

of Rocksteady pupils report greater confidence and self-belief
Insights from 1,738 children



BOOK YOUR CHILD'S
PLACE ONLINE!



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