

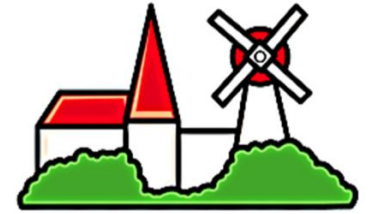
Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 1

5 September 2025

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“Let your light shine...”



Woodchurch CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new school year it has been! I would like to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you for the incredibly warm welcome I've received from the Woodchurch community. Your children have settled back into school life beautifully – arriving each day looking so smart, full of smiles, and ready to learn. It's been a joy to see such positivity and enthusiasm in every corner of the school.

Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly over the summer to create calm, engaging, and inspiring learning environments for the children, and I know you'll share my appreciation for their efforts. There have also been some exciting updates to the school building itself: our EYFS and KS1 children are now enjoying bright, fresh new toilet facilities, we've introduced a beautiful new library space for all pupils to enjoy, and created a welcoming nurture space in the annexe. These developments are just the beginning, with more improvements planned for the months ahead.

I'd also like to warmly invite you to our *Meet the Teacher* session this week, taking place from **3:15–4:30pm**. It's a great opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, explore their new classroom space, and find out a little more about what lies ahead this term.

I am really looking forward to an action-packed first term here at Woodchurch and to getting to know all of you better. Please do come and say hello and introduce yourselves if you see me on the gate – I'm always happy to chat.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Ridley



Settling in!



Diary Dates

Monday 8 September	Meet the Teacher
Thursday 25th September	Harvest Festival
Friday 26 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning European Day of Languages
Week Commencing Monday 29 September	Kindness Challenge Week
Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th October	Parents Evenings
Monday 13 October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 17 October	Show Racism the Red Card Last Day of Term 1



PE and Forest School

Below is the PE and Forest School information for Term 1.

Over the course of the year, each class will have at least two terms of Forest School and specialist PE sessions alongside their teacher-led PE, ensuring your children have rich opportunities for outdoor learning and physical development. On PE days, children may come to school in their PE kit. On Forest School days, children should wear clothes and shoes they do not mind getting dirty and which are appropriate for the weather. Please also send their school uniform in a bag on Forest School days in case they get wet or muddy and need to change.

We are also pleased to let you know that Year 6 will take part in Challenger Troop sessions from Week 2 on Wednesday afternoons, working alongside our friends from High Halden. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to build teamwork, resilience, and leadership skills through outdoor challenges and structured activities.

Below is the timetable for Term 1:

Class	Forest School	PE
Reception		Monday
Year 1	Wednesday am	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Wednesday am	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday am	Monday and Tuesday
Year 4		Thursday and Friday
Year 5		Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Wednesday pm (challenger troop)	Friday



We will inform you of any changes due to weather or staffing as needed.

Term 1 Clubs – Starting Next Week!

Our Term 1 clubs begin next week, and we're excited to get them underway! There's still space available in Cricket Club (Tuesdays) and Choir (Thursdays) – both open to children in Years 3–6. If your child is interested, we'd love for them to come along and get involved.

We also have a fantastic selection of clubs run by external providers, including rugby, football, street dance, and drama. If those sound like a good fit, you can book directly with the providers – more information and booking details are available on the flyers further down in this newsletter.



11+ Kent Test – Coming Up Soon

A reminder that the 11+ Kent Test will take place on Thursday 11th September for our Year 6 children who have registered.

We wish all of them the very best of luck – they've been working hard and we're proud of them already!

If you have any questions in the lead-up to the test, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We're excited to be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September to support this fantastic cause. We'd love your help to make it a success by donating cakes to sell on the day – homemade or shop-bought, all contributions are very welcome!

Parents and families are warmly invited to join us for coffee and cake after drop-off to enjoy some time together and support Macmillan. Meanwhile, the children will have the chance to buy cakes during breaktime.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support – every cake makes a difference!



Harvest Festival

We warmly invite all families to join us for our Harvest Festival on Thursday 25th September at 9am in the church. It's a lovely opportunity to come together in celebration and reflection.

Donations of produce are gratefully received and will be passed on to the church food bank, supporting people in need within the Woodchurch community.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Parents Evenings

Parents' Evenings – A Valuable Opportunity

Our upcoming Parents' Evenings are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's start to the school year and talk about how they're settling in. As teachers, we really value these conversations – it's a chance for us to share the progress, growth, and little achievements we've already seen in your child.

This first meeting is especially helpful for building that all-important partnership between home and school. You'll be able to meet your child's teacher, hear how they've settled into their new class, and ask any questions you may have.

And don't forget – if there's anything you'd like to discuss before Parents' Evening, your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team will always be happy to meet with you for a chat.

You'll receive more information soon via ParentMail about how to sign up for a timeslot – so please keep an eye out for that.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support your child's journey this year!



ROCK STEADY

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

IGNITE THEIR SELF-BELIEF

- 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 YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE

0330 713 0330 (Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-6pm, local rate) rocksteadymusicschool.com

ROCK STEADY

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

Choose from: Keyboard, guitar, bass, drums or vocals.

Inclusive and hassle-free!
Takes place in school. Instruments provided and no experience necessary!

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

Progress at their own pace
Your child can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification!

Have fun and learn by playing
Children work their way through a curriculum of up to 300 musical skills.

Much more than music
Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and academic achievement.

End every term on a high note
Watch your child shine as they perform in their end of term concerts.

"Her confidence has grown so much. It has helped her in all aspects of her life." - Louise

"My son actually wants to go to school on his Rocksteady days. It has given him an alternative to academic learning." - Michelle

"I've seen him flourish socially and have friends across the year group." - Bekki

£4.99 per month (no payment in August). **Money back guarantee for the first month. Cancel at any time.**

START THEIR MUSICAL JOURNEY

0330 713 0330 (Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-6pm, local rate) info@rocksteadymusicschool.com

TRINITY Approved Music Teacher

Community Notice Board

Talking Walk ins

Ashford

Concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills?

Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions where you can speak to a speech and language therapist or other staff.

Just turn up – no need to book!

If the session is very busy, it might not be possible for everyone to speak to a speech and language therapist. On these occasions you can speak to one of our assistants who can signpost you to an alternative date if needed.

These sessions are only for families with pre-school-aged children. The service also runs in other parts of Kent.

Family Hub	Day/Session
The Willow Family Hub , Brookfield Road, Ashford, Kent. TN23 4ST Tel: 03000 418800	1st Thurs of month Time: 9.30-11.00am 3rd Friday of the month 1.30-3.00pm
Waterside Family Hub , Turner Close, Ashford, Kent. TN24 2PQ Tel: 03000 418700	3rd Weds of month Time: 1.00-2.30pm
Rockhanger Family Hub , Belmont Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. TN24 9LS Tel: 03000 418600	4th Monday of month Time: 9.30-11.00am
Tenterden Family Hub , Recreation Ground Road, Tenterden, Kent. TN13 0BA Tel: 03000 418400	5th Wednesday of the month (when occurs) Time: 1.00-2.30pm

Talking Walk-ins provide you with advice or ideas to try at home. We may signpost you to other support or invite you to a follow-up with the speech and language therapy service. They run in school holidays, but not on Bank Holidays or between Christmas and New Year. Check the Ashford Family Hubs Facebook page for updates.

Kent Family Hub **NHS**

Righteous Oaks

SATURDAY FOREST SCHOOL

Woodchurch, Kent
First Saturday of the Month
10am-12pm
Birth - 10 years old

<https://bookwhen.com/righteousoaks>
<https://www.facebook.com/ROForestSchool>

Righteous Oaks

Stay & Play FOREST SCHOOL

Woodchurch, Kent
Fridays
10am-12pm or 1pm - 3pm
Birth - 5 years +

<https://bookwhen.com/righteousoaks>
<https://www.facebook.com/ROForestSchool>

WINGS & WHEELS WEEKEND 2025

13TH AND 14TH SEPTEMBER | 10AM TO 4PM | RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF

Climb in the Cockpits

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
CHARITY NUMBER: 1179982

Fire Engine Rides

Tank Rides

Loads of Vehicles

Museum Entry

NO NEED TO BOOK

USUAL MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES APPLY | RIDE ADMISSION SEPARATE

info@rafmanston.co.uk www.rafmanston.co.uk

What Three Words - [remarried.mornings.pave](https://www.what3words.com/remarried.mornings.pave)

Refreshments available

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

TOTS & TALES

A LOVE FOR READING | A SAFE, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

WEEKLY SESSIONS FOR AGES 2-4

STORYTIME • MUSIC & MOVEMENT
ARTS & CRAFTS • FUN LEARNING GAMES
MONDAYS (TERM-TIME ONLY)
9:30-10:30AM OR 11:00-12:00PM

£8 PER SESSION OR £45 FOR 6 SESSIONS

EXTRAS

- UNDER 25 FREE WITH SIBLING
- SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE
- ADULTS GO FREE

FOLLOW US!

AMY & HOLLY

BUILDING CONFIDENCE | LED BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY | SOCIAL SKILLS

MR NOURISH'S 7 BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY
02 OCT

Burger in a Bun 1,5,6

Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5 VG

Jacket Potatoes with a choice of
Fillings 7,8,9

Herby Diced Potato

Sweetcorn

Coleslaw 9

Birthday Cake 1 VG

Mr Nourish Party Rings 1 VG

Fruit Pot VG

Design a birthday
card for Mr Nourish.

Hand it to the
Catering Team
Prizes will be
awarded.



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 V Vegetarian VG Vegan

TEAMTHEME KENT
Making a Difference with After School Care

Extending the school day, the right
way, every day with our:

STAY 'n' PLAY

Click [here](#)
for link



NEW for September 2024.
Coming to Woodchurch Primary School!
Bookings open 01st July.

Football · Ultimate Nerf · Forest School · Arts & Crafts · Dodgeball · Homework support · Wellbeing time · Lego



teamthemekent.co.uk



Drama Workshops with
East Sutton Community Youth Theatre

The **WOODCHURCH** Drama Class

On

Wednesdays from 3.20 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

Commences on Wednesday 10th September 2025
School Years 2 to 6

Drama with Mike Dyer-Ball.

Mike has been teaching the Drama at schools for 30 years, this school was one of his first, long ago.

He is a Professional actor, who trained at the Royal Central School of Drama, appearing at many Repertory Theatres, including the Marlowe, the Vaudeville Theatre in the West End, and in T.V. drama, such as Casualty. Formed ESCYT in 1993.

Productions, Scenes, Drama Exercises ["Suspension of Disbelief"] such as *Outdoor Survival*, *Hotel Fabulosa*, *Haunted House*, *Rabbits and Ferrets*, and a host of other activities. Importantly, we include Confidence building/imagination/FUN!!
COST for Eleven weeks, only £65.00, paid in advance.

(It is loads of fun (Why not give it a try.

Joining E.S.C.Y.T means access to:-

Our Fantastic Summer Fun Camp this August 2025 (30th Year),
www.summerfuncamp.co.uk near Great Chart.

Theatre trips to London to see *Lion King*, *Matilda*, *Mary Poppins*

Please don't miss this golden opportunity!

Brochure and Enquiries, please phone/email:

Mike Dyer-Ball on www.escyt.co.uk and
01622 844321 / 07885 790 781/mike@escyt.co.uk

Get Their Feet Moving & Grooving! 🕺 🕴

Calling all KS1 movers and shakers! Our *After-School Street Dance Club* is the perfect way for your child to have fun, build confidence, and burn off some energy after class. From learning cool dance routines to mastering their Groove on the dance floor, this club has it all!

- 📅 Starting: Tuesday 9th September (term time only)
- 🕒 Time: 3:15 - 4:00 PM (right after school!)
- 📍 Location: Woodchurch Primary School
- 👤 Who: Years 1-3 only (KS1)

Monthly Payment Info:

- 💰 Fee: £30 per month
- 💳 Payment: Direct debit via our online admin system (set up upon registration).
- 📅 Schedule: Payments are spread evenly over 12 months for smaller, manageable amounts.
- 🚫 Cancellation: One-month notice required.
- 👨👩 Sibling Discounts Available! (t&c's apply)

Your child will develop confidence, coordination, teamwork and resilience in a fun, positive environment led by Ellie Director of New Groove Creative.

Spots are limited—secure your child's place today!

Ready to join the fun?

👉 [SIGN UP HERE](#)

**WOODCHURCH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL TAG RUGBY CLUB**



MONDAY 3.15PM -4.15PM

**BE PART OF
THE TEAM!**

£6 PER WEEK 3.15PM - 4.15PM
Start 8th September
OPEN TO Ks1 & KS2

To sign up and secure your child's place
www.boomactive.co.uk and follow
Woodchurch CE Primary School, Rugby

Tag rugby is a non-contact version of rugby where players attach tags. To stop a player, defenders remove one of their opponent's tags, instead of making a tackle. The game emphasizes speed, agility, and passing, with teams of usually seven players. This is a fun instruction to rugby.



**Woodchurch CE Primary
School
Friday** **AFTER SCHOOL
FOOTBALL CLUB**

This is a great opportunity to get the kids involved with football whilst under the supervision of a qualified coach.

With the emphasis on having fun, learning skills, team building & playing the game.

£6 PER WEEK 3.15PM - 4PM
OPEN TO KS1/KS2

To sign up and secure your child's place
www.boomactive.co.uk and follow
Woodchurch CE Primary School, Football

FOOTBALL FRIDAY



APRIL TO
OCTOBER 2025

BROW WITH US
NOURISH

WEEKLY MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

21ST APRIL
12TH MAY
9TH JUNE
30TH JUNE
21ST JULY
1ST SEPTEMBER
22ND SEPTEMBER
13TH OCTOBER

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

Rice, Mixed Peppers, Peas

Jammy Finger **1,6 VG**
& Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Chicken Pesto Pasta Shells **1,7**
Rice & Bean Burrito & Wedges **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Seasonal Vegetables

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

Sausage Roll & Gravy **1,6**
Quorn Sausage & Gravy **1VG**

Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**
Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans,
Carrots

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 Pasta **1**, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw **9**

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

Fish Fingers **1,8** or
Salmon Fish Cake **1,7,8**
Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans,
Diced Cucumber

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

WEEK TWO

28TH APRIL
19TH MAY
16TH JUNE
7TH JULY
8TH SEPTEMBER
29TH SEPTEMBER
20TH OCTOBER

Vegetable Nugget with Katsu Sauce
1VG
Onion Bhajis with Katsu Sauce **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rainbow Rice, Carrots, Peas

Vanilla Sponge **1VG** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Beef & Onion Pie **1**
Cheesy Pasta Twists **1,7 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Crushed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate & Mandarin Mousse **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Roast Gammon & Gravy
Roasted Vegetable Hot Pot **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Broccoli, Carrots

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

BBQ Pulled Pork Loaded Wedges
Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Cauliflower, Coleslaw **9**

Spiced Apple Focaccia **1,3 VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Tuna Penne Pasta **1,7,8**
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

5TH MAY
2ND JUNE
14TH JULY
15TH SEPTEMBER
6TH OCTOBER

Pork & Beef Bolognaise Pasta Shells **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**

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

Rice, Green Beans, Carrots

Peach Sponge **1VG** & Custard **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, Cabbage, Swede

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

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

Cauliflower, Mixed Peppers

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

Chicken Bites **1**
Cheese & Cauliflower Nuggets **7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw **9**

Ginger Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

**AVAILABLE
DAILY**
Primary 3K

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.

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

WE ♥ VEGGIES

