

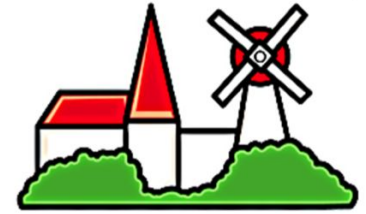
Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 2

19 September 2025

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“Let your light shine...”



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a fantastic start to the term, and I've really enjoyed getting into classrooms to see the wonderful learning taking place across the school.

In EYFS, Mrs Burlton and I were delighted to receive special tickets inviting us to a performance where the children sang and danced with great confidence and joy – it was a real treat! Over in Year 3, I was incredibly impressed with the children's knowledge of the skeleton; they could confidently name a range of bones and explain their functions. In Year 4, the children showcased their reading skills brilliantly, answering questions on an information text all about photography – their focus and understanding were excellent. Meanwhile, in Year 5, I was captivated by their work on Greek myths, especially during Mr Brabner's reading session, which had the class fully engaged. I was also wowed by their impressive recall of the French days of the week! I'm looking forward to visiting more classes next week and continuing to celebrate the rich and varied learning happening every day at Woodchurch.

We've also had an exciting development this term with the launch of our brand-new school website! It's been designed to be easier to navigate and keep you up to date with all things Woodchurch. You can take a look here:

👉 <https://www.woodchurch.kent.sch.uk/>

At Woodchurch, we place great value on extra-curricular opportunities and community events, which play such an important part in enriching our pupils' experience. This week I met with the FOWSA committee to discuss some exciting plans for the coming term – including events that will bring our community together and support the school in meaningful ways. You can read more about this later in the newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Ridley

Head of school



Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!

Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Etho & Charlie

Rabbit Class: Sophie & Teddy

Woodpecker Class: Daisy & Bella

Blackbird Class: Georgie & Whole Class

Fox Class: Albie & Polly

Squirrel Class: Macie & Blossom

Owl Class: Harry & Evie

Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Whole Class & Kyron

Rabbit Class: Lily

Woodpecker Class: Ella & Florence-May

Blackbird Class: Kiera

Fox Class: Sasha & Rosa

Squirrel Class: Elise & Louie

Owl Class: Whole Class & Stanley

Diary Dates

Thursday 25th September	Harvest Festival - 9am at All Saints Church Everyone Welcome
Friday 26 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning, please join us in the school hall after drop-off (Cake donations can be brought in the morning from 8 am)
	European Day of Languages
Week Commencing Monday 29 September	Kindness Challenge Week
Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th October	Parents Evenings Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm Thursday 5-7.30pm
Friday 10 October	Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day - Non-uniform wear yellow in exchange for a donation
Monday 13 October	Flu Vaccinations (click here to consent)
Friday 17 October	Show Racism the Red Card Non-uniform with a red theme in exchange for a donation
	Last Day of Term 1



European Day of Languages

We're very much looking forward to our European Day of Languages, which has been thoughtfully planned by Mr Brabner and the team. The day promises to be a vibrant celebration of the rich diversity of languages and cultures across Europe.

We'll begin the day with a special whole-school worship, where children will explore the importance of language in connecting people and cultures around the world. Throughout the day, each class will take part in a wide range of engaging, language-themed activities. These include:

- Songs and rhymes in different European languages
 - Traditional stories from a variety of countries
- Language games to introduce vocabulary in a fun, memorable way
 - Tasting traditional foods from across the continent
- Exploring geography and cultural traditions linked to different nations

The aim is not only to celebrate language learning but also to help pupils develop a deeper understanding of the world around them, encouraging curiosity, respect, and appreciation for different cultures. It's always a highlight of the school year, and we can't wait to see the creativity and enthusiasm the children will bring to the day!





FOWSA run a second hand uniform shop offering a low cost, more sustainable option. Second hand items are in good used condition and are priced at £1.

The school page is here:

https://www.grownoutofit.co.uk/school/Woodchurch_Church_of_England_Primary_School/10994

When you have placed your order you will receive a message asking you to confirm if you wish to collect from the school office or have your items given to the child to bring home. You will receive email notification for the message so please check your junk mail.

FOWSA will endeavour to have your item(s) ready within 3 school days.

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Attendance

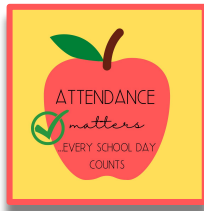
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
94.3%	94.2%	96.8%	95.4%	97.1%	95.4%	97.3%

Whole school attendance: 95.8%

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



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.



Family First Aid Course

Kent Family Learning courses and workshops are free, parents, carers and grandparents, who are aged 19 years and above and who live in Kent and are intended to help create a better family life.

"Family First Aid" – a vital course designed to equip families with life-saving skills in managing incidents involving illness or injury. Whether it's a minor scrape or a more serious medical emergency, this course provides essential knowledge and practical techniques to help families respond effectively until medical help arrives.

07/10/2025 at 1pm-3pm at Woodchurch Primary.

Please book a space:

<https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/courses/family-first-aid-as-h152228qpf/>

Parents Evenings

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.

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.

Year 3 Stone Age Trip

Year 3 had an exciting and educational trip to Boldshaves, where we stepped back in time to experience life in the Stone Age! We took part in a range of hands-on activities including shelter building, cave painting with berries, soap carving arrowheads, cooking delicious dough twists over the fire, and making our own Stone Age-style jewellery. We learned so much about how Stone Age people lived—especially how they hunted, gathered, and prepared their food. It was a fantastic day full of discovery and adventure!



FOWSA Update

Welcome back everyone - we hope you all had a fabulous summer and are excited about the new school year.

We are full of new ideas and started to put some fun activities together for this term:

•Friday 17th October- Autumnal bake sale

•Friday 31st October- Glow Disco

•Friday 5th December - Christmas Movie

•Friday 19th December- Xmas raffle

(More information to follow)

As always - we are looking for mums, dads, grandparents and carers who would like to get involved and give us a hand to run these events - this could be setting up for an event or baking a cake - but there are many other ways to get involved and being part of FOWSA. If you are interested let us know or message us on Facebook.

This year we will be fundraising for a new sound system, roving mics and new books for the library. We are also pleased to announce that FOWSA are able to fund the pantomime coaches (Fri 12th Dec) - thanks to all of you participating in our events. This will make the trip more affordable for everyone.

Wishing you all a good weekend and a successful start to the school year.

With thanks and best wishes from your committee,

Danielle, Ela and Emma

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

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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

START THEIR MUSICAL JOURNEY

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

TRINITY

Community Notice Board

Phones Off EDUCATION ON

Join us at this year's phone conference. Discover practical steps for parents deciding if, or when, to give their children a phone, and explore alternatives to mainstream smartphones.

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2025 9-11AM
DULWICH CRANBROOK

Hear from our keynote speaker, Lara Chapple of SafeToNet, an organisation that has fought to protect children online by influencing legislation and building pioneering technology. The session will be followed by a discussion.

RSVP to NBoyle@dulwichcranbrook.org

SOPHIE BRADSHAW
Head of Dulwich Cranbrook

LARA CHAPPLE
Chief Marketing Officer of SafeToNet

Dulwich Cranbrook

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, Spoonfields 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 2EQ 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. TN30 8RA 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.

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>

Stay & Play FOREST SCHOOL

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

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

Folkestone Model Railway Club MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
Sat 4th & Sun 5th October 2025, 10am-5pm

ADULT (16+): £8, CHILD(5-15): £4, FAMILY: £22

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MR NOURISH'S 7 BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY
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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

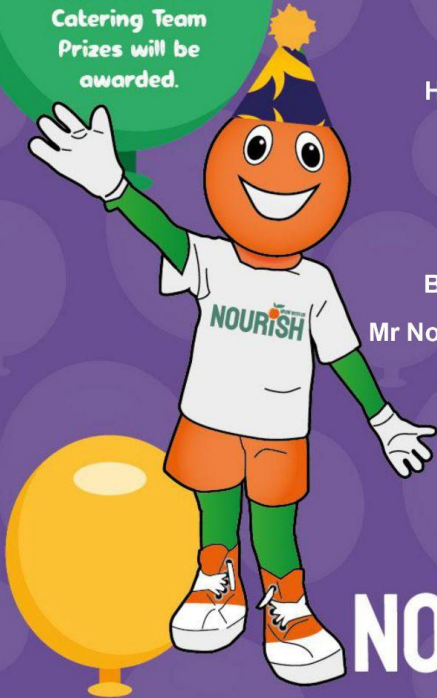
Birthday Cake 1 VG

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

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APRIL TO
OCTOBER 2025

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NOURISH

WEEKLY MENU



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	<p>Mild Chilli Beef Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG Jacket with a Choice Of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Mixed Peppers, Peas</p> <p>Jammy Finger 1,6 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Chicken Pesto Pasta Shells 1,7 Rice & Bean Burrito & Wedges 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Sausage Roll & Gravy 1,6 Quorn Sausage & Gravy 1VG</p> <p>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rainbow Pasta 1, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw 9</p> <p>Sultana Cake 1VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Diced Cucumber</p> <p>Caramel Cookie 1,7 Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG</p>
WEEK TWO	<p>Vegetable Nugget with Katsu Sauce 1VG Onion Bhajis with Katsu Sauce VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rainbow Rice, Carrots, Peas</p> <p>Vanilla Sponge 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef & Onion Pie 1 Cheesy Pasta Twists 1,7 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Crushed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Chocolate & Mandarin Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Gammon & Gravy Roasted Vegetable Hot Pot VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots</p> <p>Cornflake Cookie 1,7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>BBQ Pulled Pork Loaded Wedges Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Cauliflower, Coleslaw 9</p> <p>Spiced Apple Focaccia 1,3 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Tuna Penne Pasta 1,7,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot</p> <p>Oaty Biscuit 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG</p>
WEEK THREE	<p>Pork & Beef Bolognese Pasta Shells 1 Cheese & Pesto Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Caribbean Chicken Curry Herby Tomato Penne Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Green Beans, Carrots</p> <p>Peach Sponge 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Chicken & Gravy Samosa Puff 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Swede</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Coconut & Spinach Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Cauliflower, Mixed Peppers</p> <p>Chocolate Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Chicken Bites 1 Cheese & Cauliflower Nuggets 7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw 9</p> <p>Ginger Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>

**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

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