

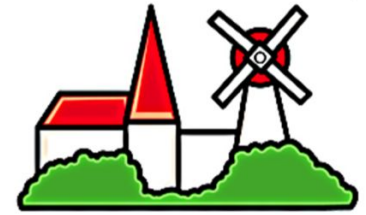
# Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 4

17 October 2025

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“Let your light shine...”



Woodchurch CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As Term 1 comes to a close, it's been a really positive start to the school year – and in the last two weeks, we certainly haven't slowed down! It's been wonderful to see so many children across the school proudly sharing their work, including fantastic writing, maths, and Connected Curriculum pieces. The learning atmosphere has been calm, purposeful, and full of enthusiasm. We've also had a very active term! Children have taken part in a range of physical activities including the My Run event, football coaching, Jump workshops, and our Year 6 pupils completing their Tiger Troop course. A huge well done to all of them for showing determination, teamwork, and consistently demonstrating our school's core values. In the past two weeks, we've also marked two significant awareness days: 'Hello Yellow Mental Health– supporting children's mental health and wellbeing and 'Show Racism the Red Card' – helping children understand the importance of equality, respect, and standing up against discrimination. These days encouraged important conversations and thoughtful reflections across the school.

We also loved welcoming you into school for parent consultations – we hope you enjoyed chatting with your child's class teacher as much as they enjoyed sharing how the start of the year has gone!

Last night's 'Shine Bright' Film Night was a brilliant success and a heartfelt tribute to Mrs Priest. We hope all the children had a fantastic time. The event raised £375 towards a new stage lighting system for our school hall – a lasting tribute to Mrs Priest's love of the performing arts. This will give children the opportunity to shine in future plays, nativities, and concerts for years to come.

Our website focus this week is the FOWSA page, where you'll find updates on upcoming events and ways to get involved in school life:

👉 <https://www.woodchurch.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=FOWSA&pid=139>

Finally, on behalf of the whole team, we wish you a lovely half-term break with your children. We're already looking forward to the busy and exciting Christmas term ahead, filled with fun, festivities, and special moments.

Warm wishes,  
Mrs Ridley



## Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!

### Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Poppy & Christian

Rabbit Class: Daisy-May & Bradley

Woodpecker Class: Connor & Tommy

Blackbird Class: Bettina & Angelena

Fox Class: Isla & Beatrice

Squirrel Class: Elise & Danny

Owl Class: Ollie & Elijah

### Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Betsy-Lou & whole Class

Rabbit Class: Poppy

Woodpecker Class: Florence & Whole Class

Blackbird Class: Jennifer & Lacey

Fox Class: Belle & Matilda

Squirrel Class: Danny & Oscar

Owl Class: Stanley & Whole Class

## Diary Dates

<b>Friday 17 October</b>	FOWSA Autumnal Bake Sale Last Day of Term 1	
<b>Monday 27 October</b>	First Day of Term 2	
<b>Friday 31 October</b>	FOSWA Glow Disco	
<b>Thursday 6 November</b>	New EYFS (starting sept 2026) Open Evening - 6pm	
<b>Tuesday 11 November</b>	Remembrance Day	
<b>Friday 14 November</b>	Children in Need Homewood School Dance Dash	
<b>Friday 5 December</b>	FOWSA Christmas Movie	
<b>Tuesday 9 December</b>	KS1 Nativity - 6pm evening performance	
<b>Wednesday 10 December</b>	KS1 Nativity - 1.45pm afternoon performance	
<b>Thursday 11 December</b>	Christmas Lunch	
<b>Friday 12 December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Panto - Whole School Visit	
<b>Friday 19 DEcember</b>	Last day of Term 2	

We are really excited to share the PE and Forest School information for Term 2.

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.

Below is the timetable for Term 2:

Class	Forest School	PE
Reception		Monday
Year 1		Tuesday and Friday
Year 2		Thursday and Friday
Year 3		Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday am	Monday and Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday am	Monday
Year 6	Wednesday am	Friday



We will remind you of these days via Class Dojo and will inform you of any changes due to weather or staffing as needed.



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](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.



## Attendance

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

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
93.7%	93.7%	94.5%	94.8%	96.4%	92.9%	96%

Whole school attendance: 94.7%

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




### Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please let the school office know as early as possible on the day of absence.

You can report an absence in the following ways:

#### **Via ParentMail**

 **By phone** – call 01233 860232 (you may leave a message on the absence line)

 **By email** – [office@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk)

Prompt notification helps us keep attendance records accurate and reduces the need for staff to follow up.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### Parking Reminder

We kindly ask all parents and carers not to park in front of the school gates at any time.

This area must be kept clear to allow access for families who need to use the school car park due to disabilities.

Your cooperation helps us ensure the safety and accessibility of our school community.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Volunteers

We would love to welcome parent helpers into Hedgehog Class this year. Your support makes a huge difference, whether it's listening to children read, helping with art and craft activities, or supporting small groups on trips and outings. If you have some time to spare, even just an hour a week, we would be very grateful for your help.

Please let us know if you are interested and we can arrange a time that works best for you.

Thank you,

Ms Van Wyk

### Collection Procedures

Please take a moment to read the letter sent out via ParentMail regarding changes to our end-of-day collection procedures, which will begin after half term. The new system is designed to help make pick-up time smoother and safer for everyone.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Ridley

♥ Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day ♥

To raise awareness Children were invited to wear something yellow to show support and help spread a little sunshine! There's still time to donate, just click [here:](#)

#HelloYellow  
**YOUNG MINDS**



# WEAR RED DAY 25

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD





# EYFS & Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop



**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**



**2-3PM in the School Annex**



Please come along to learn more about how to support your child with their phonics and reading at home.

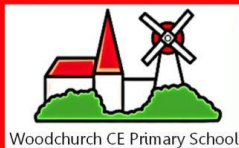


I hope to see lots of you there!



Mrs De-Keyzer





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## Start Your Child's Journey With Us!

At Woodchurch C of E Primary School, we provide a warm, inspiring, and nurturing start for your child. Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) offers play-based learning, a caring environment and endless opportunities to grow.

### Open Evening

**Thursday 6th November at 6:00 PM**

Join us for an informative and welcoming evening to meet our team, see our setting, and learn more about our EYFS curriculum.

**Personalised tours throughout October & November**

A tour tailored to you and your child

CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK A PERSONALISED TOUR  
01233 860232

COMPASSION HOPE FORGIVENESS THANKFULNESS LOVE

# Admission to Primary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026

For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, Transferring to Primary school in September 2026

## What to do

### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026.**

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

### Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Thursday 16 April 2026**) an email will be sent after **4pm** informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Thursday 30 April 2026.**

A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

## Key dates

<b>Friday 7 November 2025</b>	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
<b>Thursday 15 January 2026</b>	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Thursday 16 April 2026</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
<b>Thursday 30 April 2026</b>	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
<b>Wednesday 13 May 2026</b>	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



# FOWSA Update

*How quickly this term has flown by! It feels like we only just returned from the summer break, yet here we are at the end of another busy and brilliant few weeks.*

*We're delighted to share that the pantomime buses have been paid for and that brand new books – personally chosen by each class and their teacher – will be arriving soon.*

*We're also in the process of purchasing a new sound system and roaming microphones for the school. These will make a huge difference to the sound quality at events such as the nativity play, assemblies, and other performances throughout the year.*

*Our FOWSA webpage is now back up and running, where you can find information about upcoming events and book tickets:*

<https://www.woodchurch.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=FOWSA&pid=139>

*A huge thank you to everyone who supported today's bake sale and for your continued encouragement and enthusiasm. We wish you all a wonderful, autumnal half-term break and look forward to seeing you next term at our Glow Disco – tickets are still available on our website and on Facebook!*

*Wishing you a lovely week off, Your FOWSA Committee, Danielle, Ela and Emma*

# Governor Roundup - Term 1

The governors were delighted to meet for the first time this academic year and to welcome everyone back after the summer break. The meeting began with a focus on keeping children safe, ensuring all governors are up to date with safeguarding and the code of conduct. Safeguarding remains a top priority, with governors confirming which staff have refreshed their training and are now designated safeguarding leads.

Mrs. Butcher shared an update about SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), including funding for the year ahead and how the new Communities of Schools approach will help shape how schools work moving forwards. Governors thanked the SENDCo for her continued hard work and support across both schools.

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed, and governors were pleased to welcome Daniela as a new co-opted governor. The make-up of the governing board was reviewed and plans made to fill remaining vacancies. Governors also agreed a new action plan for 2025-26 and approved updated meeting procedures, including options for virtual meetings and secure recordings.

The new Federation Strategic Plan, Nurture, Grow, Shine, was discussed, along with the Federation Improvement Plan, as governors shared ideas and set next steps for future meetings.

Governors also approved the monitoring visits policy, confirmed monitoring pairs for key areas such as SEND, Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Finance, and received an update from the finance committee. Policies were reviewed and agreed, and governors identified training opportunities for the year ahead.

The meeting ended positively, with everyone focused on helping every child across our Federation to Nurture, Grow, and Shine.



## WOODCHURCH PUMPKIN FUN!

Join in by creating your FUN pumpkin  
&/or

Join in by finding Pumpkins from 25th Oct!



- 1) Create a 'blooming' pumpkin planter or carve a fun illuminated pumpkin
- 2) Place it in front of your house by 25th October
- 3) Find your favourites around the Village & share on WIB fb page or drop a note into the HUB!

**HAVE FUN BEING CREATIVE!**

FOWSA

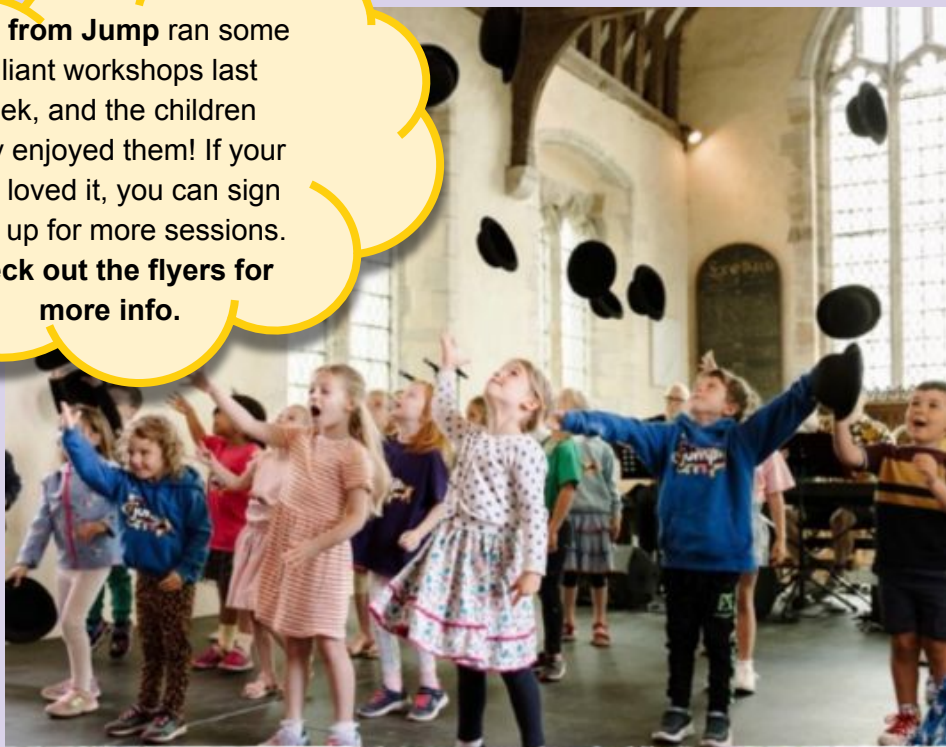
# GLOW DISCO

FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER  
EYFS & KS1: 3.15- 4.15  
KS2: 4.30- 5.30

£5.50 / TICKET

INCLUDES HOT DOG, DRINK & SNACK  
TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE

Kelly from Jump ran some brilliant workshops last week, and the children really enjoyed them! If your child loved it, you can sign them up for more sessions. Check out the flyers for more info.



## JUMP KIDS

*CREATIVE & INCLUSIVE  
PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE*

### Warehorne Village Hall

Monday ( term time only) 3.45-4.45pm

*We Sing. We Dance. We Play.*

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contact Kelly O'Leary - 07771  
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**SATURDAYS 9.30-10.55am at Warehorne village hall**

**Building  
confidence &  
creativity  
through the  
ARTS.**



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[info@jumpkent.com](mailto:info@jumpkent.com) [www.jumpkent.com](http://www.jumpkent.com)



NOVEMBER TO  
MARCH 2026

GROW WITH US  
**NOURISH**

# WHAT'S ON THE MENU

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

### WEEK ONE

3 Nov  
24 Nov  
15 Dec  
19 Jan  
9 Feb  
9 March  
30 March

Chicken Pie 1  
Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Crushed Potato  
Cauliflower,  
Carrots

Strawberry Mousse 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V  
Bean Biryani VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rainbow Pasta 1  
Seasonal Vegetables

Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Gammon & Gravy  
Broccoli Tot 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes,  
Cabbage,  
Peas

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

Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake 1,7  
Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Green Beans  
Grated Carrots

Parsnip Brownie 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Pork Sausages 1,6  
Vegetable Sausage VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans  
Cucumber Sticks

Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots VG

### WEEK TWO

10 Nov  
1 Dec  
5 Jan  
26 Jan  
23 Feb  
16 March

Caribbean Brown Chicken  
Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,  
Carrots,  
Peas

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

Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V  
Buffalo Cauliflower Wings  
& Wedges VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Chicken & Gravy  
Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes  
Broccoli,  
Carrots

Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Beef Stew & Dumpling 1  
Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Cauliflower,  
Green Beans

Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Salmon Bites 1,8  
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Peas,  
Coleslaw 9

Marble Cookie 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots VG

### WEEK THREE

17 Nov  
8 Dec  
12 Jan  
2 Feb  
2 March  
23 March

Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V  
Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,  
Green Beans,  
Mixed Salad

Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Noodles 1  
BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Sweetcorn,  
Peppers

Chocolate Rice Pudding 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Pork & Gravy  
Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG  
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

Beef Cottage Pie  
Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

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

Fish Fingers 1,8  
Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Peas, Baked Beans,  
Grated Carrot

Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V  
Yoghurt 3,7,  
Fruit Pots VG

Primary 9

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

**AVAILABLE  
DAILY**

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.

