

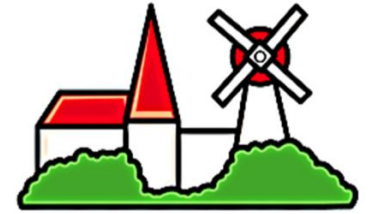
Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 5

7 November 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! It's been wonderful to see everyone settling back into school life and already engaging in such fantastic learning. I've really enjoyed popping into classes and seeing the brilliant work going on across the school – from creative dance lessons in PE to interactive Science investigations and focused skill-building in English and Maths. The enthusiasm and effort from all the children has been fantastic to see.

The importance of learning at home

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your continued support at home. Your involvement makes such a difference to your child's progress. Regular practice of times tables and spellings helps to build confidence and fluency, and reading daily is absolutely key to success across the whole curriculum. We encourage all children to read every day at home – it really does make a lasting impact on their learning.

Exciting events and community spirit

We've had a busy and exciting start to the term with lots happening in school. Mrs De-Keyzer was delighted to see so many parents attend the recent phonics workshop – your support is invaluable in helping our younger learners develop strong reading foundations. A big thank you also goes to FOWSA for organising the amazing Glow Disco, which was a huge success! The children's feedback said it all: "This was the best night ever!" and "I loved it!"

Looking ahead, we have our Remembrance Act taking place at the All Saints Church memorial, this Sunday at 10:40am, where our Head Boy, Head Girl, and some Year 6 pupils will be representing the school. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to join us in this moment of reflection and remembrance.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Ridley

Head of School



Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!

Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Kyron & Primrose

Rabbit Class: Clementine & Jack

Woodpecker Class: Ruby & Freddie

Blackbird Class: Whole Class & Isabelle

Fox Class: Pearl & Frank

Squirrel Class: Phoebe & Florence

Owl Class: Louis & Billy

Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Clara & Darcey

Rabbit Class: Edith & Esmae

Woodpecker Class: Henry & Albie

Blackbird Class: Adelaide & Thomas

Fox Class: Tommy & James

Squirrel Class: Violet & Elise

Owl Class: Oscar & Evie

Diary Dates

Tuesday 11 November	Remembrance Day	
Friday 14 November	Children in Need Homewood School Dance Dash	
Thursday 4 December	Online Christingle Service- 2.30pm	
Friday 5 December	FOWSA Christmas Movie	
Tuesday 9 December	KS1 Nativity - 6pm evening performance	
Wednesday 10 December	KS1 Nativity - 1.45pm afternoon performance	
Thursday 11 December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 12 December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Panto - Whole School Visit	
Monday 15 December	KS2 Carol Service (Church) 9am	
Thursday 18 December	Christmas church service 9am	
Friday 19 December	FOWSA Christmas Raffle Christmas parties Last day of Term 2	



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.



Attendance

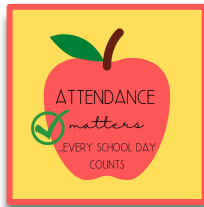
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
94%	94%	94.5%	95.4%	95.2%	95.6%	95.7%

Whole school attendance: 94.9 %

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





Remembrance Day

Next week, we will be taking time as a school community to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day. This is a special opportunity for our children to learn about and honour the bravery and sacrifices made by those who have served, as well as to think about the importance of peace in our world today.

As part of our reflections, there is a Remembrance Act at the All Saints Church memorial, this Sunday at 10:40am, where our Head Boy, Head Girl and some Year 6 pupils will represent the school. On Tuesday, we will continue our focus with a special Remembrance Worship, and at 11am the whole school will gather outside to observe the two minutes' silence together.

Throughout the week, classes will also be taking part in a range of activities to help children understand the significance of Remembrance Day in age-appropriate and meaningful ways.



***On Friday 14th November we'll be joining in with
Children in Need Day***



Wear Spots To School!



Get spotty for Children in Need — wear as many or as little as you like! for a £1 donation



Homewood School Dance Dash!

*We're also excited to welcome the Homewood School Dance Dash team, they will be visiting to show off their
amazing dance skills!*

Please bring along some loose change to drop into their donation buckets during their visit

***Every penny helps make a difference — let's see
how much we can raise together!***



FOWSA Update

The Glow Disco was a fantastic afternoon, and we're delighted to share that it raised £400 for the school. Thank you to everyone who helped, joined in, tidied up, or cheered from the sidelines.

These events work because our school community throws itself in with such enthusiasm.

We're also excited to invite you to a festive afternoon in the school hall for a screening of The Polar Express! Children can come in their pyjamas and bring cosy blankets, pillows and a packed "dinner." Please follow the link to book your golden ticket:

<https://forms.gle/SNenpn66RABRxAp19>

Thank you for your continued support.

Your FOWSA Committee, Danielle, Ela and Emma

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

START THEIR MUSICAL JOURNEY

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

TRINITY

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, Spoonfield Road, Ashford, Kent. TN23 4JF Tel: 03000 418800	1st Thurs of month Time: 9.30-11.00am 2nd Friday of the month 1.30-3.00pm
Waterside Family Hub, Turner Close, Ashford, Kent. TN24 9QJ Tel: 03000 418700	3rd Weds of month Time: 1.00-2.30pm
Rockhanger Family Hub, Belmont Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. TN24 9LS Tel: 03000 418900	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.

TEAMTHEME KENT

Woodchurch Primary

START 3.10pm

FULL TIME 6.00pm

HALF TIME 4.30pm

WELCOME 3:10-3:45 | CLUB, STRUCTURED ACTIVITY OR CREATIVE PLAY* 3:45-4:30 | BRAIN BREAK 4:30-5:00 | CLUB, STRUCTURED ACTIVITY OR CREATIVE PLAY 5:00-5:45 | WIND DOWN 5:45

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sign In	Sign In	Sign In	Sign In	Sign In
Fruit snack Activators	Fruit snack Activators	Fruit snack Activators	Fruit snack Activators	Fruit snack Activators
Laser Tag/ Ultimate Nerf OR Tag Rugby	Construction Club OR Football Club	Forest School/ OAA OR Dodgeball Club	Arts & Crafts OR Basketball Club	Cookery Club OR Archery Club
Sign Out & Collection A	Sign Out & Collection A	Sign Out & Collection A	Sign Out & Collection A	Sign Out & Collection A
Meal time Quiet play	Meal time Quiet play	Meal time Quiet play	Meal time Quiet play	Meal time Quiet play
Laser Tag/ Ultimate Nerf OR Creative play	Construction Club OR Creative play	Forest School/ OAA OR Creative play	Arts & Crafts OR Creative play	Cookery Club OR Creative play
Wellbeing time/ Quiet play	Wellbeing time/ Quiet play	Wellbeing time/ Quiet play	Wellbeing time/ Quiet play	Wellbeing time/ Quiet play
Sign Out & Collection B	Sign Out & Collection B	Sign Out & Collection B	Sign Out & Collection B	Sign Out & Collection B

*Outdoor activities include: Forest School, Football, Monkeyball, Net, Adventure Playground, Goalball, Tennis, Archery, Basketball, 4 Square etc.
*Creative/quiet play options include Lego, Arts & Crafts, Making Maska, Puzzles, Board Games, Card Games, Chrome Books, Reading etc.

29th November

Woodchurch Christmas Tree 'switch-on' event

3-6pm

Hot food & drink stalls, local crafts & Village stalls

Childrens activities

Carol Singing and so much more!

'Switch-on' 5pm

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

ANY & HOLLY

£8 PER SESSION OR £45 FOR 6 SESSIONS

EXTRAS

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

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NOURISH
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CHRISTMAS MENU

Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings 1,6

Winter Vegetable Wellington 1 VG

Santa's Cookie 1 VG

Iced Chocolate Sponge 1 VG

Peas, Carrots,
Brussel Sprouts
Rustic Roast Potatoes

Jelly
Fruit Pots VG



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

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 11 December

Please use the link [here](#) to order

The school caterers, Nourish, require your child to pre book their Christmas lunch. This google form **MUST** be completed by Thursday 27 November or you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch on this day.

Please complete this form for each child even if they are entitled to a free school lunch. If your child pays for school lunches, please make sure their account has been topped up for the Christmas meal. The cost for a single meal is £3.05.

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.

