

Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

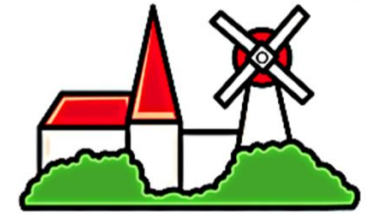
"Let your light shine..."



Newsletter 7

5 December 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that we are into December—the busiest, but probably the most exciting term of the year—it really feels like the festive season is upon us. It was lovely to welcome our Improvement Advisor into school at the start of the week. Talking with her and showing her around highlighted to us, as a leadership team, the many strengths we have across our school community.

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks of learning and activity.

- **Year R** have been full of energy, putting on lots of little shows and sharing their growing confidence with us.
- **Year 1 and 2** enjoyed a fantastic visit from local police officers and even had the chance to sit inside a police car! The children were full of enthusiasm and asked some brilliant questions.
- **Year 3** have been fully immersed in their Romans theme and have enjoyed incorporating letter writing into their English work.
- **Year 4** have been creating digital presentations to showcase their DT work this term, showing great creativity and growing confidence in using technology.
- **Year 5 and 6** have been working hard on fractions in Maths—a challenging area—but both classes have shown real determination and perseverance.

Alongside all of this, the children have also been completing assessments to inform next steps in teaching, making Christingles for our service yesterday, and preparing for their upcoming nativities and Carol Service.

We are really looking forward to the Christmas festivities with our Nativities, Carol Service and Church Service, and we can't wait to share these special events with our families. We also have our Pantomime trip, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties on the horizon—what a fun-packed final few weeks of term it promises to be!

Warm wishes,
Mrs Ridley



Celebration Awards



Well done to all award winners!

Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Oliver

Rabbit Class: Elsie & Maddie

Woodpecker Class: Monty

Blackbird Class: Angelena & Jennifer

Fox Class: Samuel & Noah

Squirrel Class: Pollyanna

Owl Class: Gillian & Elijah

Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Kade & Ella

Rabbit Class: Ella & Esmae

Woodpecker Class: Tommy & Bella









Blackbird Class: Harley & Isla

Fox Class: Martha & Olive

Squirrel Class: Pollyanna & Ollie

Owl Class: Ollie & Oscar

Diary Dates

Friday 5 December TODAY!	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	
Monday 5 January	Inset Day	
Tuesday 6 January	Start of Term 3 Year 6 swimming starts Thursday 8 Jan	



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

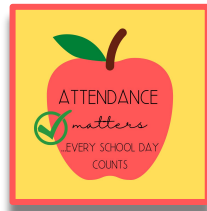
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
92.7%	93.9%	94.3%	95.5%	94%	95.4%	94.1%

Whole school attendance: 94.3%

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





We look forward to sharing our Forest School plans and the clubs available for Term 3 very soon. You will also receive a letter shortly introducing our new staff members, along with a little information about each of them. This is currently being finalised and will be with you soon.

Library Winter Reading Challenge

Over the winter months, children are encouraged to cosy up with a good book, explore new authors and genres, and enjoy the magic of reading. By signing up at the library, they can take part in fun activities, collect rewards and work towards completing the challenge. We hope this will inspire a love of reading and help our children discover some wonderful books this winter!

Join in with this year's Winter Mini Challenge!
A fun **free** Challenge that encourages children to keep up their reading from 1 December to 20 February 2026.
It's free to take part online, where children can unlock special digital rewards and earn a printable certificate once they meet their reading goal!
For more information, speak to your local library team, scan the QR code or head to wintermini.org.uk

Logos: Kent Libraries, Kent County Council, Story Garden, and a QR code labeled 'SCAN ME'.



INFORMATION LEAFLET

We would ask you to agree:

- Not to park on the yellow Zigzag markings or lines at any time.
- Not to drop off or pick up your child/children from the yellow Zigzag markings.
- To park safely when dropping off/picking up your child/children at the school.
- To be considerate when parking so as to avoid inconvenience to the local residents.
- Where possible to park away from school and walk the remaining distance (your school may suggest areas where parents can park).
- Whenever possible walk to school.
- To reduce speed and drive with care when approaching the school.
- To be patient when waiting to drop off/pick up your child/children.
- At all times to give priority to pedestrians and respect other road users in or around the school grounds.



Governor Roundup - Term 2

At our recent Governing Board meeting, governors came together to review and approve the previous minutes, as well as to formally agree the updated Terms of Reference for the board. We considered key contextual information from both schools and reflected thoughtfully on the areas for development linked to our shared priorities for improvement.

The five-year strategic plan was discussed in depth, refined, and proudly approved—setting a clear and ambitious direction for the years ahead. Governors also received detailed feedback from this term's monitoring visits, encompassing safeguarding, EYFS, SIAMS, SEND and Inclusion, Sports Premium, and Health & Safety.

In addition, the board reviewed the financial position of both schools, including anticipated expenditure, to ensure that resources continue to be used wisely and effectively. Governors also reflected on recent training undertaken and explored further opportunities to strengthen the skills and expertise within the team.

The Governing Board would like to extend its warmest wishes to all staff, pupils, families, and members of our school community. May you enjoy a joyful festive season. Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year from us all. 🎄





**Christmas Services
in DENSWOOD**

Woodchurch Christmas
Cracker 6th December
2-5pm

Carols at Chequers on the
Green 7pm
18th December

Carols in the Churchyard
Bethersden 19th December
6.30pm

Lessons & Carols & mulled
wine High Halden
21st December

Christmas Eve Nativity and
crib services 4pm – **all 3
churches**

**Midnight Christmas Eve
Service 11pm Woodchurch**

**Christmas Morning
Eucharist 9.30am
Bethersden**



**CHRISTMAS
CRACKER!**

Parish of Denswood
ALL SAINTS WOODCHURCH
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
2PM TO 5PM

Singing
Sippers
Singalong

Festive refreshments

Craft Stall
Hunt for the
"Church Mouse"

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

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**CAROL
SERVICES**
2025
OUTPOST CHURCH

**CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT**
DEC 14TH
6.30PM - 7.45PM

MULLED WINE,
MINCE PIES AND MORE!

**FAMILY
CAROL SERVICE**
DEC 21ST
10.30AM - 11.45AM

NATIVITY, NIBBLES
AND PHOTOBOOTH




THE WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
LOWER ROAD, WOODCHURCH, TN26 3SQ




TOTS & TALES

TOTS & TALES CHRISTMAS SPECIAL – WOODCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL
JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL MORNING OF FESTIVE FUN, CREATIVITY, AND STORIES!

17 WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
9:30 – 10:30 AM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- REINDEER FOOD MIXING – SCOOP OATS, ECO GLITTER & SEQUINS TO MAKE MAGICAL REINDEER TREATS!
- CHRISTMAS SENSORY BIN – EXPLORE RICE, SNOW, BELLS & PINECONES.
- GLITTERY SNOWFLAKES – CREATE AND DECORATE SPARKLY SNOWFLAKES TO TAKE HOME.
- HAND & FOOTPRINT CRAFTS – MAKE A REINDEER OR FESTIVE KEEPSAKE.
- FINGERPRINT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – STAMP COLOURFUL "LIGHTS" ALONG THE WIRE!
- BABY CORNER – SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL WITH HOMEMADE MUSIC SHAKERS!

STORYTIME: THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS
FESTIVE SONGS & RHYMES TO END OUR SESSION WITH CHEER!





A LOVE OF READING | LEARNING THROUGH PLAY AND DISCOVERY | LED BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS



NOVEMBER TO
MARCH 2026

NOURISH
GROW WITH US



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 Bolognese 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 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**



STAY 'n' PLAY

Woodchurch Primary



START

3.10pm



WELCOME

CLUB, STRUCTURED ACTIVITY OR CREATIVE PLAY*

HALF TIME

4.30pm



BRAIN BREAK

CLUB, STRUCTURED ACTIVITY OR CREATIVE PLAY



FULL TIME

6.00pm

3:10

3:45

4:30

5:00

5:45

Monday

Sign In

Fruit snack | Activators

Laser Tag/ Ultimate Nerf
OR Tag Rugby

Sign Out & Collection A

Meal time | Quiet play

Laser Tag/ Ultimate Nerf
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Sign Out & Collection B

Tuesday

Sign In

Fruit snack | Activators

Construction Club
OR Football Club

Sign Out & Collection A

Meal time | Quiet play

Construction Club
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Sign Out & Collection B

Wednesday

Sign In

Fruit snack | Activators

Forest School/ OAA
OR Dodgeball Club

Sign Out & Collection A

Meal time | Quiet play

Forest School/ OAA
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Sign Out & Collection B

Thursday

Sign In

Fruit snack | Activators

Arts & Crafts
OR Basketball Club

Sign Out & Collection A

Meal time | Quiet play

Arts & Crafts
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Sign Out & Collection B

Friday

Sign In

Fruit snack | Activators

Cookery Club
OR Archery Club

Sign Out & Collection A

Meal time | Quiet play

Cookery Club
OR Creative play

Wellbeing time/ Quiet play

Sign Out & Collection B

TEAMTHEME KENT

Please note that, where as the timing structure will remain the same, sometimes there may be occasional need for some individual activities to differ from those that are shown here

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