



Newsletter

Summer Term 1

2026





Dear Woodlands Meed Families,

As we wrap up a half term filled with learning, laughter, and memorable moments, I hope you've enjoyed following our weekly bulletin. This newsletter brings together some of the highlights we've shared with your children over the past few weeks.

One of the standout experiences was the visit from Terri the Sheep and her adorable lamb, who enjoyed a week's holiday in our Forest School area. Students loved feeding and caring for our woolly guests, and it was heart-warming to watch the bond between mother and lamb as they called to each other throughout the day. Even the local wildlife was curious, as captured by our night-vision cameras.



We were also delighted to welcome back Bikeability, long-standing partners who bring such richness to our curriculum. Their sessions give students the chance to develop confidence and skill on a range of bikes—including hand- and foot-operated options—and it's always inspiring to see students riding independently for the very first time.



Looking ahead, I'm very much looking forward to connecting with many of you during Parents' Evening, our Sports Days, and the various celebrations that will bring our year to a close.

If you would like to help shape the future direction of Woodlands Meed, please take a moment to complete the Family Survey sent to you this week. Your voice genuinely matters.

<https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/WMfamily>

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 1st June, ready for an exciting summer term and a fantastic finale to the academic year.

Kind regards,

Adam Rowland
Head Teacher

Badger Bulletin



Summer 1 has been great fun. We have enjoyed learning about animals and had a trip to the farm! We also had a lamb and ducklings at school, all perfectly linking to our topic!



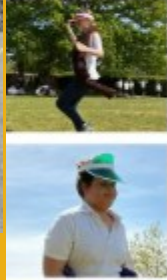


Desert Class Newsletter

A very active Desert class!! We had a fantastic time exercising with Jump Start Jonny, we have been playing Jolf and practising our skills, getting ready for Sports Day and doing bikeability!!



Sports' Day Practice



Brilliant visit to Rampion Wind Farm center during Humanities week, we did lots of different activities including making our own wind turbines.

RAMPION VISITOR CENTRE



FOX CLASS



We went on a hike at Bedelands Nature Reserve!
We observed the nature around us and played games like duck duck goose!



We got to write our own song about the woods!
Fox class showed some amazing creativity!



We attended a Music workshop and learned to play the drum! We also got to hear 'I love the flowers' on the flute and sang along to it while playing the melody on different instruments. Everyone was very respectful!



We had a blast dancing and jumping with Jump Start Jonny! Everyone showed some super dance moves and had loads of fun in the school hall!

Everyone had an amazing time participating in the Tomathon!

Foxes and Owls ran around the field and even went out and cheered Tom as he was running!



Glacier

Glacier have had a very busy half term!

In art, we designed and made our own tie-dye bags which we decorated with fabric pens and finished off by making a bag charm.



We have had two very special visitors too— We were very lucky to have a ewe and her lamb living with us for a week. They were always hungry and we loved feeding them grass.

We also had a surprise visit from four very cute ducklings.



And the highlight of our term was a visit from Jump Start Jonny.

Whoopa!!



Summer term 1

Hedgehog Herald

Our topic this term is Mini beasts. We have been enjoying our sensory story of 'Superworm' and attention sessions based around insects.

We have also been enjoying a weekly sound bath session with Dervla.

Hedgehog's have also started their motor activity training programme for PE sessions. Lots of fun is had playing a range of accessible sports.



We were also lucky enough to spend some time with our visiting sheep and lamb. Everyone enjoyed watching and feeding them.



Lake Class

Have been....



Creating Art installations for Elderflower Fields Festival.



Participating in the Thomothon and meeting Jump Start Johnny!



Experimenting with magnets in science.



Visiting our school lamb and a sheep.



Visiting the new college and finding out more.



Visiting the Rampion Centre to learn about Brighton's offshore wind farm.

Mole Class

We had a lovely trip to the Butterfly Gardens, as part of our Rainforest topic.



Cooking is a real favourite in Moles and we have been making chocolate nests and shortbread biscuits.



Mountain Class: A cut above the Everest.

This half term we have...



During our Humanities week we visited the Rampion Wind Farm. We learnt about how the wind farm works and also about having an apprenticeship there. Back at school we made lightbulbs light up with solar panels, water wheels and made houses to see if they could withstand different weather.



We have had some PE lessons at the Burgess Hill Academy with their sports leaders and our sports leaders have lead sessions



We met Jumpstart Johnny and took part in the Tomathon



We have been making flowers for the Elderflower Fields festival



Well done Mountain another successful half-term.

Ocean class

Well done to the year 8's for taking part in Bikeability this half term!



We have been busy learning about keeping healthy— focusing on teeth brushing and hygiene.

We have been loving our visits from Bentley this half term. We take it in turns to stroke and brush him.





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In Otter News

Otters have been very busy this half term. We have made the most of the Spring weather during Forest School, weekly walks and trips to the park. Everyone enjoyed learning about our visiting sheep and her lamb. We have also been learning how to make simple snacks and playing board games. The Jump Start Jonny visit was as popular as ever!



Owl Class News



We have been looking at space in our Topic lessons this half term. We've learned about the different planets and even imagined what it would be like moving in outer space. We had a great trip to a Cricket Festival which was lots of fun. This term we also had a special guest staying with us in our Forest School! It was also our annual Tomathon and everyone enjoyed taking part and meeting Jump Start Johnny!



Rabbit Class

Tales from the burrow



Rabbits have had a fantastic start to the Summer Term! Everyone had the best day during our Tomathon! We loved dancing with Jump Start Jonny and all had a great time running around the field with Tom!

River



Summer is coming! And with it a whole host of new activities...



We went to Brighton to learn about wind farms and everyone enjoyed all the interactive exhibitions especially the VR!

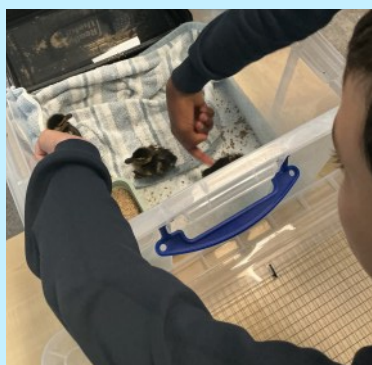


This half term we have been taking part in JOLF sessions



We were so lucky to have Terri and her lamb come and stay with us as part of the Loan-a-Lamb scheme! She was so friendly (and greedy!) and the lamb got more confident too as the week went on. Everyone did a great job taking care of them!

We had some special visitors to class!



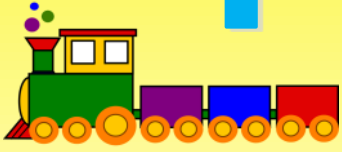
Robin Round-up

This term the Robins class have been enjoying the sunshine in forest school.

We explored the forest area, enjoyed looking at the flowers and had a lovely visit from Terry the sheep and her baby lamb.



Squirrel Class



Our topic for this half term is transport. We have been exploring lots of different types of transport through small world play, art, science and stories.



Waterfall News

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We have had a very busy start to the summer term with humanities week on our first week of term! We all enjoyed our trip to the Rampion centre and learnt lots about wind farms.

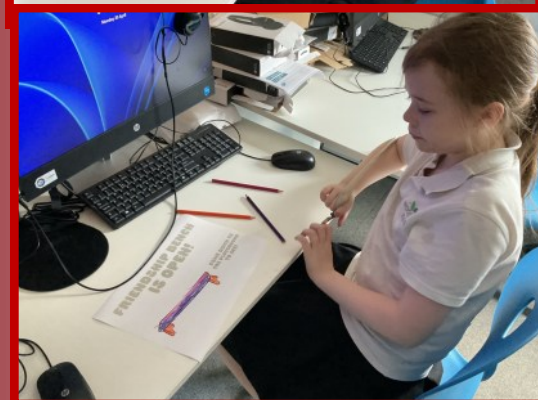


Bikeability has been a great success with lots of our students able to go out on the road, and some perfecting their technique on the MUGA.



We have also started a sewing project in art with some very different designs, making prototypes—can't wait to see the results.

School Council



The Woodlands Meed School Council made posters inviting all pathways to come and see the friendship bench that was painted last half term. We then delivered the posters to classes and put them up along the corridors!

Forest School Fun

Get creative with summer crafts

We have been making pictures in the Forest School area. We used natural materials that we found in the Forest School Area.

You can collect natural items to use in the artwork.

Please remember, only gather things that have fallen naturally to the ground ,don't break things off trees and plants.

Here are some ideas

- Make a natural collage or sculpture of an animal that lives in your garden, like a bumble-
bee or a grasshopper.
- Make a repeating pattern using leaves, petals or pebbles.

You can make it straight onto the ground so you don't need to take anything with you on your walk.



Wellbeing Team

During the summer term, all KS3 pupils take part in Forest Circles, focusing on the *5 Ways to Wellbeing*—“connecting”, “be active,” keep learning,” giving “and “ take notice “. These outdoor sessions support teamwork, wellbeing and resilience, helping young people develop positive mental health skills while working together and having fun in nature.



5AJ Summer 1 Newsletter

5AJ continue to be a lovely class to work with, and all of our students try their best and make us proud!



The Tomathon was a great day; we had amazing weather and all the students got involved and either walked, ran or wheeled it with gusto.

Karl has been really enjoying his work experience at PVL and Ryan has been doing the Creative Media course at Crawley College.



5CH

In 5CH class our topic this half term is Work and Play. We have been learning about different professions and their associated roles and responsibilities. We have also been taking time to play and enjoy the sunshine while working on communication and social skills.



5EM

Topic: Work and Play

We have been learning about work and play inside and as much as possible outside of the classroom.

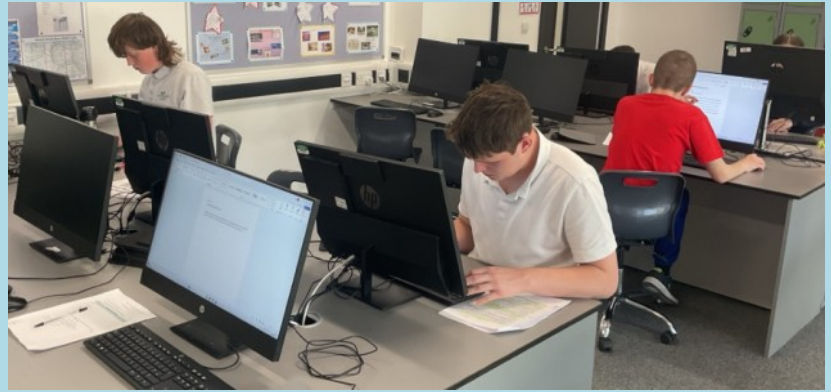


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KS4 English

This term we have been doing a lot of preparation for exams that are quickly approaching. There are a few students that are sitting English GCSE and have been revising both in lessons and in their own time. We wish all the students the best of luck.



We have also been learning about different styles of writing for both letters and emails depending on who we are sending them to. Formal style of writing to a business or employer and informal to our friends. We also looked at what information we would add and where we would add it. Here is an example of the layout for a formal style of writing.

business address	your address
	date
Dear...	
	title
yours sincerely faithfully	

I don't like snakes Because they scare me .
I don't like flying because you're high up in the sky .
I like autumn because it is a nice cozy time of the year and it's pretty.
I like baking because it's really fun.



Some classes have been working on sentence structure, spellings with some spelling games, and picking out important information from text to answer questions or fill in questionnaires.



Duke of Edinburgh



Students have had a brilliant start to their DofE adventures. From long walks to tent building and all the classic expedition challenges, they've shown great teamwork and resilience.

The atmosphere has been upbeat, supportive, and full of that unmistakable DofE sense of achievement.



Communication Champions



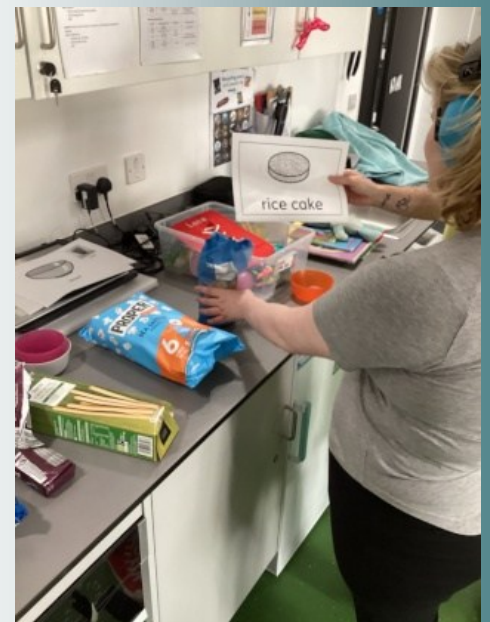
Makaton Choir Magic... Can you guess the song?

Our Makaton Choir is growing in numbers, with students loving the chance to sing and sign their favourite songs together.



So Many Ways to Be Heard

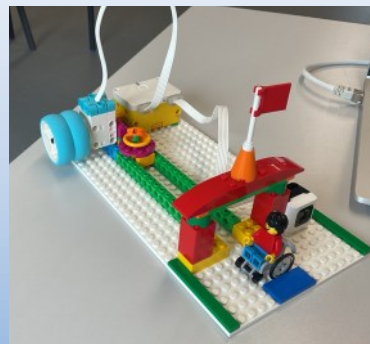
This is a fantastic example of how we celebrate and use different ways to communicate. By embracing a range of communication methods, we ensure everyone has a voice and feels included.



Digital Technology



This half term we have been using the Lego We-Do kits, following instructions and learning programming skills. We have also shown excellent perseverance sorting the kits out and making sure all the pieces are there!



Jim Green Challenge Design and Technology Enterprise



The New Enrichment Design and Technology Group have been working on making detailed wooden models. They are working independently, practicing skills and techniques learnt in past DT sessions.

Recycled materials are being used.



Our Enterprise Group are working together making planters, bird feeders, bird and bug houses and trugs from recycled materials. These will be for sale at the

Blossoms and Brews Event at College Site on 21st May.



The Jim Green Challenge group are making large scale planters for use at School Site. As usual recycled materials are being used.

Enterprise

The Enterprise groups have been busy creating products for the upcoming Blossoms and Brews event!



Foodtech



The Catering enterprise visited Chalk Restaurant and Vineyard to learn all about working in a kitchen.



This term in orange pathway, we have been practicing being more independent around the kitchen



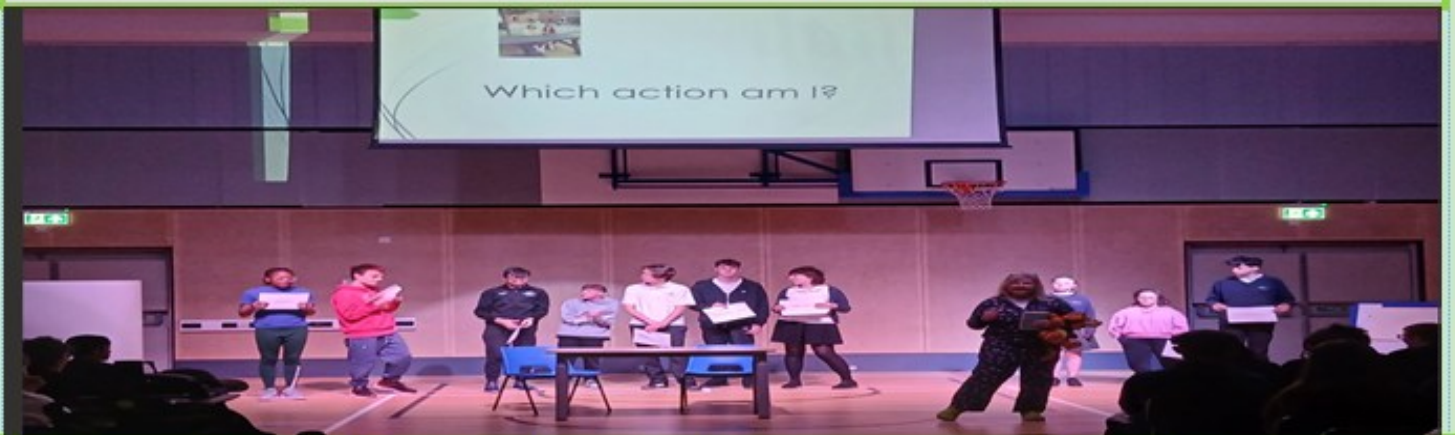
Business Brunches are in full swing!

Well-being College



The Well-being team have celebrated Mental Health week. The national theme for mental health week this year was..

Take action



The Mental Health foundation have identified ten ways to 'Take Action' in supporting mental health.

- Plan something to look forward to.
- Be Creative.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Get close to nature.
- Move regularly.
- Be kind.
- Try mindfulness.
- Make time for friends.
- Eat well.
- Talk to things over with someone you trust.

Orange pathway experienced a sound bath for mental health week. A sound bath is a meditative experience where the participants are "bathed" in sound waves, these waves

can be produced by various sources, including healing instruments such as gongs, singing bowls, chimes, rattles, and tuning forks.



Art and Textiles

The art options group are getting inspired by nature this summer term. We started the project by taking a photography trip to Bedelands Nature Reserve, where the pupils looked for inspiration in the natural world around them.



In Textiles Enrichment students have been working with different types of paper mache, they created picture frames using newspaper techniques and fabric bowls.



Horticulture



We have been growing lots of plants for sale at our Blossom and Brews event on 21st May.

This is what we will be selling.

Plants for sale

Flowers

Geranium £3



Salvia Red £2.50



Sweet William £2.50



Fuchsia £3

Verbena £2.50

Vegetables

Squash/ pumpkin/ courgette £2



Tomatoes £2



Cucumbers £2



We have had to do lots of planting of seeds and bulbs



We have also been looking after the college site clearing the weeds and planting bulbs for next year. It will look amazing.

SPORT



Our students have launched into the summer sports season with energy and commitment!

We have been enjoying the sunshine by getting out there and joining in with athletics, fitness, cricket and tennis whilst buzzing with purpose.

We're in for a fantastic summer season of growth, building resilience, skills and college spirit.

