



Newsletter

Summer Term 2

2026





Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends of Woodlands Meed

Last weeks Prom, at Kings Church was a fantastic end of year celebration of the pupils achievements at Woodlands Meed! To our graduating students, we bid you farewell with a sense of pride and joy. You have been an integral part of our organisation, and we are confident that you will continue to shine in your future endeavours. Remember, you will always be a part of the Woodlands Meed family, I hope to see you all at Woodlands Meed Alumni events.

As we approach the end of another academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible year the pupils have had. This year has again been one of continued growth, notable achievements, and innovative developments.

Achievements and Highlights

The completion of the all-weather pitch and visitor car park at the new college stands out as the defining highlight of the academic year. After nearly a decade of tireless advocacy, meticulous planning, and overcoming construction delays, it's truly remarkable to see the vision finally brought to life. The new building has been met with overwhelming enthusiasm from both pupils and staff, who have embraced it wholeheartedly. This incredible facility is not just a milestone for today—it's a lasting investment that will support and inspire thousands of students for generations to come.

In September we will be launching our Supported Internship programme in collaboration with West Sussex. We are delighted and excited to welcome 10 interns who will be starting the programme. If you would like to find out more information, about a Supported Internship please follow this [LINK](#).

Community and Collaboration

The strength of our school lies in the strong sense of community and collaboration among staff, students, and families. Thank you to the Friends of Woodlands Meed (FOWM), your support has been incredible and allowed us to have amazing events like the Prom and activity week! The FOWM are always looking for help, please contact friendsofwoodlandsmeed@gmail.com if you can spare an hour of your time to help at an event.

Staff Appreciation

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff. Their unwavering commitment to providing a nurturing and inclusive environment for our students is the cornerstone of our success. This year, we welcomed several new members to our team, and their fresh perspectives have enriched our school community. I would also like to wish those staff leaving us all the success for the future.

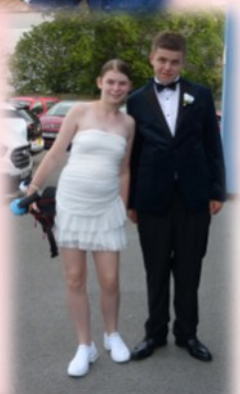
Gratitude and Farewell

Finally, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all parents and carers for your unwavering support. Your partnership is invaluable, and together, we create a nurturing environment where our students can thrive.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year.

Warm regards,

Adam Rowland
Headteacher





We would like to extend our sincere thanks to FOWM for their support in helping to provide food and drinks for the prom. We would also like to thank the Co-operative on Junction Road, Burgess Hill, for their kind donation of food and refreshments. Your generosity helped make the event a memorable success for our students.

Badger Bulletin



We had fun at Drusilla's to end an incredible year in Badgers. We will miss seeing the pupils' smiling faces every day! Have a lovely summer and thanks for your support this year.





Desert Class

Newsletter

Highlights
from a
fantastic year,
so many to
choose from,
so just a
selection!





FOX CLASS

Happy Sports Day! Fox class and their families celebrated primary sports day on the field. We played Boccia, bowling and football and raced our friends! Everyone showed amazing teamwork and respect. Well done foxes!



We went to Sheffield Park and Gardens. Everyone had an amazing time and was very respectful towards the wildlife!



Foxes had a very musical half term! We visited London Mead for the big sing and got to record a video for our very own song! Everyone was amazing and really enjoyed themselves!



We did our best to combat the heat wave and enjoyed lots of water play outside! The foxes enjoyed playing with the wet tuff trays and keeping cool in the inflatable pool. They also had loads of fun using water guns and water balloons. Well done foxes!



Glacier Class

Glacier have had another busy half term!

We loved our visit to Drusillas Park in activity week—even the rain didn't stop us enjoying the animals, our lunches, the rides and the free arcade!

We cooled off with a water fight and also took a train to Redhill where we went bowling and had lunch in the park.



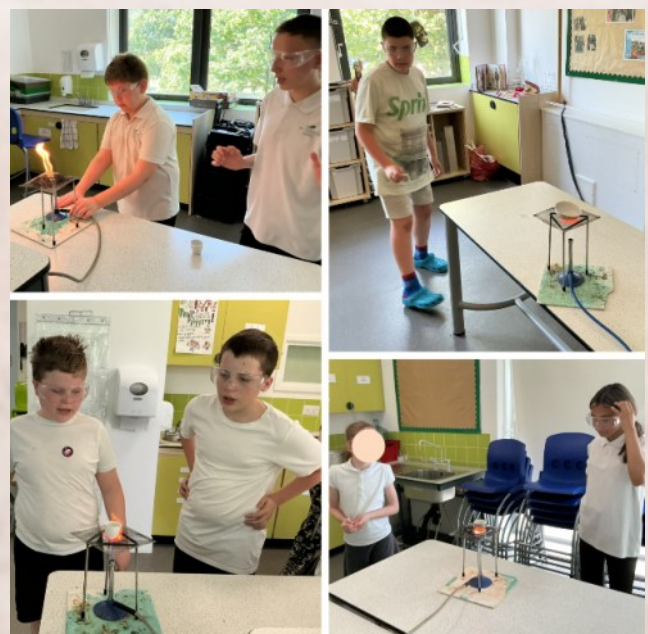
We also had an activity day at the Triangle. Here we got to show our football skills, learn some tennis basics and do a taster session of pickleball and boxing. It was a great way to display our fantastic teamwork skills.



In science, we have earned our bunsen burner licences ready for year 8!

We are now ready for the summer holidays!

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Hedgehog Herald

This half term we have enjoyed a visit to Tilgate park to see mini-beasts and taken part in a wheelchair football day at the triangle.

We have enjoyed our mini-beast sensations story and completed lots of art work based around our topic.

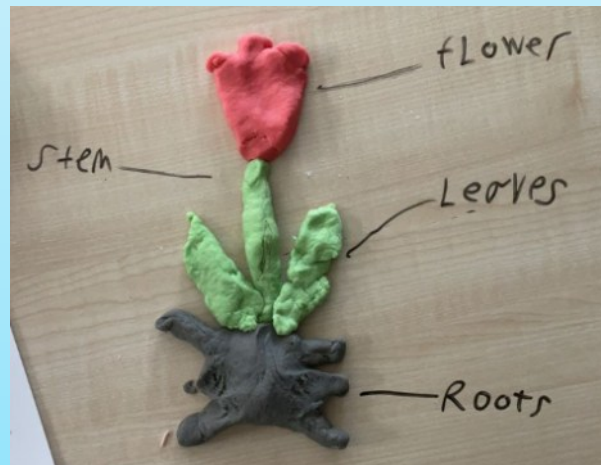


Lake Class

Have been....



Joining different materials in DT.



Making flowers out of playdough and labelling them in science.



Visiting the cinema as an end of year treat!



Having fun participating in Sports Day!

Mole Class

We visited the Martlett's Shopping Centre to build our understanding of exchanging money to buy an item.



We had a wonderful trip to Washbrooks Farm. We loved seeing the animals and exploring the play equipment.



Mountain Class: A cut above the Everest.

This half term we have...



We took part in sports day. We competed in egg and spoon, sack race, high jump, long jump, target practice and wheelchair football.



We have been cooking this term. We have made Boboties, quiches, Dutch apple cakes, lasagna and raspberry muffins



Our overall winners from sports day were Ollie, Ella, Lilly and Deacon



We went to the Cinema to see the Minions Movie



Well done Mountain another successful half-term. We have had a lovely year. 67!

Ocean class

We have loved the 'Goals' topic this half term and have been enjoying our football sensory story.



We had a great sports day last month! Everyone loved participating in all the activities and did the school proud.

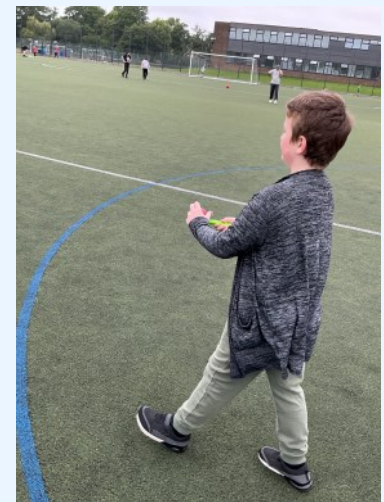


Well done to everyone in Ocean on having such a fantastic year. We enjoyed our end of term celebration day.



In Otter News

Otters have enjoyed a range of activities this half term, our highlights have been the overnight stay and Sports Day!

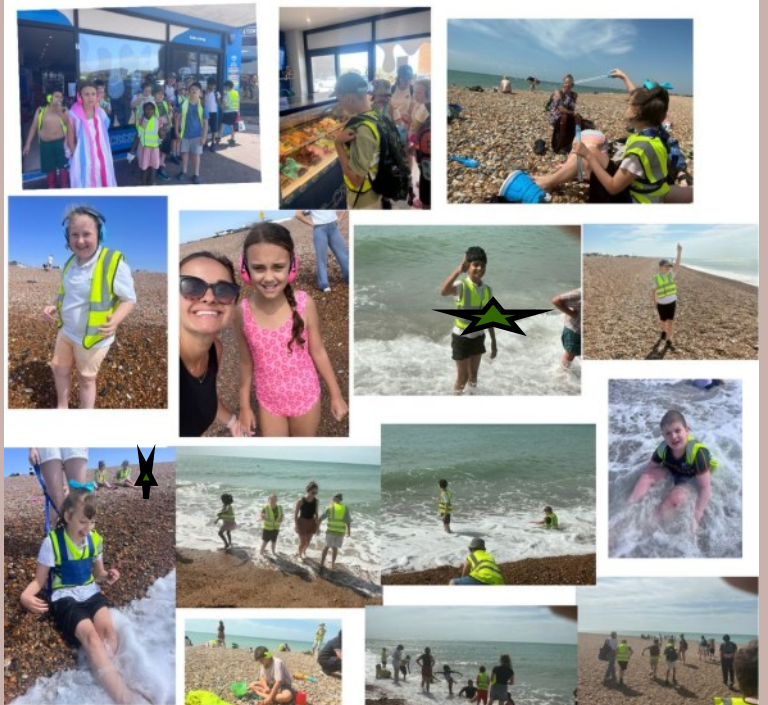


Owl Class News



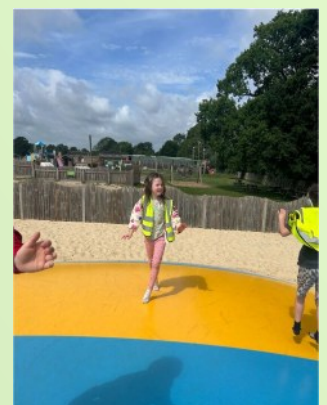
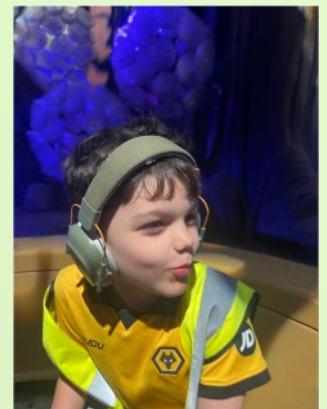
We have had a very busy, fun term. We have had lots of trips to different places including the cinema and a lovely trip to the beach. We have taken advantage of the hot weather and have had lots of fun with water fights and were even joined by some of our lovely parents for some cooling fun too! We had our sports day earlier in the term which was a great success,

Well done Owls on another fantastic term!



Rabbit Class

Tales from the burrow

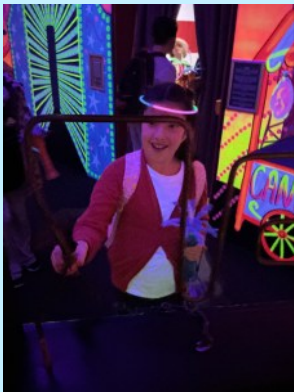


Rabbits have had the BEST end of an AMAZING year! We have celebrated our year together through an array of trips such as a visit to Washbrooks farm, the beach and Chessington! We have also enjoyed some water play and water fights along the way to keep us cool during this very hot term!

River



It's been a fabulous year in River, we have laughed and danced through the year and had a great time!



We had such a fun activity week!
We enjoyed Glo Balls!



Everyone did really well on
Sports Day!

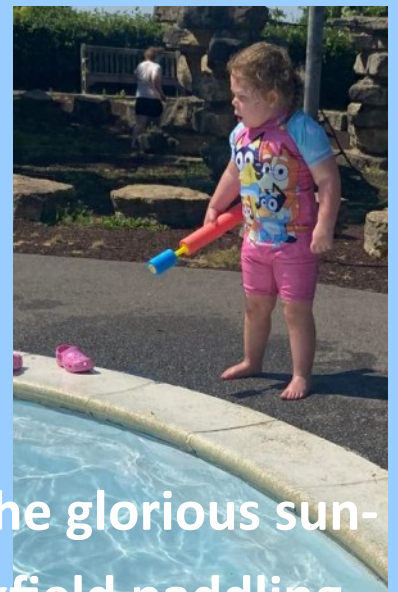
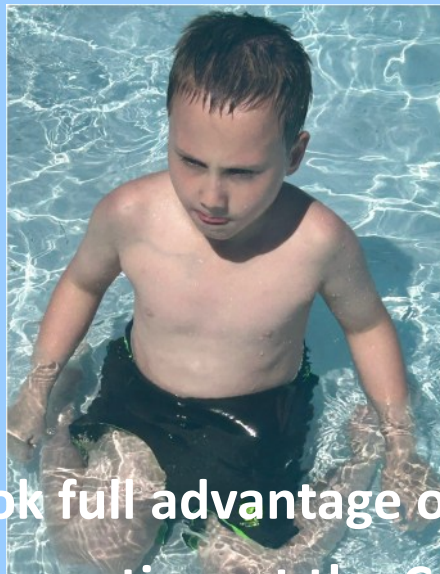
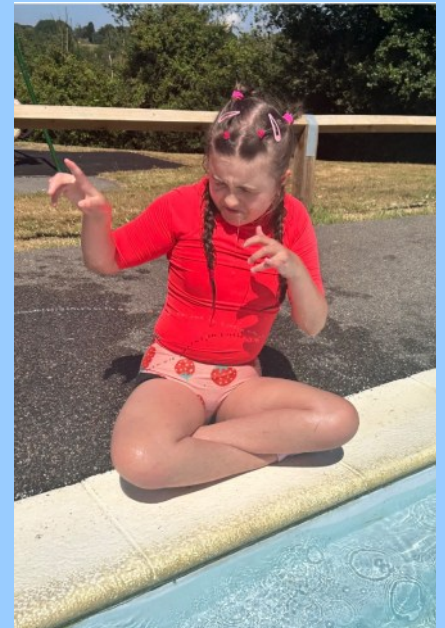


We enjoyed making tie-
dye bags in Art and seeing
the result



Some of the pupils have chosen
to work on their Calisthenics
skills!

Robin Roundup



The robins class took full advantage of the glorious sunshine and spent some time at the Cuckfield paddling





Squirrel Class



We have really enjoyed having Forest School this term. We have hunted for bugs, made music and art using natural materials, counted stepping stones, played hide and seek and climbed trees!



Waterfall News

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Sports day was at the beginning of term & we had an amazing time with many parents able to come and support waterfall class. The team spirit was fantastic and everyone enjoyed the day.

We had an amazing opportunity when wonderdome visited and we had a fun session in the planetarium watching the planets and stars.



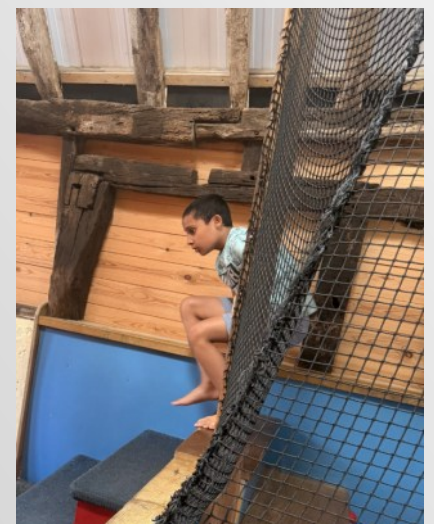
The results of our sewing project in art are in.....the class worked really hard and we are so proud of them we had to show them all!



Wonderful Woodpeckers



Woodpeckers have had a fun-packed last half term, seeing the year out in style! We had a great time keeping active on Sports Day, and managed to stay cool in all the recent hot weather with lots of water play. Our trip to Washbrooks Farm was a particular highlight, with all the Woodpeckers having a brilliant day. Happy Summer everyone!



Eco News

Summer 2026



What an amazing year it has been. We have had so much Eco things happening. Visits from a Green party MP, visits to the Wind Farm Visitors centre and various parks and woods.

Our recycling has been fantastic. Thanks to Owls class for their regular trips to dispose of our soft plastics. We are working on our food recycling at the moment.

We planted 800 trees on the school and college site, created and looked after hedgehog hotels. We also had our incredible experience with the Ewe and her lamb.

Keep up the good work, together we can all make a change!



Forest School Fun

BUTTERFLIES

We have been looking at butterflies at Forest school.

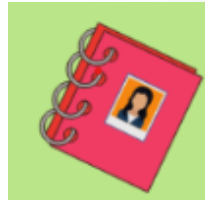
We want to attract them to our school grounds. Here are some of the things that we have done that you could try at home



- We planted wild flower seed
- We have grown sunflowers
- We have put out fruit for butterflies to enjoy

You could also go in search of butterflies in a nearby park or countryside. Choose a nice sunny day and look for flowers . You will also find bees and other insects feeding

Communication Champions



Creating Connections Through Communication

We love finding different ways to communicate, and our fabulous pupils have been doing just that! Students at the school site have been making the most of Grid, using technology to help them express themselves, share their ideas and have their voices heard.



Have a



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Horticulture

With all this lovely sunshine

Our produce has been going crazy we
have had to water lots but have grown

Cucumbers

Courgettes

Tomatoes

Lettuce

Carrots

Beetroot

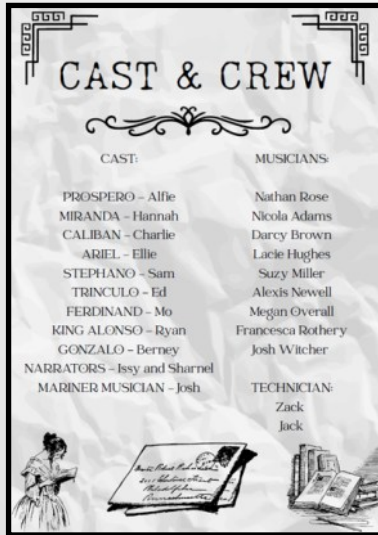
Potatoes

Beans

And lots more plants.

It has been used in our food tech
lessons making lovely salads carrot
cakes and other delicious meals.

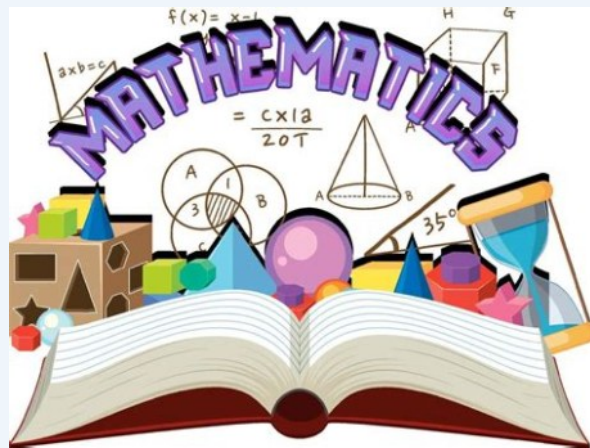




Maths at College

We have had a very busy term with exams, coursework, Functional Skills exams and special maths days.

Students have achieved really well in their Functional skills exams. Those who participated showed amazing perseverance, independence and emotional regulation. Well done to all.



We had Keren from The Money Charity come in to talk to us about want Vs need, protecting ourselves from money scams and controlling what money goes in and out of our bank accounts.

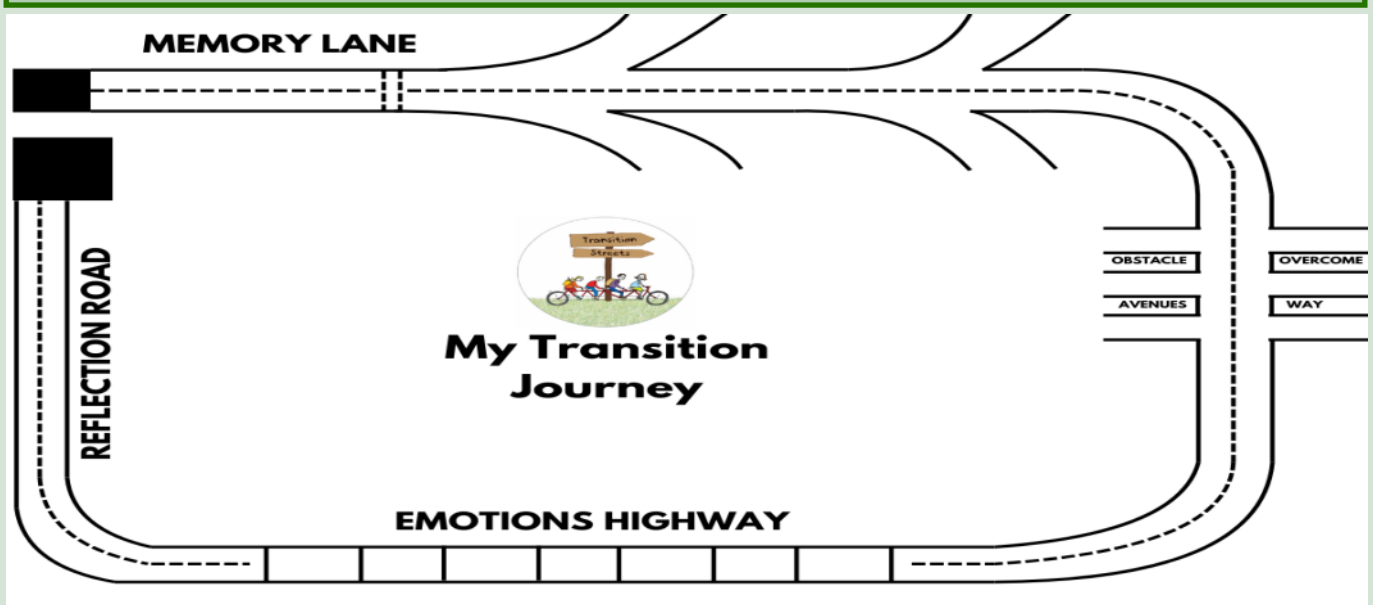


Well-being College

This half term we have been having many conversations with pupils around transition; a change and adjustment from one thing to the next.

This may be something coming to an end, a new class teacher, a new college or a friend moving on. This has led to many conversations in Well-being and lots of helpful reflection.

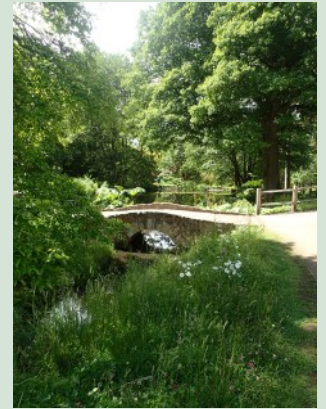
Pupils that are leaving Woodlands Meed this year were given the option to join the Well being transition group . The transition group gives pupils a chance to reflect on their whole journey at Woodlands Meed using the template below.



It was wonderful to see all of our pupils enjoying their night and looking fantastic at the Woodlands Meed Prom.



School and College Council news



Five students from the school and college sites went to Wakehurst Place with the Burgess Hill Youth Council as representatives of their respective school and college councils. There were also representatives from other schools in Burgess Hill.

In the morning, the students were taken on a walk around the grounds and learnt about the environment and wildlife at Wakehurst. In the afternoon, they spent time in the Millennium Seed Bank, learning about how seeds from across the world are preserved, including some species that are extinct in the wild.



Wakehurst Place June 2026

5CH



5CH visited Burnside Day Centre for our annual collaborative workshop. This year it had a music theme which was led by the amazing music teacher, Kylie. The pupils embraced the challenge and engaged with the songs, actions and socialised with the service users at Burnside demonstrating adaptability, creativity,



5EM

This half term we have enjoyed lots of sensory stories in class, including a story during a visit from the West Sussex library service.

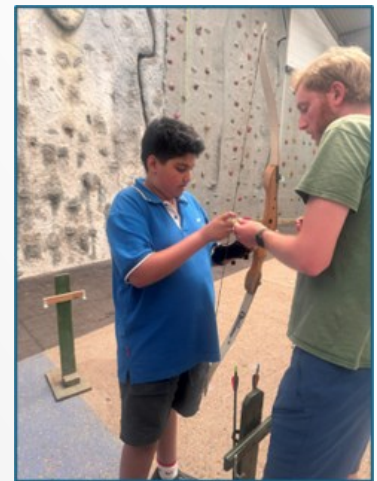


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LOVE THE 5AJ TEAM X



15-17th June 2026

Year 10 & 12 Camping Trip

Blackland Farm Outdoor Centre



Foodtech

The Catering enterprise have been busy making staff lunch!



This term we have been working on independence, and trying new foods.



Jim Green Challenge Design and Technology Enterprise



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



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Our Enterprise and Jim Green Groups at college site have been practicing their teamwork skills. Students have been working on a community project. They have been refurbishing wooden benches for the St Peter and James Hospice.

Enterprise

Blossoms & Brews 2026 was an amazing success! The sun was shining, the music was playing, and the stalls were heaving!



KS4 English

We have reached our final term of the year. Everyone has worked extremely hard and achieved some wonderful work. Exams are finally over with lots of perseverance, and preparations have started for some for the year to come. Well done to everyone for all the great work achieved this year. You should all feel very proud.

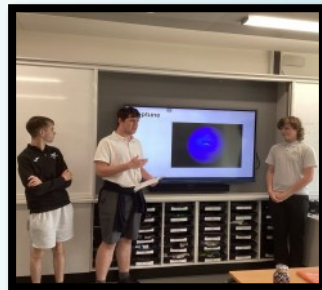


Some have been making great progress in sequencing and time concepts, including the days of the week and months of the year. They have also been strengthening their language skills through rhyming and syllable activities.

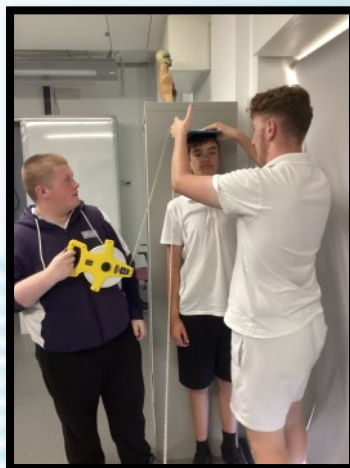
Other classes have started work on presentation practice this term. Planning their own power points, practicing giving a presentation on their own or with support, and even presenting it to the class.



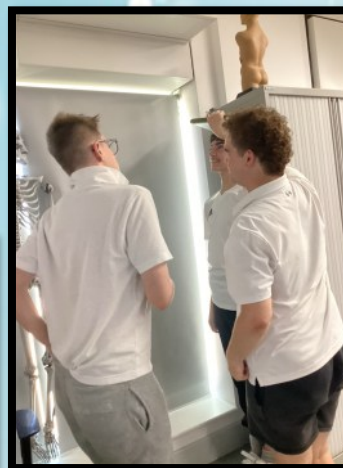
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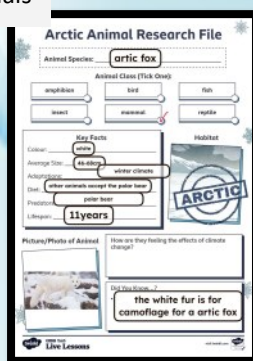
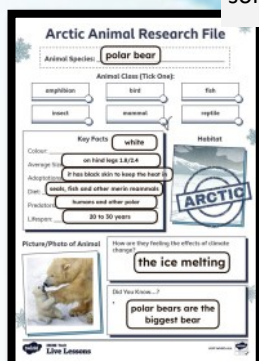
Year 11 students worked in pairs to make a presentation about something that is found in space.



Year 10 students had to find out if there's a relationship between height and foot size (AQA coursework)



Year 10s researched some Arctic animals



Life cycles of animals.



SPORT

This term, our pupils enjoyed an exciting range of sports activities that kept

everyone active and smiling! They challenged

themselves with step and circuits, worked together through fun team building games, experienced wheelchair games to develop understanding and inclusivity, and practised their tennis skills.

It was wonderful to see the students moving their bodies in so many different ways, building confidence, teamwork, and resilience while staying healthy.

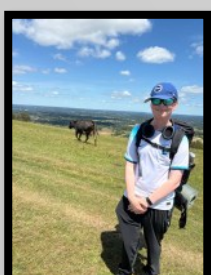
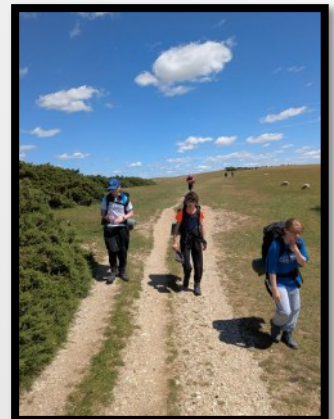
The enthusiasm and encouragement shown throughout the sessions were fantastic. Most importantly, the students had lots of fun learning that being active can be enjoyable, rewarding, and accessible for everyone.

What a great term of sport!





The highlight of this half term was undoubtedly our DofE expedition. It was wonderful to see the students put in to practice the skills they have been developing and demonstrate such determination throughout the challenge. They showed excellent teamwork, adaptability and remained positive through out. Watching their confidence grow over the course of the expedition was incredibly rewarding. Well done team.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



Additional Support For Learning Artwork & Creative Writing

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**Amayah Shuttleworth
& Rhien Browning**

Woodlands Meed College



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