



Message from the Headteacher

One of the highlights of our week (for me at least!) was our whole school visit to the Christmas tree festival at the church. It was a delightful occasion that brought together not just our pupils, but the entire local community. The array of beautifully decorated trees was a testament to the creativity and festive spirit that thrives in our area. I was particularly proud of our pupils, whose impeccable behaviour was noted by many. Their respectful and enthusiastic engagement with the displays was a credit to our school and a reflection of the values we hold dear.

The festival served as a reminder of the strong bonds that exist between our school and the wider community. It's heartening to see our pupils actively participating in local events, fostering a sense of belonging and civic pride. These experiences are invaluable in shaping well-rounded individuals who understand the importance of community involvement.

On the subject of community engagement, I'm delighted to report that our Picture News at home appears to be a resounding success. It's wonderful to hear from the children that families are engaging with topical issues together, promoting critical thinking and broadening our pupils' understanding of the world around them.

In our ongoing celebration of pupil achievements, I must highlight the outstanding work of Owl class in their recent poetry work. Not only did they craft thoughtful and expressive responses to poems, but their performances were nothing short of amazing. The confidence and artistry with which they delivered their work is a testament to their hard work.

Poetry offers a unique avenue for self-expression and language development, and it's been a joy to see our pupils embrace this form of communication with such enthusiasm. Their ability to learn and perform these pieces showcases not only their literary skills but also their growing self-assurance and public speaking abilities.

As usual, it only remains for me to wish you a safe and happy weekend – wrap up warm!

Craig Ward – Headteacher



'Celebration Assembly'

We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend our Celebration Assembly.

Date: Friday, 29th November

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop

Do your children outgrow or lose their uniform faster than you can say 'school run'?

PTFA to the rescue!



You will be pleased to hear that the Uniform Shop is up and running. All items are in as new condition, and are FREE of charge (although we will of course accept your money if you'd like to offer a donation!). The uniforms are washed and ready for collection - it's like a hand-me-down, but fancier!

Please feel free to call us on 07904 123 554, or email us on stmacptfa@gmail.com to arrange collection.

Whole School Attendance

18/11/24 - 22/11/24

96.6%



2024/2025 academic year
to date

96.4%



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 22nd November 2024

Reception Class 2025

Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2025. If you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places

Applications close on **15th January 2025**.

We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.



Star Awards

w/e 22nd November 2024

Hedgehogs – Adalyn

Rabbits – Charlotte

Squirrels – Rafael

Badgers – Isabelle

Woodpeckers – Shaianna

Owls – Harley



Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 25th November 2024

Squirrels Class

Things to remember:

- Wellington boots/old trainers
- Water resistant/water proof
- Trousers/tights

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 25th November 2024

£2.50 per day

[Menu-Nov-2024-Mar-2025.pdf](#)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 25th November 2024

Monday, 25th November

- Squirrels Class Forest School sessions all week
- National Child Measurement Programme for children in Year R and 6

Tuesday, 26th November

- Deadline for response to Terms 3 & 4 Clubs

Wednesday, 27th November

- Pantomime trip for Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers & Owls – see separate letter for details and please note return time to school

Thursday, 28th November

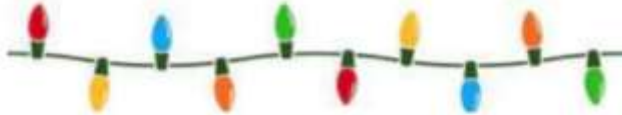
- 2:15pm Online Safety meeting for parents of children in Woodpeckers & Owls classes - in the school hall

Friday, 29th November

- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm



Community Noticeboard



'Christmas Light Switch On!'

Join us at
The Village Hall, Reach Road on
Saturday, 30th November 2024

- 4:30pm Free Family Disco (all children to be accompanied by an adult)
- 5:30pm Christmas Carols with the Village Choir
- 6:00pm Santa arrives and the Lights are switched on
- 6:15pm Entertainment continues in the Hall
- 7:00pm Raffle is drawn

Come along to enjoy Complimentary Food & Mulled Wine and soak up our wonderful village atmosphere with all the entertainment from local performers!

Supported by
Local Village Businesses & St Margaret's at Cliffe Parish Council

All proceeds from the Raffle and Donation Buckets on the night to be split equally between Amri Modi's Shree Seva Foundation and Dover Outreach Centre
(Don't forget to bring some change for the Donation Buckets!)

Amazing Raffle Prizes
including:
Cash Prizes of £150, £100 & £50, food and leisure vouchers and many more!



Make sure you have a chance of winning!
Buy your tickets from The Village Store, your Parish Councillors or on the night!



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Prize	Donated by
£150 Cash	The Village Shop
£100 Cash	The Village Shop
3 months Family Membership	Parkdean Resorts - Balance Spa & Health Club
2 tickets - Christmas Carol (£75)	The Bluebirds Cafe
£50 Cash	The Village Shop
£30 Food Voucher	The Coastguard Pub
Sunday Roast for 2	The Smugglers
£25 Food Voucher	FirstLight Cafe
Surprise prize	The Pines Tearoom
Tea for 2 with bubbles	St Margaret's Cosmopolitan Cricket Club
2 x family Panto tickets	St Margaret's Players
Cut and Blow Dry	Salon Beau
Reiki Session	Salon Beau
Personal Trainer Session	Dave Picher
Voucher	St Margaret's Holistic
20% Off Voucher	Chef du Mumbai
5 free swim tickets	Dover Leisure Centre
2 free inflatables	Dover Leisure Centre
2 free Clip and Climb	Dover Leisure Centre

And many more prizes!!

