



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 6th December 2024

Message from the Headteacher

I must begin by expressing my appreciation for the tremendous support we received during our recent Key Stage 2 carol concert. The event was nothing short of magical, with our pupils delivering a performance that truly captured the essence of the season. Their rendition of new and unusual Christmas songs, coupled with the unveiling of a delightful new Christmas story, created an atmosphere of warmth and joy that resonated with everyone present. The sight of so many parents joining us for this special occasion was truly heart-warming, and I thank you all for your enthusiastic participation and well done to all of the children.

I've had the pleasure of engaging in numerous conversations with parents recently, celebrating the myriad successes of our pupils both within and beyond the school gates. These discussions are always a highlight for me, as they provide a wonderful opportunity to recognise the diverse talents and achievements of our young learners. Whether it's academic progress, sporting accomplishments, artistic endeavours, or acts of kindness, each success story contributes to the vibrant tapestry of our school life.

As we look ahead, I'm excited for the upcoming Nativity performances next week. These charming productions are a beloved tradition at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe and I look forward to seeing my first one, showcasing the creativity, confidence, and collaborative spirit of our younger pupils. Like many of you, I'm eagerly looking forward to these delightful performances, which never fail to capture the innocence and wonder of the Christmas story.

As we move towards the end of term, let's carry forward this spirit of celebration and community. Together, we're creating lasting memories and laying the foundations for our pupils' future successes – or, as I said at the end of the carol concert, 'footsteps in concrete'!

Have a lovely weekend.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 13th December

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Whole School Attendance

02/12/24 - 06/12/24

98%

03/09/24 – 06/12/24

96.7%

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 PTFA's Pre-Loved 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.





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Countdown to Christmas!



9th – 13th December

- Last week of extra-curricular clubs this week

11th December

- Nativity Play for families of Years R, 1 & 2 at 2:30pm

12th December

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13th December

- Hedgehogs & Rabbits trip

18th December

- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

19th December

- Party day

20th December

- Last day of term – school finishes at 3:15pm
- No 'Celebration Assembly' today

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.



Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 9th December 2024

Rabbits Class

Things to remember:

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

Star Awards



w/e 6th December 2024

Hedgehogs – Ellis
Rabbits – Dexter
Squirrels – Maisey

Badgers – Isabelle F
Woodpeckers – Dudley
Owls – Imogen

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 9th December 2024

LAST WEEK OF CLUBS FOR THIS TERM

Monday, 9th December

- Rabbits Class Forest School sessions all week

Wednesday, 11th December

- **2:30pm** Nativity in the school hall (by ticket only). Doors open at 2:15pm

Thursday, 12th December

- **2:30pm** KS1 Nativity in the school hall (by ticket only). Doors open at 2:15pm

Friday, 13th December

- **Hedgehogs & Rabbits trip** (see separate letter for details)
- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu:

Week 3

w/c Monday, 9th December 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>

Community Noticeboard

Construction Club at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Library
Saturdays
11 am – midday, starting on the 4 January

Come and build, play, and create together!
No need to book – just come along and join in

Suitable for ages 4 – 11 years of age
All children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult

For more information please telephone 03000 41 31 31 or email stmargaretsatcliffelibrary@kent.gov.uk

@stmargaretsatcliffe
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www.kent.gov.uk

Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

6 Week Course
Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

www.studysmartuk.online

Dover Family Hubs
Half Term Timetable
December 23rd, 2024 - January 3rd, 2025

Our Activities

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| Winter Hamper and Activities | Panto and Afternoon Tea Box | New Years Eve Party Hamper |
| Family New Year Disco | Padel and Pizza | |

Contact Us
doverfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk
Aycliffe - 03000 420882
Buckland - 03000 414941
Deal - 03000 420008

Find us on Facebook or Instagram at Dover District Family Hubs

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Dover Family Hubs

Booking Our Activities

All activities are free of charge, but require booking. Priority will be given to children receiving Free School Meals Benefit. Please contact us to make a booking - you will be sent a form to complete and notified when a space has been allocated.

Monday 23rd December 2024

Jack & the Beanstalk Panto and Afternoon Tea
Panto - 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Enjoy the fun of the Panto at the Astor Theatre in Deal. Collect tickets and Afternoon Tea from Deal Family Hub from 12noon.

Tuesday 24th December 2024

Winter Hamper & Activities Collection Times: 11am - 2pm
Collect a Winter Hamper containing a range of food items and activities for the festive season.
Collection from Buckland Family Hub (The Linces, Dover, CT16 2BH) and Deal Family Hub (Park Avenue, Deal, CT14 9JL).

Monday 30th December 2024

Padel Tennis and Pizza 11am - 2pm
Suitable for ages 13-16 years. Parents welcome. Have a go at a few games of Padel Tennis in the enclosed courts and then pop next door to the Family Hub to enjoy some pizza.
Location: Deal Family Hub, Park Avenue, Deal, CT14 9JL

Tuesday 31st December 2024

New Years Eve Party Hamper Collection Times: 11am - 2pm
Collect a New Years Eve Party Hamper containing a range of food items and activities for the festive season.
Collection from Buckland Family Hub (The Linces, Dover, CT16 2BH) and Deal Family Hub (Park Avenue, Deal, CT14 9JL).

Friday 3rd January 2025

Family New Year Party 12noon - 3pm
Come and join us for a magic show, balloon modelling and family disco with lunch. The Family New Year Party is for families with primary school aged children (younger and older siblings welcome).
Location: Beacon Church, Bartholomew Street, Dover, CT16 2LH