



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 10th January 2025

Message from the Headteacher

As we embark on the journey of Term 3, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our pupils, staff, and families. I trust that everyone had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. The start of a new year brings with it fresh opportunities and renewed enthusiasm for learning and growth – I've already been inundated with children coming along to show me their great work... I was especially impressed with the Hedgehog children that visited to share with me all their new found knowledge of penguins!

In a significant development for our local area, the speed limit on Sea Street has been reduced to 20mph. This change is a welcome step towards enhancing the safety of our school community and all residents. It is great to see measures being implemented that prioritise the well-being of pedestrians, particularly our young pupils who navigate these streets daily. I encourage all members of our school community to be mindful of this new speed limit and to continue exercising caution when travelling in any form around our school.

In addition to this positive change in our local infrastructure, I am thrilled to announce a remarkable achievement by some of our talented pupils in Badgers Class. It is with great pride that I share the news of their literary success. Several of our young writers have had their work selected for inclusion in the 2025 Young Writers' anthology book. This is an outstanding accomplishment that showcases the creativity, imagination, and skill of our pupils. Their selection for this prestigious publication is a testament to their hard work.

This achievement not only brings recognition to the individual pupils involved but also reflects the high standard of education and the emphasis we place on developing strong literacy skills at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School. I hope it serves as an inspiration to all our pupils, demonstrating that with resourcefulness and resilience (our school value of the term!), they can achieve remarkable things.

Here's to a successful and enriching Term 3 ahead.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

Due to Squirrels Class Family Assembly taking place on Friday, 17th January we will not be holding a Celebration Assembly this week.

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.



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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.

Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 13th January 2025

Owls Class

Things to remember:

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

Whole School Attendance

06/01/25 - 10/01/25

97.8%

03/09/24 – 10/01/25

96.4%



Star Awards

w/e 10th January 2025

Hedgehogs – Jett

Rabbits – George

Squirrels – Eloise

Badgers – Emily A

Woodpeckers – Jack

Owls – All of Owls Class



Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in January.

Daisy	Owls
Adam	Squirrels
Isabelle	Badgers
Madeleine	Rabbits
Eleanor	Hedgehogs
Albert	Badgers
Kirisnavi	Owls



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 13th January 2025

CLUBS START BACK FOR THIS TERM

Monday, 13th January

- Owls Class Forest School sessions all week

Wednesday, 15th January

- Deadline to apply for Reception Class places September 2025

Thursday, 16th January

- **School Census Day** – all children in Years R, 1 & 2 to please have a school lunch to secure their Infant Free School Meals funding for the year
- **Owls Class Residential Trip parent/carer information meeting** - 2:30pm in the school hall

Friday, 17th January

- **Squirrels Class Family Assembly** – 9am in the school hall
- **No 'Celebration Assembly' this week**

Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 13th January 2025

£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

Free Family Events – Running in Dover and Deal libraries throughout January and February.

Deal Library

Story Time - Saturdays fortnightly, starting on 18 January. 11 am – 11.30 am.
Suitable for ages 4 – 7 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
No booking required.

Lego Club – Saturdays, 11 am – midday.
Suitable for 5 years and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
No booking required.

Rocket Making Workshop - Make a paper plane and a pop bottle rocket - Wednesday, 19 February. 10.30 am – midday.
Suitable for ages 3 – 11 years, children must be accompanied by an adult.
Booking required, please contact Deal Library 03000 41 31 31 or email deallibrary@kent.gov.uk
This workshop will be run by Kent Adult Education Family Learning.

Dover Library

Puppet Making – Use puppets with children to bring stories to life - Tuesday, 18 February, 10.30 am – midday.
Suitable for ages 3 – 11 years, children must be accompanied by an adult.
Booking required, please contact Dover Library on 03000 41 31 31 or email doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk.
This workshop will be run by Kent Adult Education Family Learning.

Children’s Saturday Craft Club - Theme is the Chinese New Year - Saturday, 25 January, 11 am – 12.30 pm.
Suitable for children aged 4 – 11 years.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
No booking required.

Lego Club – Saturday, 11 and 25 January, 1 and 15 February, 10.30 am – midday.
Suitable for children aged 5 years and above.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
No booking required.

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

Available in the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding, Supporting & Protecting CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviour
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Social Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.
*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

SEE US WEBSITE

FREE CRICKET COACHING

Interested in playing cricket?
Come along and try for free!
A six week coaching programme for players of all ages (minimum age 8)

Starts Sunday 9th February
U11s: 6pm - 7pm
U13s, U15s and adults: 7pm - 8pm

REGISTER NOW

Duke of Yorks School
CT15 5EQ

To register e-mail incredhulks@hotmail.com