



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 7th February 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Even after 21 years 'in the business', it still surprises me how each and every week is so different from the last. This week has been no different – lots going on and a whole host of things to celebrate. Your continued support and engagement are the cornerstones of our success, and I am delighted to share some of those highlights with you today.

Today's Number Day has been an outstanding success, demonstrating once again the enthusiasm and generosity of our school community. Together, we raised an impressive **£147**, which will undoubtedly make a significant impact. I must confess, however, that I made a slight clothing faux pas today. In my excitement, I wore my cherished number 7 'WARD' shirt, only to realise belatedly that it proudly displays the Spurs logo and after the night we had last night, many children (and several parents!) have pointed out it may not have been the best decision! Nevertheless, today was a day of joy, learning, and community spirit that we will long remember. Well done St. Margaret's and thank you to Mr Oliver for organising and leading our day for us.

This week, as I've walked the corridors and classrooms, I have been impressed by the exceptional work our pupils are producing. Their engagement with new projects is great, showcasing a depth of learning that is truly remarkable. In every classroom, I've seen young minds grappling with complex ideas, asking insightful questions, and producing work of the highest calibre. This level of academic rigour and creativity is a testament to both our pupils' dedication and the skilful guidance of our teaching staff.

The strength of our school community was further exemplified during our recent Wednesday open afternoon. The turnout of parents and carers was excellent, with many of you taking the time to visit our classrooms and engage with your children's learning journey. This level of parental involvement is invaluable, reinforcing the partnership between home and school that is so crucial to our pupils' success.

By the time you read this, our St. Margaret's pupils will have been out competing in the local Cross Country competition and I'm sure they will continue to do us proud in both their sporting prowess and exemplary behaviour. I'll be out there with them, but certainly not running.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week for another week, which I'm sure will be totally different again!

Craig Ward – Headteacher

Star Awards

w/e 7th February 2025

Hedgehogs – Lily
Rabbits – Thea
Squirrels – Aarohi
Badgers – Eva
Woodpeckers – Dudley
Owls – Alice



Whole School Attendance

03/02/25 - 07/02/25

94.8%

3/09/24 – 07/02/25

96.2%



'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 14th February

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.



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Woodpeckers Class Enterprise Week

Next week, the children in Woodpeckers Class will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be working to design and create a number of exciting products. They will be selling Valentine themed cupcakes, friendship bracelets and bag accessories to children across the school during break times on **Friday 14th February**. These items will range in price from between 50p to £1.50.

The purpose of Enterprise Week is to teach the children about creating a business as well as how to manage their budget and profit. Of the monies raised, half will be donated to a charity of the children's choice while the other half will be spent on a treat for the class.

If your child wishes to bring in some money to spend on Friday, please ensure it is in a named purse or wallet.

Thank you
Mr Oliver



Forest School Sessions w/c Monday, 10th February 2025

Hedgehogs Class

Things to remember:

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

Birthdays



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

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| Sophia | Squirrels |
| William | Owls |
| Charlotte | Owls |
| William | Woodpeckers |
| Harrison | Squirrels |
| Dudley | Woodpeckers |
| Harry | Rabbits |
| Octavia | Hedgehogs |
| Joseph | Rabbits |
| Camille | Badgers |
| Rafael | Squirrels |

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 stmactfa@gmail.com to arrange collection.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 10th February 2025

Monday, 10th February

- Hedgehogs Class Forest School sessions all week
- Woodpeckers Class Enterprise Week

Tuesday, 11th February

- Safer Internet Day

Thursday, 13th February

- Deadline for responses to be returned for Badgers residential trip

Friday, 14th February

- Reception age children - hearing screening
- Deadline for deposit to be paid – Owls Residential trip
- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated monies for our charity event in aid of NSPCC Number Day.

The total raised today was

£147



Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 10th February 2025

£2.50 per day

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

[ParentPay School Uniform Shop](#)



YOUR PTFA NEWS

FEBRUARY 2025

CONTACT INFO

Email: stmacptfa@gmail.com

JUST SAYING HI!

As we step into another exciting year, the PTFA is eager to continue our mission of supporting our children’s education and enhancing their school experience. Your support- whether through volunteering, attending events or contributing in any way you can- plays a crucial role in making these efforts a success. Together we can make a real difference for our school community and we look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your generosity and involvement!

Your PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are volunteers and although we try to host as much as possible, this can be a difficult juggle with the demands of being working parents and family life. We would welcome any ideas for events that members of our School Community would like to host.

MARCH

6 World Book Day activities throughout the week

SUMMER

TBC Sports day activities Summer Fete

OUR FOCUS

In working with Mr Ward, it has been highlighted that our School is in need of **iPads** and **new playground equipment**. This is going to be the current focus for our fundraising and we have decided that our best strategy to fund these is by applying for grants.

OUR LATEST WINS

- Our hugely successful Quiz in September raised over **£800**
- Lorna Willis kindly donated almost **£400** profit from her Christmas Craft fair
- The purchase of Christmas cards raised over **£100**
- We have received almost **£100** from Asda as part of their cashpot for Schools scheme
- We continue to run our Pre-Loved uniform store free of charge for all families

HOW YOU CAN HELP FOR FREE!

- **Easyfundraising** is a free, easy, and accessible way for you to help simply by shopping online with your favourite retailers, including ebay, Tesco, Booking.com, Etsy, Argos, M&S, and 8,000 others via the easyfundraising app to collect free funding, courtesy of the retailer, with every purchase.
- Just by **downloading the app (no purchase required)** we get **£2** and a bonus for every 50 downloads! Please download the app by 28th February and support us.
- If you have the capacity to make a **grant application** or two, please let us know! We are working on the basis that the more applications we make, the more likely we are to be successful!





Community Noticeboard



**St Margaret's
Nursery**

Quiz Night

Friday 21st March
From 7pm - Quiz starts at 7.30pm
at St Margaret's Village Hall, Reach Road

£5 per person
Tables of up to 8
Bring you own food & drink
and a raffle prize donation if possible please.

To book a table, please contact
Catherine Perry - 07717 503933 or
Kirsty Harper - kirstylyon.me@gmail.com



www.stmargaretsnursery.co.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1194058



Community Noticeboard

Dover District Libraries: February Events

Dover Library

Puppet Making – Family Learning Workshop with Kent Adult Education

Tuesday, 18 February, 10.30 am – midday.

Suitable for ages 3 – 11 years.

Booking required, please contact Dover Library 03000 41 31 31 or email doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk

'Catch the Love Bug' (Bugs & Beasties) Children's Event.

Includes Bug Bingo, Critter Crafts and Slithering Stories!

Thursday, 20 February 10.30 am - 12.30pm

Suitable for ages – 4 – 11 years. Free event, no booking required.

Make a Fish – Paper Plate Craft

Friday, 7 March, 4 pm – 6 pm

Suitable for ages 4 – 7 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free event, no booking required.

This event is part of 'Dover at Night' [Dover at Night 2025](#)

Deal Library

Storytime

Saturday, 15 February, 11 am – 11.30 am

Suitable for ages 4 – 7 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free event, no booking required. For more information email deallibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31

Hearty Crafts – Children's craft event.

Tuesday, 18 February, 11 am – 12.30 pm

Suitable for ages 4 – 11 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free event, no booking required.

Rocket Making - Family Learning Workshop with Kent Adult Education

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

Sandwich Library

Storytime – for pre-school and primary aged children

Saturday, 22 February, 10.30 am.

Free event, no booking required. For more information

email sandwichlibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CRAFTS
At Guston Village hall, Dover CT15 5EU
7 TO 17 YEAR OLDS (SEPARATE AGE GROUPS)

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY | 1PM TO 3.30PM
Fairy windows and woodland dream catchers

TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY | 1PM TO 3.30PM
Miniature forest animals in walnut shells and painted wood rounds

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY | 1PM TO 3.30PM
Clay and nature workshop (woodland scenes and fairy houses)

Two art workshops per session and a snack break with games in the middle.
Book now by emailing me at EcoCreativesart@gmail.com.

£18.00
Per child

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

To register e-mail incredhulks@hotmail.com

ST. MARGARET'S COSMOPOLITAN CC

Duke of Yorks School
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