



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 14th February 2025

Message from the Headteacher

I don't know how it's happened, but we find ourselves just over halfway through the academic year! As usual, we have been very busy in school with the vibrant tapestry of learning and achievement. St. Margaret's really is an awesome place and the children continue to share their excitement and love for learning with me as I do my regular rounds.

It's been great to see that learning journey on ClassDojo as well and I hope you continue to enjoy these snapshots into our classrooms showcasing the daily discoveries and accomplishments of our pupils. A particular highlight this week has been seeing our Hedgehogs class embracing the outdoors during their forest school sessions. These hands-on experiences in nature not only enhance their learning but also foster a deep connection with the world around them. I've also enjoyed following Woodpecker's preparations for their enterprise week.

This week, we celebrated Safer Internet Day, an important event that underscores our commitment to equipping our pupils with the skills and knowledge to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly. In today's interconnected world, these lessons are invaluable for our young learners. While it is a national 'day' to consider staying safe on the internet, I know it is something in school we consider and reflect on with the children on a daily basis as it is so important that our children understand how to use the fantastic resource that is the internet safely.

I would like to extend all our congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 runners who participated in the Dover schools cross-country event last Friday. Despite the biting cold, our pupils demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination. Their unwavering effort in the face of challenging conditions is a testament to their character and the values we nurture at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe.

The enterprising spirit of our Woodpeckers class has been truly impressive. Today's enterprise week event, where they crafted and sold cupcakes and friendship bracelets to raise funds for their chosen charity, exemplifies the creativity, teamwork, and social responsibility we aim to instil in our pupils. Such initiatives not only develop practical skills but also foster a sense of community and empathy.

I wish all our families a happy and restful break from school and look forward to seeing you all at the start of term 4 on Monday 24th February. Take care.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

Star Awards

w/e 14th February 2025

Hedgehogs – Gabriel

Squirrels – All of Squirrels

Woodpeckers – All of Woodpeckers



Rabbits – Oliver

Badgers – India-Rose

Owls – Aaron

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 28th February

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Whole School Attendance

10/02/25 - 14/02/25

94.9%

3/09/24 – 14/02/25

96.1%





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Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 24th February 2025

Woodpeckers Class

Things to remember:

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

PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop

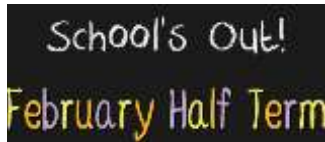
Do your children outgrow or lose their uniform faster than you can say 'school run'?



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.



We wish you all a good half term holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school on

Monday, 24th February

Woodpeckers Class Enterprise Week

A big thank you from Woodpeckers Class who raised

£164

at their Enterprise Event today. Half of the money raised will go to their chosen charities, 'Royal Marsden Cancer Research' and 'Kent Deaf Children's Society', and the other half will be used for the benefit of the children in Woodpeckers Class.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our kitchen staff who have once again received the highest food hygiene rating from Dover District Council following their latest inspection.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 24th February 2025

CLUBS START BACK THIS WEEK

Monday, 24th February

- **Start of term 4** – children return to school
- **Woodpeckers Class Forest School sessions all week**

Friday, 28th February

- **Dover Primary Schools Swimming Gala** – selected pupils
 - **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend.
- Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 24th 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](#)



WORLD BOOK WEEK LINEUP

03.03.25-07.03.25

MONDAY 3RD OF MARCH:

THE CHILDREN WILL BE TAKEN BY THEIR TEACHER TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE FANTASTIC SCHOLASTIC BOOK OFFERING. PARENTS AND CARERS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE BOOKS- JUST COME IN THROUGH THE MAIN RECEPTION, AFTER SCHOOL.

TUESDAY 4TH OF MARCH:

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CLASSES AND PARENTS AND CARERS TO VIEW THE BOOKS ON OFFER

WEDNESDAY 5TH OF MARCH:

OFFICIAL BOOK FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA IN THE SCHOOL HALL 3.15PM-4.15PM. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE BOOK FAIR AS WELL AS SALE OF PRE LOVED BOOKS, A LUCKY DIP AND A CAKE SALE

THURSDAY 6TH OF MARCH:

WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME DAY WEATHER PERMITTING WE WILL BE SELLING ANY LEFT OVER CAKES AND PRE LOVED BOOKS IN THE GAZEBO FROM 3.15PM

MONEY RAISED FROM THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL LIBRARY AND MONEY RAISED FROM PRE LOVED BOOK SALE, CAKE SALE AND LUCKY DIP WILL GO TOWARDS THE PTFA FUNDRAISING GOALS

DONT FORGET YOU CAN STILL HELP US BY:

- DONATING ANY PRE LOVED BOOKS TO OUR BOOK SALE -PLEASE BRING THEM IN TO THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
- BRINGING IN ANY CAKES YOU WISH TO DONATE FOR THE CAKE SALE ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

THE PTFA

Community Noticeboard

We're a Mum and two daughters team creating educational, history based fun Quiz Trails! They live up a healthy family walk!

Let the adventure begin with

We're a Mum and two daughters team creating educational, history based fun Quiz Trails!

LOW - COST!
Clues for adults PLUS clues for juniors which are made for 5 to 11 year olds!

FREE TO ENTER!

WIN
a hamper packed with goodies!

Tell us all about your favourite town, city or village in Kent, Surrey or East Sussex!

One lucky winner will win a hamper packed with goodies!
Second Prize: Two lucky winners will win 3 x Quiz Trails of their choice!

Enter on our website www.QuizTrail.co.uk

*Closing date: 23rd March 2025 at 11.59pm. Free to enter - no purchase necessary.

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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 your 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

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

FEBRUARY 2025

- BAKED BEANS
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- CUPPA SOUP
- PASTA 'N' SAUCE
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- SQUASH
- MILK (UHT)
- NOODLES
- DOG FOOD
- COFFEE
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- INSTANT MASH
- LAUNDRY PRODUCTS
- TIN OPENERS

PLEASE NOTE
We have plenty of pasta & pulses

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CANTON RD, LEVEST