



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Message from the Headteacher

World Book Day was a resounding success, with our pupils showcasing their creativity and love for literature through an array of impressive costumes. The imagination and effort put into these outfits were truly commendable, with one (amongst many) standout being a remarkable 'war horse' costume that captured the essence of Michael Morpurgo's beloved novel... with a real horse! It was great to see our school community come together to celebrate the joy of reading and the power of storytelling.

Badger class treated us to an excellent class assembly focused on the topic of Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers, including a beautiful rendition of one of my all-time favourite songs. Their presentation was both informative and engaging, demonstrating the depth of knowledge they have acquired on this subject. It is always a pleasure to see our pupils confidently sharing their learning with the school community.

Our recent pancake extravaganza was a delightful culinary adventure. I must extend my thanks to Mr Oliver for his tireless efforts in preparing a many, many, many pancakes for our eager pupils. His dedication ensured that everyone had the opportunity to indulge in this traditional treat. Some of us were also fortunate to experience a taste of Ukrainian culture through a delicious traditional pancake offering. This cultural exchange certainly tantalised our taste buds and a big thank you for that.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the parents and guardians who have generously donated board games to our school after last week's plea. These contributions have been warmly received and are already proving to be valuable additions to our resources. The variety and quality of the games are impressive, and they are sure to provide hours of educational entertainment for our pupils. If you have any more board games that you would like to donate, please do not hesitate to send them in – they will continue to be greatly appreciated.

As always, I am immensely proud of our pupils' achievements and the unwavering support of our school community. Together, we continue to make St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe a place of growth, learning, and joy.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

### 'Celebration Assembly'

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

**Date:** Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 2:45pm

**Where:** School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Whole School Attendance

03/03/25 - 07/03/25

**96%**

3/09/24 – 07/03/25

**96.2%**





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## Star Awards



Due to there not being a celebration assembly this week, Star Awards will be given out next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter.

## 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](mailto:stmacptfa@gmail.com) to arrange collection.

## Birthdays

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

|         |             |
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| Phoebe  | Rabbits     |
| Freya   | Rabbits     |
| Charles | Woodpeckers |
| Teddy   | Owls        |
| Ava     | Squirrels   |
| Oliver  | Badgers     |
| Iris    | Rabbits     |
| Gabriel | Hedgehogs   |
| Chloe   | Rabbits     |



## World Book Day

Thank you for supporting World Book Day

**We raised £109**



## The Week Ahead!

### Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March

- British Science Week
- Hedgehogs & Rabbits classes - deadline to respond to parentmail form 'My Dad 2025'

#### Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics – selected pupils

#### Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March

- Years 1 to 6 - deadline to respond to parentmail form 'School Clubs – Term 5 & 6'

#### Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March

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

## Lunch Menu:

### Week 3

w/c Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

£2.50 per day

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

[parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm/](https://parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm/)



# THANK YOU SO MUCH

With your help and support with World Book week, we managed to raise:

**£145** through the sale of the preloved books and cakes (freshly baked, not preloved!) for us to put towards our fundraising goals

AND

**£200** through the sale of the Scholastic books for the school to spend on books

**THANK YOU** and of course a huge thank you to those that baked and helped in the run up and on the day.

Your PTFA

Community Noticeboard



**THE WESTEND EXPERIENCE Club**

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YR 2-6!

**£35 PER DAY**  
Friday £25\*

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>-FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**10AM-3PM**

ST MARGARETS AT CLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Workshops delivered by performers that have been in the Musicals themselves!



**WICKED | BUGSY MALONE | MAMMA MIA | MATILDA**



**TO BOOK YOUR SPACES**  
VISIT [WWW.DANCEFITWITHEMILY.CO.UK](http://WWW.DANCEFITWITHEMILY.CO.UK)  
OR EMAIL [dancefitwithemily@gmail.com](mailto:dancefitwithemily@gmail.com)  
📞 Emily Powell 📧 emily\_powell.25

**FREE WESTEND EXPERIENCE CLUB T-SHIRT**  
if attending all week

DBS CHECKED. FULLY INSURED. PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH (NO NUTS PLEASE)

## DOVER FOODBANK

### MOST needed ITEMS

**MARCH 2025**

- BAKED BEANS
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- CUPPA SOUP
- PASTA 'N' SAUCE
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- SQUASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- NOODLES
- TINNED MEAT
- SHAMPOO
- 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  
CHARITY NO. 1140701

Community Noticeboard

## Community Engagement Session



Dover District Council and Stagecoach invite you to a community engagement session.

Meet your Community Development Officer and representatives from Stagecoach to discuss your local bus services.

**Say hello!**

Look for the Community Roots van

**Elvington Community Centre / play area**  
Friday 14 March, 2pm – 4pm

**Sunny Corner – Aycliffe**  
Friday 21 March, 2pm – 4pm

**Heritage Road, Aylesham**  
Friday 11 April, 2pm – 4pm

**Whitfield Recreation Ground**  
Friday 25 April, 2pm – 4pm




## 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](mailto:kirstylyon.me@gmail.com)

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