



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 27th June 2025

Message from the Headteacher

What a fantastic finish to our football matches with St. Mary's! Our team won the final game on Friday, and I couldn't be prouder of how all our pupils played. They showed amazing sportsmanship throughout - being respectful to the other team while giving their absolute best. It's exactly what we love to see at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe, and shows how our pupils are growing into wonderful young people who know how to compete fairly and with respect.

Our summer fair was absolutely brilliant! It was lovely to see so many families and friends come together for such a fun afternoon. The atmosphere was buzzing with everyone enjoying the activities and stalls. A huge thank you to our fantastic PTFA team who worked so hard to organise everything - we really couldn't do it without them, and they make such a difference to what we can offer our pupils.

The "Draw Mr Ward" competition certainly got everyone excited at the fair! I'll be looking through all the entries next week, ably assisted by some pupils, and announcing the winners in our celebration assembly. I can't wait to see all the creative artwork our pupils have produced.

Rabbits class put on a truly outstanding assembly this week all about animals, and I was thoroughly impressed by what I witnessed. The children demonstrated remarkable confidence and clarity when presenting their learning, speaking with such enthusiasm about the fascinating world of animals. Their explanation of metamorphosis was particularly impressive - they didn't just know the facts; they could explain the process clearly. What struck me most was their use of sophisticated scientific vocabulary throughout their presentation. Words like 'chrysalis', 'larva', and 'transformation' rolled off their tongues naturally, showing they'd really grasped these concepts. The pupils had clearly worked hard to research different animals and their life cycles, and their passion for learning was evident in every part of their presentation. It was wonderful to see how engaged the rest of the school was too, asking thoughtful questions afterwards and showing genuine interest. This assembly perfectly demonstrates the excellent learning happening in our classrooms every day.

I'm also pleased to let you know that our Year 6 writing assessments have been checked and confirmed by the local authority. This gives us confidence that we're getting our assessments right and that our pupils are making excellent progress. This is a regular process, with every school being visited by trained moderators roughly every four years. Well done for your hard work this year Owls – your books made it easy for us to show off your great writing ability.

From sports success to community fun, brilliant presentations to strong academic results - it's been another term that shows just how special St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School is.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 4th July 2025 **Time:** 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:
Respect & Tolerance



PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform

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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Star Awards & Spelling Award



w/e 27th June 2025

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.

Whole School Attendance

23/06/25 - 27/06/25

98.2%

03/09/24 - 27/06/25

96.1%

Owls Class Production Tickets

Owls Class are busy rehearsing their end of year production of 'I'M AN 11 YR-OLD – Get Me Out Of Here'.

The performance will be on **Thursday, 10th July at 6pm** in St Margaret's Village Hall.

Tickets will be sold by the children at 3pm on the playground. Please check the week ahead for dates they will be there.

The cost of the tickets are £6.50 for adults and £4 for children. Please come and support our Year 6 children.

Art Exhibition – 2nd July

A Year In Art

We're excited to invite you to our art exhibition.

Please do come and enjoy artwork produced by all children across the school. Children and staff will be visiting the exhibition according to the timetable sent to parent/carers. If you would like to coincide your visit with the relevant class - please note these times are approximate and do include walking to and from the Pines Calyx. You are, of course, welcome at any time between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

The exhibition will be open to the public at these times.

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 30th June 2025

LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

Monday, 30th June

- Squirrels Class forest school sessions all week
- 'I'M AN 11 YR-OLD – Get Me Out Of Here' tickets on sale from 3pm outside Owls classroom

Tuesday, 1st July

- Squirrels Class Swimming - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.
- Kent Test Registration deadline for Year 5 pupils
- Summer Cup Event – selected pupils
- 'I'M AN 11 YR-OLD – Get Me Out Of Here' tickets on sale from 3pm outside Owls classroom

Wednesday, 2nd July

- Art Exhibition – see letter for details
- 'I'M AN 11 YR-OLD – Get Me Out Of Here' tickets on sale from 3pm outside Owls classroom

Thursday, 3rd July

- Year 6 Secondary Transition Day
- 'Meet The Teacher' classes move up to meet their new teacher for September
- Induction 'Meet the Teacher' session in Hedgehogs Class for new pupils starting September 2025

Friday, 4th July

- 'Celebration Assembly' parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm
- 3:15pm PTFA selling freeze pops in the gazebo after school

Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 30th June

Squirrels Class

Things to remember:

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

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 30th June 2025

£2.50 per day

[Menu-April-2025-1.pdf](#)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm/

Community Noticeboard

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

JULY 2025

- CEREAL
- UHT MILK
- CUPPA SOUP
- TINNED FISH
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- JAM AND SPREADS
- TINNED FRUIT
- CUSTARD
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- INSTANT MASH
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- SHAMPOO
- 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. 1212903

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & FITNESS SESSIONS FOR 7-9 YEAR OLDS

"RELAXED, FUN AND ENJOYABLE"

WEEKLY FRIDAY SESSIONS

16:00-17:00



DELIVERED BY MICKY T'S WELLBEING & FITNESS

Qualified Mental Health First Aid Practitioner

Qualified Fitness Instructor & Personal Trainer

This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of a growing community programme centred around mental health awareness and fitness.

Providing our younger generations with the tools to face challenges and thrive.

Location: Dover District Leisure Centre
Fridays 16:00 – 17:00

TO BOOK NOW



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Message me on Facebook at Micky T's Wellbeing & Fitness



First session FREE

- Individual fitness activities
- Team fitness activities
- Mental Health awareness



Authors, illustrators, storytellers, plays, treasure hunts, & more venues across Canterbury, Sturry & Heme



Bringing stories to life

July 11th - 13th 2025

Full programme & tickets at www.canterburykidslitfest.co.uk



Events for 0-5 year olds

July 11th - 13th 2025



Treasure hunt for the elements of story & make your very own book!



What the Crow Saw Below
A beautiful story about love, freedom, & being brave!
Storytime & drawing



Kerjuffie Bird
Big feelings are important. Don't be like the Hushlings - have them out loud!
Song, storytime & drawing



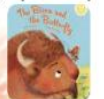
Meet Kip & the Squiggles! Learn the Blueberry Shake & create the perfect imaginary friend!



Our Living Soul is amazing! Learn all about it and make your own creations using mud paint!



A Kidsummer Night's Dream - all the fun of the original Shakespeare play in under an hour, with silly songs & madcap capers!



The Bean & the Butterfly - Learn about the importance of rewilding & how amazing bees are!
Storytime, games & crafts



The Rock Family Band
Dust off your air guitars & get ready to be part of an amazing performance!
Storytime, singalong, dance party!



Oh Yes I Am!
Discover the history of panto & the importance of being yourself in this fun & silly storytime with panto dame Mama G.



Clouding
Explore this beautiful story about imagination, acceptance & thinking differently!
Storytime & drawing

Full programme at www.canterburykidslitfest.co.uk

Events for 5-10 year olds

July 11th - 13th 2025



Improv'd Poems from Saturn with Jonathan Sellers



A Kidsummer Night's Dream



Time Tub Adventure with Claire Linney



Star-gazing with Sheena Conroy



How to Write a Mystery with Eve Wersock Morris



Storytelling Board Games at The Long Rest



Create your own Graphic Novel with James Turner



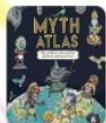
Dragons with Kate & Kevin Tsang



Treasure hunt for the elements of story & make your very own book!



Liesee Choose Your Own Adventure



Mythological Drawing with Thago de Moraes

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