



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 4th July 2025

Message from the Headteacher

What a week it's been! Full of colour, creativity... and a few unexpected plumbing problems!

First, a huge shout out to all our budding artists (and their incredibly supportive teachers) for the stunning art exhibition at The Pines. What an incredible celebration of the talent, imagination and hard work that's been happening in classrooms over the last term. From abstract masterpieces to beautiful nature-inspired pieces, it was a joy to see the children's artwork displayed so professionally and admired by so many visitors. Thank you to everyone who helped organise, hang, label and celebrate – it was truly a team effort and something to be proud of.

Last weekend our Year 6 Engineering Club team proudly represented the school at a national event at Goodwood filled with excitement, teamwork, and incredible achievement.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Wisbey and Mr Oliver for their unwavering commitment throughout the year and for supporting the team on the day. Their guidance and encouragement played a vital role in making the experience so rewarding for everyone involved. The event itself was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils, who demonstrated confidence, skill, and sportsmanship on a national stage. According to one parent, our team "held their own" against stiff competition, including schools from across the UK—and even as far away as Sydney, Australia! It was also noted that our school was one of just three from Kent in attendance—and the only state school. This makes our participation, and performance, all the more impressive, especially given our size and resources. A standout moment from the day was during the Race of Champions, where one of our pupils started 74th on the grid and overtook approximately 50 cars—an incredible achievement and a proud moment for the whole team. Well done to the entire team (and mums and dads for getting them there and supporting) — you represented the school brilliantly and made us all extremely proud!

Of course, we also had a bit of a hiccup this week with the burst water main and the sudden school closure. I really appreciate everyone's patience and understanding – we know these things cause disruption, but safety always comes first. We hope you were able to enjoy the glorious sunshine on your unexpected day at home. I heard the beach was quite busy!

On a more positive note, our *Meet the Teacher Morning* went really smoothly and was full of smiles. It was so lovely to see the children getting to know their new teachers and having a chance to spend time in the classrooms they'll be learning in from September. There was a real buzz of excitement around the school, and we hope it's helped everyone feel a little more prepared and excited for the year ahead.

It's hard to believe we've only got two weeks left of this academic year. With so many events still to come – performances, sports days, leavers' celebrations and more – we're not slowing down just yet! Please keep an eye on the calendar and your emails so you don't miss anything.

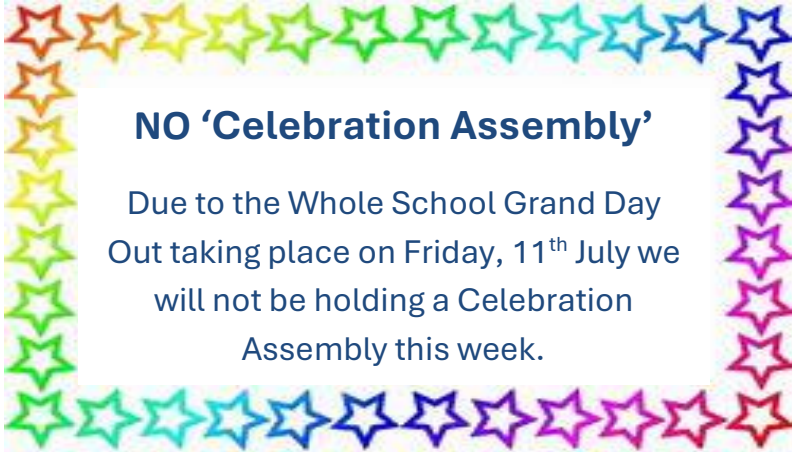
As always, thank you for your continued support and positivity. Whether it's attending events, helping your children with home learning, or just sending kind words our way, it really does make a difference.

Wishing you all a restful (and hopefully sunny) weekend.

Craig Ward – Headteacher



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NO 'Celebration Assembly'

Due to the Whole School Grand Day Out taking place on Friday, 11th July we will not be holding a Celebration Assembly this week.

Birthdays



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

Ivy	Squirrels
Isla	Rabbits
Iris	Hedgehogs
Lydia	Badgers
Mya	Badgers
Joel	Hedgehogs
Arlo	Squirrels
Max	Hedgehogs
Darcy	Owls
Poppy	Squirrels
Laila	Woodpeckers
Myla	Owls
India-Rose	Badgers
Tobias	Squirrels



Spelling Award

w/e 27th June 2025

w/e 4th July 2025

Speller of the week

Lilia



Speller of the week

Toby

Star Awards



w/e 27th June & 4th July 2025

Hedgehogs – Thomas & Judith

Rabbits – All of Rabbits & Oliver

Squirrels – Toby & All of Squirrels

Badgers – Nicholas & Madison

Woodpeckers – Ruby, Jack, Holly & Teddy

Owls – Isla-Rose & Daisy

Whole School Attendance

30/06/25 - 04/07/25

03/09/24 – 27/06/25

96.4%

Attendance



Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 7th July

Hedgehogs Class

Things to remember:

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

Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 7th July 2025

£2.50 per day

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm/





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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.



Whole School Grand Day Out

We are looking forward to our Grand Day Out next Friday.

The children should wear their usual school uniform (no summer dresses please) with a difference. Instead of their normal school polo shirt, we would like them to wear their House colour T-Shirt.

Bay = Blue

Cliffe = Red

Lighthouse = Yellow

Pines = Green

Sandals or trainers may be worn (not flip flops). If you are worried about sunburn, please send your child in a long sleeved top under their House T-shirt.

In addition, all children will need the following items for the day:-

Sun hat.

Sun cream (applied before school; they may bring extra to apply during the day).

Waterproof coat.

Packed lunch and drinks (no glass bottles, cans, nuts or sweets please)

Backpack to keep and carry everything they are taking.

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 7th July 2025

CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THIS TERM

Monday, 7th July

- Hedgehogs Class forest school sessions all week
- Owls Class production rehearsals off site - see separate letter
- 'I'M AN 11 YR-OLD – Get Me Out Of Here' tickets on sale from 3pm outside Owls classroom

Tuesday, 8th July

- Owls Class rehearsals off site – see separate letter
- Track Athletics competition – selected pupils

Wednesday, 9th July

- 'I'M AN 11 YR-OLD – Get Me Out Of Here' tickets on sale from 3pm outside Owls classroom **LAST CHANCE TO BUY**

Thursday, 10th July

- Owls Class production rehearsals all day off site – see separate letter
- Owls Class dress rehearsal of 'I'M AN 11 YR-OLD – Get Me Out Of Here' to the rest of the school
- 6pm Owls Class 'I'M AN 11 YR-OLD – Get Me Out Of Here' Production

Friday, 11th July

- Whole School Grand Day Out – see letter for details
- NO 'Celebration Assembly'
- 3:15pm PTFA selling freeze pops in the gazebo after school

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

WEEKLY FRIDAY SESSIONS
16:00-17:00

"RELAXED, FUN AND ENJOYABLE"

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 micky.t@outlook.com Message me on Facebook at Micky T's Wellbeing & Fitness

We're thrilled to invite you to a FREE inclusive football taster session with the Football Fun Factory, taking place on Sunday 13th July from 1pm–3pm at Tides Leisure Centre.

This exciting session is designed for children aged 4-12 and is open to children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). It's the perfect opportunity for children to experience the joy of football in a fun, supportive, and safe environment.

What to Expect:

- Engaging football-themed games
- Inflatable football fun
- A friendly, welcoming atmosphere
- Fully inclusive activities tailored to meet a range of needs

Venue: Tides Leisure Centre
 Time: 1pm – 3pm
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: 4-12
 To book a space: Please email hollyrye@thefootballfunfactory.co.uk

Whether your child is new to football or looking to build confidence and social connections, this is a fantastic opportunity to get involved.

Warm regards,
Holly Rye

Holly Rye
Head Coach Franchisee
Football Fun Factory

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DOVER RFC
MINIS U6
TASTER SESSIONS

SUNDAY 10AM TO 11AM
6TH + 13TH JULY

RUGBY TASTER SESSIONS FOR NEXT YEARS U6. USE LINK ABOVE TO SIGN UP OR SCAN QR CODE

SESSIONS ARE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS GOING INTO YEAR 1 AT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

ALL WELCOME
£6 PER SESSION OR BOTH FOR £10

5th Dover (St. Margaret's) Scout Group



6 – 8 Years

Fridays (term time)

18:00 – 19:15



Scouts

10 ½ - 14 Years

Fridays (term time)

19:30 – 21:00



8 – 10 ½ Years

Tuesdays (term time)

18:30 – 20:00

Volunteer:

Help make a positive impact on the lives of young people.

If you can only occasionally help, that's OK. Whether you'd like to be an activity planner, tea-maker or craft creator, we appreciate any time you can spare.

www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer

Contact us: info5thdoverscouts@btinternet.com

01304 852429 (Scout hut - during meeting times) 07837 927441 (John: Group Lead Volunteer)

www.scouts.org.uk

Skirmish At The Museum

12th - 13th
July 2025

...breathing new life into history

INTERACTION
ENCOURAGED!



No need to book!

10am to 4pm

Normal museum entry prices apply.

Some re-enactors may fire blank guns and cannons, which can be loud!

SKIRMISHES
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY!

If you have any questions, please contact us at:
info@rafmanston.co.uk
www.rafmanston.co.uk



What3Words: remarried.mornings.pave

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

Charity Number: 1179962

Community Noticeboard

Canterbury Children's Lit Festival

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 Hushings - have them out loud! Song storytime & drawing!

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

Our Living Soil: Soil 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 Boon & the Butterfly: Learn about the importance of recycling & 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, singing, dance party!

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

Cloud Boy: 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

Improved Poems from Saturn with Jonathan Sellers

A Kidsummer Night's Dream

Time Travel Adventure with Claire Linney

Storybuilding with Sheena Conroy

How to Write a Mystery with Eve Wersack 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!

Lifesize Choose Your Own Adventure supported by PUBLISHER CHOCOLATE

Mythological Drawing with Thiago de Moraes

Full programme at www.canterburykidslitfest.co.uk

WILD ONE'S FOREST SCHOOL

FROM **£15** PER PERSON

WEEKEND & HOLIDAY CLUB

AT BETTESHANGER COUNTRY PARK

WOODLAND CRAFTS | LIGHTING FIRES | CAMPFIRE COOKING
BUILDING DENS | CLIMBING TREES | MAKING FRIENDS
EXPLORING OUR MAGICAL FOREST SCHOOL SITE

For children aged 5 to 11 years

VISIT WWW.BETTESHANGER-PARK.CO.UK TO BOOK

WILD ONE'S FOREST SCHOOL

Toddling Through Life

TODDLER GROUP

SATURDAY MORNINGS

FROM 9.30AM-11.30AM

Join our experienced leaders at Wild Ones Forest School. A session tailored specifically for little ones, to inspire a love of nature that lasts a lifetime. An opportunity for children to explore, discover and learn from nature.

AGE 4 AND UNDER

£9 PER PERSON

Please note children must be accompanied.

FREE PARKING

For enquiries & bookings please visit WWW.BETTESHANGER-PARK.CO.UK

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