



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 11th July 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Our end-of-year reports went out to families this week, and I wanted to take a moment to say how proud I am of everything our pupils – and staff – have achieved this year. I've really enjoyed reading through the reports and seeing the thoughtful, caring comments from our teachers about each individual child. It's clear just how well our pupils have grown both academically and personally, and the messages reflect the effort, kindness and resilience we see in school every day. What stood out to me most was how often our school values were mentioned. It's a real sign that these values are not just something we talk about, but something we all live out as a community.

At the start of the week, we were also treated to a fantastic live performance of *The Railway Children* by M&M Theatrical Productions. The children were absolutely captivated – it was lovely to watch their faces light up and hear their laughter at the funny moments, as well as see them moved by the more emotional scenes. They joined in with such energy, and what really struck me was the quality of conversation afterwards. Many of the children reflected on the characters, the themes, and even how the performers used their voices and expressions to tell the story. It's experiences like this that bring learning to life, spark imagination, and build a deeper appreciation of the arts.

In sport, our athletics team did us proud at the recent inter-school track competition. The pupils competed with real determination and team spirit, especially in the longer distance races where stamina and focus really come into play. There were some outstanding individual efforts – Lilia reaching the final of the 200m was a brilliant achievement, and Ruby running a strong third in her 400m heat deserves special mention. But beyond the medals and times, what impressed us most was the way the whole team supported one another, cheered from the side-lines, and celebrated each other's successes. That sense of togetherness and encouragement speaks volumes about the kind of young people they are becoming. And a big thank you to the parents and families that supported the event and to Miss Brett for organising.

Another real highlight was the Owls class production of *I'm an 11-Year-Old... Get Me Out of Here!* at the village hall. What a show! The pupils had the audience in stitches from start to finish with their confident delivery, comic timing, and imaginative characters. Every child had clearly put their heart into their role, and it was a joy to see how much fun they were having on stage. It takes courage to perform in front of an audience, and the way they spoke clearly, worked together, and supported one another backstage was nothing short of brilliant. For many of them, this will be one of those standout memories they carry with them long after they leave primary school – and rightly so.

Even as we approach the final days of term, there is still a real buzz of energy and enthusiasm across the school. Pupils are still coming up to me, excited to share a piece of writing they're proud of, a maths problem they've cracked, or a project they've completed. That sense of pride in their work hasn't waned, and it's so lovely to see how motivated they remain. It says a lot about the positive learning environment we've built together – one where effort and achievement are celebrated right up to the final bell of the year.

As we head into our last week of the summer term, I want to thank all our pupils for their incredible attitudes, hard work, and cheerful spirits throughout the year. I also want to say a big thank you to families for your ongoing support – it makes such a difference. Let's all keep up this brilliant momentum and finish the year on a high note. Here's to a joyful and well-deserved summer break when it comes!

Craig Ward – Headteacher



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'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Thursday, 17th July 2025

Time: 9am

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:
Respect & Tolerance

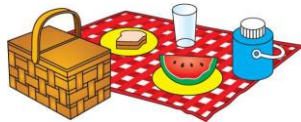
Star Awards & Spelling Award

Due to the Grand Day Out taking place today Star Awards and Spelling Awards will be given out next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter. Please note Celebration Assembly will be held on Thursday next week at 9am.



Family Picnic - Thursday, 17th July

You are all warmly invited – weather permitting – to join us for our end of term family picnic on the field on Thursday, 17th July at 3.15pm. Bring your own picnic and sweet treats will be available to buy from the ice cream van.



Whole School Attendance

07/07/25 - 11/07/25

96.2%

03/09/24 – 11/07/25

96.1%

Attendance



Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 14th 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/

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 stmactfta@gmail.com to arrange collection.



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The Week Ahead

Week commencing 14th July 2025

CLUBS HAVE FINISHED

Thursday, 17th July

- **'Celebration Assembly' parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 9am**
- 2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall
- 3:15pm Family Picnic on the top field

Friday, 18th July

- 3:15pm PTFA selling freeze pops in the gazebo after school

Year 6 Leavers' Party

We are pleased to advertise, on behalf of the parent/carers of Year 6, a Leavers' Party for the Year 6 children. This has been privately organised by the parents of Year 6 and they have asked us to say that everyone is welcome to come along.

St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary
School
**LEAVERS
PARTY
IN THE PARK**

Join us to celebrate our wonderful little ones, as they end this chapter of their lives and head off into their new ones!

Gather your friends, family, and loved ones for an afternoon of fun, filled with love, laughter, and undoubtedly a few tears..

Friday 18th July
3.30-5.30
St Margarets at Cliffe Cricket Club

Community Noticeboard



THE WEST END EXPERIENCE Club

£35 PER DAY
Thursday £25*

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YR 2-7!

MONDAY 28TH – THURSDAY 31ST JULY
10AM-3PM

FOOTSTEPS DANCE SCHOOL
ST GEORGES PASSAGE, DEAL

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



WE WILL ROCK YOU MONDAY | **WICKED** TUESDAY | **STARLIGHT EXPRESS** WEDNESDAY

TO BOOK YOUR SPACES
VISIT WWW.DANCEFITWITHEMILY.CO.UK OR EMAIL dancefitwithemily@gmail.com
Emily Powell @emily_powell.25

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

MONDAY – WE WILL ROCK YOU
CANDY WHITE, ASSISTED BY EMILY POWELL

A worldwide smash hit musical featuring more than 20 hit Queen songs. It follows the journey of the Bohemians as they try to save rock 'n' roll in an ever-changing world. A toe-tapping, fist-pumping audience favourite!

Candy's theatre credits include: We Will Rock You, Wicked, Best of Musicals Tour, Mother Goose, Dick

TUESDAY – WICKED
EMILY POWELL

Wicked the smash hit musical tells the incredible story of the witches of Oz. It is one of the most successful musicals of all time.

Spend the day exploring the emerald city with Candy and Emily, who performed in the show together from 2009-2011.

Emily's theatre credits include: Wicked - Stuttgart, Wicke - Oberhausen, P&O Cruises, Spirit of the Dance, Skuspel - South Africa

WEDNESDAY – STARLIGHT EXPRESS
GEMMA WILKINSON, ASSISTED BY EMILY POWELL

The fastest show on earth. A train set magically comes to life and the engines begin to race to become the fastest in the world. With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber it will have you hooked.

Gemma's theatre credits include: Mamma Mia, Wicked, Hello Dolly, Kinky Boots, Juliet, Starlight Express, Grease, Evita, Fame, It's a Wonderful Life, Broncho Billy & more.

THURSDAY – FUN AND PERFORMANCE DAY

STRICTLY ONLY FOR CHILDREN THAT HAVE ATTENDED ONE OF THE PREVIOUS SHOW DAYS.

Join us for a day of Fun, Games and Rehearsals, including a small performance to parents at the end of the day to show case what the children have been up to all week.

Parents to arrive at 2.30pm to watch or 3pm for pick up.
Set to be the BEST end to the week of dancing and singing our hearts out!

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



BEAVERS

6 – 8 Years

Fridays (term time)

18:00 – 19:15



Scouts

10 ½ - 14 Years

Fridays (term time)

19:30 – 21:00



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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

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.



Holly Rye
Head Coach Franchisee
Football Fun Factory



Community Noticeboard

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

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 1st 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

First session FREE

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

TO BOOK NOW  mickyt.pt@outlook.com  Message me on Facebook at Micky T's Wellbeing & Fitness 

BETTESHANGER COUNTRY PARK
 LIVE • LEARN • PLAY

MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL
 WITH SANDWICH MEDIEVAL CENTRE

6th & 7th September

Come & enjoy a day of medieval merrymaking

WHAT'S ON...

WEAVING • CALLIGRAPHY • BLACKSMITHING
 LIVE THEATRE • LIVE MUSIC • BATTLE ARCHERY
 WAND MAKING • TRADITIONAL ARCHERY
 AXE THROWING • TREBUCHET RANGE • KNIGHT SCHOOL
PLUS MUCH MORE

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK VISIT
WWW.BETTESHANGER-PARK.CO.UK

Community Noticeboard

Skirmish At The Museum

...breathing new life into history

12th - 13th July 2025

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.

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
Charity Number: 1179982

You are invited to A Book Launch Party!

Free food and drinks!

Free Games with prizes!

Bakes and treats available to buy from Rickster's Tuckshop!

Sunday 10th August 2025 - 3.15pm to 6.00pm
at Whitfield Village Hall, Manley Close, Whitfield

Special launch price for books!

Cherry Bakewell - Celebrations is the third in the series of Cherry Bakewell books with 7 short stories and recipes. Follow the adventures of the Bakewell family and not forgetting that naughty Rickster Raccoon!

Meet the author Jane Bevan and hear her story behind the books with a reading and a book signing.
Please email adult and child attendance plus child ages by Sunday 3rd August 2025 for catering purposes at cherrybakewellworld@outlook.com

Free activity pack for every child!

Parents will be asked to sign a photographic consent form on the day as there may be media coverage.

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

BETTESHANGER COUNTRY PARK

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

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WILD ONE'S FOREST SCHOOL

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

FROM **£15** PER PERSON