



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 12th September 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first full week back we've had – although I think we can all agree we're ready for a well-deserved lie-in this weekend (if possible!!). The energy around school has been wonderful, and it's been so lovely to see the children settling back into routines with smiles on their faces.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Meet the Teacher evening earlier this week. It was brilliant to see such strong support, and the teachers really enjoyed sharing their plans and expectations for the year ahead. If you couldn't make it (or just want a recap), don't forget to take a look at the information that has been shared via ClassDojo.

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils, who tackled the Kent Test with such a positive attitude and mature approach. Whatever the outcome, they truly did themselves – and us – proud.

This afternoon we held our very first Celebration Assembly of the year, and what a treat it was! Thank you to everyone who joined us to make it such a special occasion. It's always a joy to shine a spotlight on the children's achievements, big and small, inside and outside of school.

And now, looking ahead to next week... brace yourselves for election fever! We'll be voting for new School Councillors, House Captains and, for the very first time, our Head Girl and Head Boy. The children are buzzing with excitement and preparing their speeches with real passion – good luck to all of our candidates!

Wishing you a restful weekend and looking forward to another great week ahead.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 19th September 2025

Time: 2:45am

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:

Responsibility

Whole School Attendance

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 08/09/25 – 12/09/25 | 01/09/25 – 12/09/25 |
| 99% | 99.3% |

Attendance

House points w/e 12th September

| BAY | CLIFFE | LIGHTHOUSE | PINES |
|-----|--------|------------|-------|
| 244 | 331 | 246 | 270 |



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Pantomime Trip – Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

Families of children in Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers & Owls classes will have received a Parentmail regarding our Christmas pantomime trip. The deadline to respond and pay is **Friday, 19th September**. As the letter explains, we have to send back to the Marlowe any unused tickets by this date so the **deadline cannot be extended**; please support us and your child by responding in good time.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the children who celebrate their birthday in September.



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| Julius | Squirrels |
| Lily | Hedgehogs |
| Isaac | Rabbits |
| Sofia | Badgers |
| Esmee | Woodpeckers |
| Eloise | Badgers |
| Maisey | Badgers |
| Aliyah | Hedgehogs |
| Amsavi | Badgers |
| Stanley | Squirrels |
| Ella | Squirrels |

Star Awards

w/e 12th September 2025



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| Hedgehogs – Rosalina | Badgers – Alfie |
| Rabbits – Noah | Woodpeckers – Izzabella |
| Squirrels – Finley | Owls – All of Owls Class |

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.

Currently our stocks are full and therefore we are unable to take any further donations at this time.

Reception Class 2026

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2026.



We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 15th September 2025

NO CLUBS

Wednesday, 17th September

- **Owls Class trip – deadline to respond**

Friday, 19th September

- Marlowe Pantomime Trip deadline **NO EXTENSION CAN BE GIVEN TO THIS DEADLINE.**
- **Bowl Water Medical & Dietary Form** – deadline to complete
- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 15th September 2025

£2.75 per day

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay.

Community Noticeboard

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



6 – 8 Years
Fridays (term time)
18:00 – 19:15



8 – 10 ½ Years
Tuesdays (term time)
18:30 – 20:00



10 ½ - 14 Years
Fridays (term time)
19:30 – 21:00

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 (Jahn: Group Lead Volunteer)

www.scouts.org.uk

St Margaret's
Nursery

Quiz Night

Friday 19th September 2025
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

DOVER FOODBANK
MOST needed ITEMS

SEPTEMBER 2025

- CEREAL
- UHT MILK
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED MEAT
- JAM AND SPREADS
- NOODLES
- CUSTARD
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- INSTANT MASH
- MALE & FEMALE DEODORANTS
- SHAMPOO
- LAUNDRY PRODUCTS
- CLEANING PRODUCTS

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty of pasta & pulses

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK

UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER

CHARITY NO. 1212901

KIDS TENNIS
COACHING
ST MARGARETS LTC



SATURDAYS

TERM TIME

9-10AM - AGES 8-14

10-11AM - AGES 4-7



booking via www.chtennis.co.uk



Community Noticeboard



Construction Club at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Library

Saturdays

11 am – midday, starting on the 4 January

Come and build, play, and create together!
No need to book - just come along and join in

Suitable for ages 4 – 11 years of age

All children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible

Dover Heritage Open Days

Fri 12th - Sun 21st September



- Grand Shaft • Maison Dieu • North Entrance • Fort Burgoyne •
- Wanstone Battery • Dover Transport Museum • Dover College •
- Dover Harbour • Roman Painted House • Dover Museum •
- Unitarian Church • Charlton Church • St Mary's Church •
- St Edmund's Chapel • St Paul's Church • St Margarets Church •
- St Martin's Church • St Andrew's Church • St John's Commandery •
- Talks • Walks • and more !! •

FREE EVENTS IN AND AROUND DOVER !

See website for full details
Booking where required will open on 25th August

Facebook: Dover Heritage Open Days
or pick up a brochure from Dover Museum



www.heritageopendays.org.uk

GIVE RUGBY A TRY!
EVERY SUNDAY 10:00 SEPTEMBER - MAY




RUGBY

Discover the Benefits of Youth Rugby - For Girls and Boys Aged 3-17
Join a welcoming and supportive environment where young players can develop teamwork, discipline, physical fitness, and core rugby skills – while building lasting friendships.
Open to all abilities – from complete beginners to aspiring players.
Participants are invited to attend two complimentary trial sessions to experience the club before joining.
All sessions are delivered by RFU-qualified, DBS-checked coaches, with trained first aiders present at every session, ensuring a safe and structured setting.
The youth programme is structured into three age-based groups, each following the RFU Age Grade Rugby framework:

- Cubs (Ages 3-6): Early movement, coordination, and introductory rugby-based games
- Minis (Ages 7-11): Skill development, small-sided games, and age-appropriate competition
- Juniors (Ages 12-17): Advanced training, full-contact play, and tactical understanding

We are committed to creating a positive environment where every child is encouraged to learn, grow, and enjoy the game of rugby.







**THE DRILLFIELD,
CANADA RD, DEAL**

www.dealandbettesrfc.org.uk



Little Dragons



What is Little Dragons?

- A monthly group providing parents and carers with a little breathing space, and to introduce young people to the life and love of Jesus, all shaped by the ethos of 'love thy neighbour'.

Who is it for?

- Youngsters, generally older nursery and primary school age, and their parents and carers – we emphasise that it's as much for the grown-ups as for the little ones.

Last time...

- We talked about St Margaret herself, and had a good look round our church, inside and out. We made a lovely collage of our church – you can see it on the Children's board.



When do we next meet?

- We come back after the Summer on **Saturday 13th September, 10am in the church**, then
- Saturday 4th October, 10am.

For more information:
outreach@stmargaretsbenefice.org.uk