



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 19th September 2025

Message from the Headteacher

What an exciting start to the new school year it has been at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe! This week has truly highlighted how vibrant, creative and ambitious our children are. We have been busy settling into our new routines, and I have already had so many pupils visit me to proudly share their wonderful learning. From detailed writing pieces to imaginative maths investigations, it's been a joy to see the enthusiasm bubbling across the school.

One of the highlights of the week has undoubtedly been our elections for House Captains and, for the very first time in the school's history, our Head Boy and Head Girl. The speeches the children prepared were thoughtful, passionate and full of fantastic ideas; they genuinely blew me away. Every candidate showed confidence and a real sense of responsibility, which made the choices very difficult indeed!

I am delighted to introduce our first ever Head Girl, Ruby, and our first ever Head Boy, Logan. Both are already showing themselves to be superb role models for our school community, and I know they will do an excellent job representing St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe this year. The voting was tight, and I am very pleased to say all of our children showed great maturity in deciding who should get their vote. I can also report that the voter turnout was 97.9% - a figure politicians could only dream of!



Alongside them, our newly elected class School Council representatives have had their very first meeting, where they shared brilliant suggestions for how we can make our school even better. Their enthusiasm and commitment are inspiring. We'll be sharing much more of their journey in the coming weeks and months. Before and after school, our childcare services have been buzzing with energy and creativity. Children have been playing imaginative games, producing amazing creations and working together beautifully. I was particularly impressed by a wonderful portrait one pupil drew of Miss Robinson-Stevens – it really captured her likeness – as well as some intricate, fabulous artwork produced by others. It's clear that our pupils' talents extend far beyond the classroom.

A polite reminder to all our parents and carers: please do not attempt to park in the Portal House car park. It is not our property, and we need to keep it clear. Additionally, please take extra care on the road outside the school. It can become especially busy at drop-off and pick-up times, and the taxis arriving do not always travel as slowly as we would like. Your caution helps us to keep every child safe.

Thank you once again for your continued support. This week has flown by – despite the rainy lunchtimes - and I am so proud of our children for embracing every opportunity with such positivity and commitment.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 26th September 2025

Time: 2:45am

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

House points w/e 19th September

BAY	CLIFFE	LIGHTHOUSE	PINES
353	352	365	398



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Clubs start w/c 22nd September

Club	Day and time
Football	Monday, 3:15 to 4:15
Languages - Spanish	Monday, 3:15 to 4:15
Netball	Tuesday, 3:15 to 4:15
Jigsaw/Puzzles	Tuesday, 3:15 to 4:15
Team Games	Wednesday 3:15 to 4:15
Engineering	Friday, 3:15 to 4:15



Parking Reminder



As previously mentioned in our Welcome Letter sent home at the start of term please can we remind you not to drive onto the school site between 8:30–3:30 unless agreed with the school. Please avoid parking on the zig-zags outside the school gates and **DO NOT** park in the Portal House car park.

Star Awards



w/e 19th September 2025

Hedgehogs – Jude
Rabbits – Oscar
Squirrels – Alfred

Badgers – Autumn
Woodpeckers – Tommy
Owls – Theo

Whole School Attendance

15/09/25 – 19/09/25 01/09/25 – 19/09/25

98% Attendance  **98.8%**

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.



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.

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 22nd September 2025

CLUBS START THIS WEEK

Friday, 26th September

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

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 22nd 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 (John: 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. 3212901

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



Come for a coffee and a slice of cake

Friday 19th September at
St Margaret's Library
11:00am – 1pm

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



BETTESHANGER COUNTRY PARK
LIVE • LEARN • PLAY
Betteshanger Country Park, Sandwich Rd, Deal, CT14 0BF

FREE PARKING

Scan to book or visit
www.tosf.org.uk

Saturday 18th October 2025

Step into a magical night and join us from 1800 for Oli's walk under the stars, a torch lit journey filled with light and adventure. Every step you take helps us shine brighter in Oliver's memory, raising vital funds to provide life-saving anti-choking devices to childcare settings across the UK.

Family Ticket: £25 / Adult: £10 / Children 3+: £5 / Under 3's: Free

Grab your ticket today and be part of something truly special!

FREE GOODIE BAG FOR KIDS FOR COMPLETING THE TRAIL HUNT

FREE GLOW STICKS

CHARITY GAMES AND MINI GOLF

OLIVER STEEPER FOUNDATION
Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Early bird discount code for Oli's Walk Under the Stars is OLIVER5 and this will take £5 off a booking.



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

Community Noticeboard

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



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

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



Folkestone Model Railway Club
MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
Sat 4th & Sun 5th October 2025, 10am-5pm

ADULT (16+): £8, CHILD(5-15): £4, FAMILY: £22



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