



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Message from the Headteacher

What a lively, music-filled week it's been at school! On Tuesday afternoon our hall was absolutely buzzing with sound and excitement as we welcomed the Rocksteady Music School team for an interactive demonstration and mini-concert. The band leader showed us all the different parts of a band – guitar, drums, keyboard and vocals – and then invited the children (and adults!) to have a go themselves. Before long we had our very own school “super band” on stage while everyone else clapped, waved and sang along to the beat. It was a brilliant, high-energy afternoon that left lots of smiles (and quite a few aspiring rock stars!) behind.

This special event also launched our Rocksteady programme here at school. Pupils can have the chance to form their own bands, learn instruments together and build up to performances of their own. Sign-ups are already going really well, but Rocksteady have asked me to remind families that if you're thinking of joining in, please do sign up soon – they'll shortly need to confirm whether it's viable to run. It would be wonderful to see as many children as possible seizing this opportunity.

Staying with our creative theme, we also saw the first proper use of our brand-new Creative Arts Suite this week. You might remember it as the old ICT suite, but it's been completely transformed into a bright, flexible space for arts, crafts, design & technology and music. Classes have been enjoying the new surroundings and making great use of the facilities – several have already been in there designing their Christmas cards ready for our annual fundraising efforts. It's fantastic to see the room buzzing with activity and to know it will support so many creative projects in the months ahead.

And of course, our Badgers Class have been making great strides in their whole-class brass music lessons with our teacher from Kent Music School. Every child is taking part and it's already sounding impressively tuneful – no mean feat when you're learning brass! Their enthusiasm is infectious and it's such a joy to hear their progress week by week.

All in all, it's been a week full of music, creativity and collaboration. Thank you for your continued support – whether it's encouraging your children to pick up an instrument, getting ready to help with fundraising (information and proofs for Christmas cards will be out soon!), or simply asking them about their day – it all makes such a difference. I can't wait to see what our budding artists and musicians produce next (and I promise that there will be no mention of Christmas for a few more weeks after this)!

**Craig Ward – Headteacher**

### 'Celebration Assembly'

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

**Date: Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

**Time: 2:45am**

**Where: School Hall**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:

# Responsibility

### House points w/e 26<sup>th</sup> September

BAY	CLIFFE	LIGHTHOUSE	PINES
441	749	524	509



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### Star Awards



w/e 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Hedgehogs** – Aubrey

**Rabbits** – Iris

**Squirrels** – Penelope-Beau

**Badgers** – Freddie

**Woodpeckers** – Jonathan

**Owls** – Lilia & Sophie

### Whole School Attendance

22/09/25 – 26/09/25

01/09/25 – 26/09/25

**95%**

Attendance 

**97.8%**

### 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](mailto:stmacptfa@gmail.com) to arrange collection.

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

### Harvest



Please send harvest gifts to school on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Items such as cereal, UHT milk, tinned meat, tinned fish, jam & spreads, noodles, custard, tinned vegetables, instant mash, male & female deodorant, shampoo & conditioner and cleaning products will be gratefully received. No glass bottles or jars please.

### 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.



### Census Day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

We are asking all children in Years R, 1 and 2 to register for a hot school meal on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October** as it is the school census day. We will only receive money to pay for your child's hot dinners, at any point during the year, if they eat a school meal on the census day.

If you think your child may not eat well enough on census day you can of course send in a packed lunch too.

### The Week Ahead

#### Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**

- **Owls Class trip** – see separate letter for details

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

- **School Census Day** – all children in Years R, 1 & 2 to please have a school lunch to secure their Infant Free School Meals funding for the year

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

- **Harvest Festival**
- **Hedgehogs & Rabbits Classes deadline to respond to trip form and pay via parentmail**
- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

### Lunch Menu:

#### Week 2

w/c Monday, 29<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay).

Community Noticeboard

**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](http://www.chtennis.co.uk)



**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

**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.



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[www.dealandbetteshangerfc.org.uk](http://www.dealandbetteshangerfc.org.uk)

Community Noticeboard



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 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10am in the church**, then
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10am.

For more information:

[outreach@stmargaretsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:outreach@stmargaretsbenefice.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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**2 OCT - 23 OCT.**