



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 3rd October 2025

Message from the Headteacher

This week has been a wonderful reminder of the richness of school life and the many opportunities our children enjoy.

I have spent time in classrooms looking through books, and it was such a pleasure to see the quality of work and the progress being made. The pride that pupils take in their learning really shines through, and it was inspiring to witness such focus and enthusiasm in action.

Today, we held our Harvest Festival service at the church. It was a joyful occasion on the theme of the power of the word 'thank you', and I would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously with donations. These will make a real difference to those in need, and it is heartening to see our community come together in this way.

The Owls had a very special day out at Dover Castle, exploring the impact of the two World Wars on the local area. The children were captivated by the history around them—and the day was made even more memorable by a chance meeting with Matt Baker from Countryfile.

Looking ahead, excitement is building for next week's Bewl Water Residential for our Woodpecker adventurers. I know many cases are already being packed and checked, and we can't wait for the adventures that await.

Finally, as the days turn more autumnal, please do make sure children bring coats (named!) to school each day so they can enjoy their playtimes and outdoor learning comfortably.

As always, thank you for your continued support and encouragement - it makes all the difference to the experiences we can provide for the children.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 10th October 2025

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:

Responsibility

House points w/e 3rd October

BAY	CLIFFE	LIGHTHOUSE	PINES
625	672	661	682



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Star Awards

w/e 3rd October 2025

- Hedgehogs – Robin
- Rabbits – Max
- Squirrels – Maia
- Badgers – Harry
- Woodpeckers – Isabelle F
- Owls – Laila



Harvest Festival

We celebrated Harvest at the church this morning. Thank you for all the food and household items that you have sent in. They will now join the church’s harvest collection and soon go over to the Dover Foodbank.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in October.

George	Squirrels
Hudson	Rabbits
Joshua	Rabbits
Conner	Hedgehogs
Jessica	Squirrels
Holly	Owls
Eva	Woodpeckers
Jolie	Badgers
Sophie	Owls
Freddie	Badgers
Monty	Squirrels
Oliver	Woodpeckers
Ivy	Rabbits
Ayda	Hedgehogs
Addison	Squirrels
Vinnie	Woodpeckers
Gabriel	Rabbits
Jack	Badgers
Millie	Owls
Isla	Squirrels
William	Woodpeckers
Theo	Owls
Logan	Squirrels
Dylan	Squirrels



Whole School Attendance

29/09/25 – 03/10/25

97.1%

01/09/25 – 03/10/25

97.6%

Attendance



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.

Cool Milk



Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help! Kind regards,

Cool Milk

☎ : 0800 321 3248
 🌐 : www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

Cool Milk at School Ltd | Cool Milk House | Kingsley Park | Kingsley Road | Lincoln | LN6 3TA | ☎ 0800 321 3248 | 🌐 www.coolmilk.com

PTFA Christmas Fundraising

Reminder: **Tuesday, 7th October** is the deadline to return the completed Christmas design forms to the school office.

This deadline **cannot be extended** due to the

- Christmas Cards
- A3 Poster Calendars
- Tea Towels
- Cards With No Message Inside
- Mugs
- Gift Labels
- Tote Bags
- Keyring and Magnet Pack
- Enchanted Snowblock



For prices please visit www.xmas4schools.co.uk/products

Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 6th October 2025

£2.75 per day

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

To pay for your meals online,
please go to:

www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay.

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 6th October 2025

Monday, 6th October

- Woodpeckers Class leave for residential trip

Tuesday, 7th October

- Deadline to return PTFA Christmas Fundraiser – **NO EXTENSION CAN BE GIVEN**

Friday, 3rd October

- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm
- Woodpeckers Class return from residential trip approx. 3:30pm

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



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.



THE DRILLFIELD,
 CANADA RD, DEAL

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

For more information:

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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DEAL TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

FIREWORKS

SATURDAY 08TH NOVEMBER 2025

GATES OPEN AT 17:30 - FIREWORKS START AT 19:00

TICKETS	ADVANCED	ON DAY	PLUS
ADULTS	£6.00	£7.50	FOOD
CHILDREN (5+)	£4.00	£5.00	STALLS
FAMILY (2+2)	£18.00	£22.00	FACEPAINT

GET YOUR TICKETS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



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SHOULD POOR WEATHER LEAD TO A POSTPONEMENT, THE RESERVE DATE WILL BE WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2025

Tickets can be purchased, in advance and online, via this link: <https://shop.dealtownfc.com/event/2025fireworks/>