



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 10th October 2025

Message from the Headteacher

What a busy and exciting week it's been here at school. There's been such a lovely buzz around the classrooms — from learning about money and making big life decisions, to adventures away from home and everything in between.

Our Badgers and Owls have been diving into the world of work this week in a brilliant Money Matters workshop. They've been learning about earning, spending, and budgeting — and the tricky choices that come with managing money. There were lots of interesting conversations about what counts as an essential and what might be more of a luxury. Quite a few children forgot to save a bit for food, but almost everyone managed to squeeze in a holiday! It was all great fun and really eye-opening – who knew that 'snake milker' is a real job? The workshops were sponsored by Deborah Meaden, from Dragon's Den - what a treat for the children to learn in such an engaging, hands-on way.

Meanwhile, our Woodpeckers have been off having an amazing time at Bewl Water on their residential trip. From canoeing and team challenges to orienteering fun and a few muddy adventures, they've had the chance to learn so much about teamwork, resilience, and independence. The stories coming back have been wonderful - and it's clear that there was plenty of laughter along the way! A big thank you to all the staff who made the trip happen and to the children for throwing themselves into everything with such great spirit.

Back at school, I've really enjoyed showing around lots of families who are looking for school places for next September. It's such a special time for parents, exciting but also quite daunting trying to make the right choice for their little ones. So many of our visitors have told me they came to see us because current parents had spoken so warmly about the school, which honestly means so much. Thank you all for spreading the word, your positivity and support really do make a difference.

As we head into the weekend, I hope everyone finds a little time to rest, relax, and maybe enjoy the autumn sunshine (fingers crossed!). We've got lots more exciting things coming up so do keep an eye on the calendar.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Craig Ward – Headteacher



'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 17th 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 10th October

BAY	CLIFFE	LIGHTHOUSE	PINES
437	752	634	438



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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.

Please see our poster below advertising an Open Evening we will be holding for prospective parents.

Star Awards

w/e 10th October 2025

Hedgehogs – Conner

Rabbits – Joel

Squirrels – Stanley

Badgers – Ivy

Owls – Rosa



Whole School Attendance

06/10/25 – 10/10/25

98.3%

01/09/25 – 10/10/25

97.7%

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

Parents and families are welcome to visit our wonderful school and grounds.

Join us for our open evening on:

Monday 3rd November
6pm to 7pm

Come and hear from the headteacher, meet the governors and listen to our pupils sharing why St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School is so special to them as they guide you around the school. Book your place by ringing our school office on **01304 852639**.



St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School
www.stmargaretsprimary.co.uk



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 13th October 2025

Friday, 17th October

- **Last day of term 1**
- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 13th 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.

Community Noticeboard

Free Events at Deal Library


We have some free children's events taking place at Deal Library during the October half term holiday.

Your Body is Amazing! Learn about the human body and make a skeleton. A free author talk and craft workshop with Sarah Verrion, author, physiotherapist and ergonomist.

Thursday, 23 October, 11am – midday.
 Suitable for ages 6 – 11 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
 Booking required, please contact Deal Library 03000 41 31 31
 or deallibrary@kent.gov.uk.

Spooktacular Creepy Crafts

Friday, 24 October, 11am – 12.30 pm.
 No booking required. Free of charge.
 This is suitable for ages 4-11. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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 Learn about your body and make a skeleton with Sarah Verrion, author, physiotherapist and ergonomist
Deal Library
 Thursday, 23 October, 11 am – midday
 Signed copies of 'Your Body is Amazing' will be available to purchase at the event.
 Booking advisable as places are limited.
 Email deallibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31
 Suitable for ages 6 – 9 years. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We are also running a **Halloween Costume Swap** at Deal Library from 13 October – 1 November.

Bring in your used or unwanted children's costumes and swap them for different ones. Running during normal Deal Library opening hours, details can be found at [Deal Library | Local Kent Directory](#)



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

LIVE MUSIC FROM **POOL CLUB**

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/>