



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 17th October 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Well, what a week and what a term! It's been absolutely buzzing in school, and I wanted to take a moment to share a few highlights before we all head off for a well-deserved break.

First of all, a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who have received their grammar school results this week. You've worked so hard, and it's wonderful to see that hard work paying off. Whatever the next steps, we're incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

I also met with our governing body this week to update them on how things are going in school. It was a really positive meeting with lots of good discussion, reflection, and agreement on the next steps as we keep moving forward together.

One of my favourite parts of the week has been chatting with pupils around school. We've talked about everything - from hobbies and weekend adventures to big ideas about the world! I've been genuinely impressed by the amazing range of interests our children have and how passionately they speak about them. Whether it's sports, music, coding, the London Underground or caring for pets, it's clear we've got many wonderfully well-rounded young people here.

As we reach the end of what's been a very busy term, packed full of events, activities, and learning, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone — pupils, parents, and staff — for helping us get the year off to such a strong start. A special welcome too to all the new families who have joined us this term; it's been lovely getting to know you and seeing how quickly everyone has settled in.

Have a fantastic, restful, and safe holiday, and we'll see everyone back, bright and ready to go, on **Tuesday 28th October**.

Take care and enjoy the break.

Craig Ward – Headteacher



'Celebration Assembly'
We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend our Celebration Assembly.
Date: Friday, 31st 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 17th October

| BAY | CLIFFE | LIGHTHOUSE | PINES |
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| 940 | 1412 | 1111 | 1001 |



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Star Awards

w/e 17th October 2025

Hedgehogs – Rosalind
Rabbits – Hudson
Squirrels – Iris
Badgers – Daniel
Woodpeckers – William
Owls – Charlie



Secondary School Application Form (SCAF)

If your child is in Year 6, please remember to submit your child's Secondary School Application Form (SCAF) by

Friday, 31st October 2025

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.



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.



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Reminder – Nasal Flu Vaccinations Consent Form

This is a reminder to parent/carers to submit a consent or decline for the FLU vaccination via the Immunisation Service's website

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/>

Please submit your preference by the cut-off date
10/11/2025

Thank you to those parent/carers who have already submitted their response for the Flu Immunisation Programme.

Whole School Attendance

13/10/25 – 17/10/25

95 %

01/09/25 – 17/10/25

97.3%



Start of Term 2

Children return to school on
Tuesday, 28th October 2024



New Lunch Menu

Whole School Meals have issued their new menu starting when the children return to school following the half term break. A copy of this has been emailed out with this newsletter to parent/carers. We return to school on Week 1 of the new menu.



The Week Ahead

Week commencing 27th October 2025

Monday, 27th October

- **Staff Training Day** – children are not required in school

Tuesday, 28th October

- **Start of Term 2** – children to return to school

Wednesday, 29th October

- **Owls Class Bikeability** – see individual letter

Thursday, 30th October

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Friday, 31st October

- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm
- **Secondary School Application deadline for Year 6**

New Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 27th October 2025

£2.75 per day

[Primary School Menu - Whole School Meals](#)

to pay for your meals online, please go to:

www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay.

Community Noticeboard

MODELFEST

AT THE MUSEUM 10am - 4pm

18TH-26TH OCTOBER 2025

Planes, Trains & Automobiles
A series of model displays including:

WARHAMMER
40,000

BOLT ACTION

SCALEXTRIC

& much more!

Usual Museum entrance prices apply, see webpage for more information

@RAF Manston History Museum
If you have any questions, please contact us at info@rafmanston.co.uk

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.



Free Family Art Workshop at Dover Museum!

Saturday 18th October 2025

10.00 - 3.00 drop in

Make a haunted room!!!!



Suitable for children aged 6+
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

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

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

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.



Your Body is Amazing!
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](#)



MINI MAESTROS MUSIC
At Deal Library

COME AND JOIN US!
TUE 21 OCT | 11-11.45AM
AIMED AT CHILDREN AGED 3-5 BUT ALL AGES WELCOME!
PLEASE BOOK HERE 

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?
Mini Maestros Music are working with Kent Music to provide children with their first musical experiences. Sessions are designed to be a first step in your child's musical journey, and are a perfect mix of exciting performance using voice, live music and puppets and opportunities to learn basic musical concepts and explore different instruments (including the voice!). These classes build on listening skills, imagination, play, early musicianship and above all are fun for everyone!

£1.50 PER FAMILY

 