



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 7th November 2025

Message from the Headteacher

This week has been one of those special weeks where I've found myself feeling even more proud than usual of our wonderful school community. There has been so much to celebrate, and everywhere I've looked I've seen examples of our children demonstrating the very best of what it means to be part of St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School.

On Monday, we welcomed prospective parents and children to our Open Evening for next year's Reception Class. Our Head Boy and Head Girl spoke beautifully to the families gathered, sharing honest, heartfelt reflections about life at our school. They spoke with clarity, warmth, and confidence, painting a picture of what it truly means to grow, learn, and belong here. Their pride in their school shone through every word, and they received well-deserved applause from everyone present.

Our Owls class peer leaders (house captains and school council members) also played a vital role in the day, leading guided tours around the school. They impressed parents with their enthusiasm, knowledge, and impeccable manners as they shared details about school life - from learning and playtimes to assemblies and our values. They were true ambassadors, and I could not have been more delighted by the way they represented us.

Meanwhile, our Woodpeckers Class treated us to a fantastic class assembly all about their recent residential trip to Bewl Water. The children shared stories, highlights, and reflections with energy and humour, giving everyone a glimpse into their adventures—from outdoor challenges to teamwork triumphs. The assembly even included special awards, complete with nominations and winners, which the children managed with real flair and fairness! What stood out most was how they linked their experiences back to our school values; showing how courage, friendship, and perseverance had helped them make the most of their time away.

And just a little note to Woodpeckers' parents - your children are now experts at bed making! It's a life skill that, I'm sure, you'll be eager to see demonstrated at home.

As I reflect on all of this, I feel incredibly proud, not just of individual achievements, but of the spirit, teamwork, and kindness that run through everything we do. Thank you to all the staff, pupils, and families who make St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe such a special place to learn and grow.

Have a lovely weekend.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 14th November 2025

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:

Respect & tolerance

Whole School Attendance

03/11/25 – 07/11/25

01/09/25 – 07/11/25

97.7 %

97.2%





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Star Awards

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Due to Woodpeckers Class Family Assembly taking place this morning Star awards will be given out next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter.

Reception Class 2026

Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2026. If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places

Applications close on **15th January 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.



Children In Need

Friday, 14th November

Wear Your Own Spotty/Yellow Clothes

In exchange for a £1 donation, children may come to school wearing spotty/yellow clothing.



Birthdays



Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in November.

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|-----------|-------------|
| Alfie | Badgers |
| Logan | Owls |
| Luna | Badgers |
| Amelie | Hedgehogs |
| Emily | Woodpeckers |
| Aarohi | Badgers |
| Charlotte | Squirrels |
| Ellis | Rabbits |
| Emily | Hedgehogs |
| Emily | Woodpeckers |
| Eden | Badgers |
| Cassie | Woodpeckers |

PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform

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

Please remember 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



Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 10th November 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

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 10th November 2025

Monday, 10th November

- National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for children in Reception and Year 6
- Deadline to submit response for Flu Vaccinations

Thursday, 13th November

- Flu Vaccinations for all classes

Friday, 14th November

- **Children In Need Day**- wear something spotty/yellow to school in exchange for a £1 donation
- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Community Noticeboard



Deal Town FC

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



Dover Foodbank
Together with Trussell

MOST needed ITEMS

CHRISTMAS 2025

- INSTANT MASH
- CEREAL
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED TOMATOES
- JAM OR SPREADS
- MICROAVE RICE
- FRUIT JUICE UHT
- BISCUITS
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- TOOTHPASTE
- DEODORANT
- SIZE 7 NAPPIES
- SHAMPOO

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