



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 21st November 2025

Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy, enjoyable, and productive week in school, and I'm pleased to share some of our latest news with you. There has been a lovely atmosphere throughout the building, with pupils engaged in their learning and staff continuing to provide rich, supportive experiences for all our children – along with a bit of chilly excitement today when it started to hail!

Our parent/teacher consultation evenings were particularly successful. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the time to come in and speak with teachers. These meetings play a vital role in the strong partnership we value between home and school. They offer an opportunity not only to reflect on the progress pupils have made so far, but also to discuss next steps, celebrate achievements, and ensure that every child receives the support they need to thrive. Your engagement and commitment are always appreciated, and they truly make a difference.

I am also delighted to share the fantastic news that, thanks to your generosity, we raised £307.32 for this year's Poppy Appeal. Each contribution, no matter the size, helps to support the Royal British Legion in the important work they do. The children showed great understanding and respect during the appeal period, and we are proud of the compassion they demonstrated.

One of the highlights of the week was our celebratory assembly, where we were presented with the trophy for being the best reading school in the Dover area as part of the Summer Reading Challenge. This is a tremendous achievement for our whole school community. It reflects the enthusiasm of our pupils, the encouragement from families at home, and the dedication of staff who continue to foster a love of reading every single day. The children were absolutely thrilled to see the trophy, and it was a wonderful moment of shared pride and celebration.

As winter approaches and the temperature continues to drop, I kindly remind families to ensure that children come to school with a warm, suitable coat each day. Outdoor learning and play remain important parts of our routine, and we want every child to feel comfortable and protected from the cold. Hats, gloves, and scarves are also welcome as the weather gets chillier.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership. It is a privilege to work with such a positive and engaged school community. I wish you all a warm and restful weekend, and I look forward to another rewarding week ahead.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 28th 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

17/11/25 – 21/11/25

01/09/25 – 21/11/25

96.9 %



97.2%



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Star Awards

w/e 21st November 2025

- Hedgehogs – Aliyah
- Rabbits – Alfie
- Squirrels – Isla S
- Badgers – Eden
- Woodpeckers – Lydia
- Owls – Oliver



House points w/e 21st November

BAY	CLIFFE	LIGHTHOUSE	PINES
911	1036	1519	1125

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.

St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School
CHRISTMAS DISCO
FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2025

£4 TICKET
includes disco entertainment, drink, and a packet of crisps - no extra money needed!

🕒 3:15 - 4:15pm Hedgehogs and Rabbits
4:20-5:30pm Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers & Owls

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.

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 24th November 2025

Tuesday, 25th November

- 2:30pm Owls Class Parent Meeting in the school hall re Year 6 Residential Trip

Wednesday, 26th November

- Manwood's Primary Mathematics Competition – selected pupils

Friday, 28th November

- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 24th 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](http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay)
[/pay](#).

Community Noticeboard

THE **WESTEND** EXPERIENCE **Club**

£35 For the day

Christmas

★ SPECTACULAR ★

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

10AM-3PM

ASTOR THEATRE

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YR 2-7!

A special Experience day to Dance, sing, play games and get into the Christmas spirit!

With a performance on the Astor Theatre stage to end the day!

With *Emily & Gemma*

TO BOOK YOUR SPACES

VISIT WWW.DANCEFITWITHEMILY.CO.UK
OR EMAIL dancefitwithemily@gmail.com

Emily Powell | emily_powell.25

DBS CHECKED. FULLY INSURED. PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH (NO NUTS PLEASE)

SANTA AT THE MUSEUM

6TH & 7TH DEC 2025

10AM - 4PM

BOOKING VIA WEBPAGE FOR SANTAS GROTTQ
RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

HE'S ON HIS WAY

Santa's grotto and present included in normal Museum admissions fee (Event T&Cs apply)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM

Dover Foodbank
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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

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 316825

Christmas Opening Hours

We will be closed from 12pm Christmas Eve until 1st January 2026

Normal service will resume from **Friday 2nd January 2026.**

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