



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 28th November 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Four pupils from Owls—Jack, Lilia, Sophie and Jasper—did us proud this week when they took part in the Junior Maths Challenge at Sir Roger Manwood’s School. They represented us beautifully, working together with confidence and enthusiasm, and came 7th out of 15 schools—a fantastic achievement! Some of the questions were *exceptionally* tricky (the sort where even adults raise an eyebrow and quietly back away), so we’re incredibly impressed with how well they handled them. I’ve included one of the questions in this week’s newsletter so you can have a go yourself... no cheating! Let’s see how you get on compared to our super mathematicians.

As we roll into December, I’m reminded once again of just how incredibly busy this month becomes - both in school and out! Every year I think, ‘this time I’ll be ready,’ and every year December laughs gently and says, ‘nice try’. From festive performances and winter craft to special assemblies, visitors, Christmas jumpers, and all the sparkly fun that seems to multiply overnight, there’s a lot to keep track of. To make life a little easier for everyone, we’ve added ‘Mrs Eales’ Christmas Countdown’ to the newsletter and for the rest of the term. This will be your go-to guide for every date, every event, and every festive happening - your definitive, easy-to-find list so nothing gets lost in the December whirlwind. If ever you find yourself thinking, ‘Was that today?’ this is the place to check!

It has also been Assessment Week for Years 2-6, and the children have been absolute stars throughout. They’ve approached each paper with determination and maturity, and they truly showed our school value of resilience. There were quite a few assessments to work through, but the children kept going, stayed positive, and tried their very best - something we are all incredibly proud of. These assessments give teachers really valuable insights into how the children are progressing in different areas and help us plan what to focus on next, ensuring every child gets exactly what they need as we continue through the year.

We’ll be sending home our first set of termly reports in just a couple of weeks, giving families a chance to see the excellent work and progress taking place in school. It’s a lovely opportunity to celebrate achievements, recognise areas of growth, and reflect on all the wonderful learning that has happened so far this year. There’s certainly a lot to be proud of!

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Craig Ward – Headteacher



No ‘Celebration Assembly’

Due to the school discos taking place on Friday, 5th December we will not be holding a Celebration Assembly.



Whole School Attendance

24/11/25 – 28/11/25

01/09/25 – 28/11/25

97.3 %

97.2%

House points w/e 28th November

BAY	CLIFFE	LIGHTHOUSE	PINES
2741	3175	2157	2493





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Task 5

(Two parts worth 6 marks each)

Part A

In this addition sum all of the decimal points are in the wrong places, with the exception of the one in the total. What should their correct positions be?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1\ 2\ 3\ .\ 4 \\
 4\ 3\ .\ 2\ 1 \\
 3\ 3\ 3\ .\ 3 \\
 2\ .\ 1\ 4\ 3 \\
 \hline
 1\ 2\ .\ 1\ 2 \\
 \hline
 5\ 9\ 0\ .\ 4\ 0\ 3
 \end{array}$$

Remember that you must change where the decimal point is, but leave the digits the same.

So, instead of **123.4**, you could put **1.234** or **12.34**

Part B

In this calculation, the numbers have been replaced by letters. Every time a letter is used, it stands for the same number. Find what each letter stands for to make the calculation correct.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{TEN} \\
 + \text{TEN} \\
 + \text{FORTY} \\
 \hline
 \text{SIXTY}
 \end{array}$$

E =	R =
F =	S = 3
I =	T =
N =	X =
O =	Y =

Star Awards

w/e 28th November 2025

Hedgehogs – Jessica

Rabbits – Gabriel DL

Squirrels – Charlie

Badgers – Jolie

Woodpeckers – Camille

Owls – Laila & Sophie



Donate Your Unwanted Puzzles!

If you have any complete children’s puzzles you no longer need—why not give them a new home and donate them to our school?

Please drop off any puzzles at the school office.

Thank you for your support.



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



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Christmas Post

Christmas post box opens on
Monday, 1st December!

Please ensure all envelopes have name
and class written clearly.



St Margarets at Cliffe Parish Council Christmas Raffle

St Margaret's at Cliffe Parish Council will be raising funds for local charities through their Christmas raffle. This year, proceeds will go to St Margaret's Nursery, The Memory Café, and St Margaret's Scouts.

Raffle tickets are available to buy at the school office from Monday, 1st December to Friday, 5th December. £1 a ticket.



The Week Ahead

Week commencing 1st December 2025

Monday, 1st December

- Christmas Post Box is open for business!
- Deadline for Year 6 Residential Trip response form

Tuesday, 2nd December

- Pantomime trip for Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers & Owls – see separate letter for details and please note return time to school. Also please remember a packed lunch for your child.

Thursday, 4th December

- Deadline for response to Terms 3 & 4 Clubs

Friday, 5th December

- Mufti Day - children can swap their uniform for favourite outfits in exchange for a £1 donation to school funds.
- Discos – 3:15pm to 4:15pm Hedgehogs and Rabbits
– 4:20pm to 5:30pm Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers & Owls
- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm



1st December

- Christmas Post Box open for business

2nd December

- Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers & Owls trip

5th December

- MUFTI Day and School Discos

8th – 12th December

- Last week of extra-curricular clubs this week

11th & 12th December

- 2:30pm Nativity Play for families of Hedgehogs & Rabbits

15th December

- Hedgehogs & Rabbits trip

16th & 18th December

- 2pm Carol concert for families of Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers & Owls

17th December

- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

19th December

- Party day
- Last day of term – school finishes at 3:15pm
- 'Celebration Assembly'



Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 1st December 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 PTFA

**WE'RE
HIRING**

**CHAIR
SECRETARY**

COME AND LEAD THE PTFA

In the New Year the positions of Chair and Secretary for the PTFA will come available.

We now begin the search for volunteers interested in taking on either position.

If you'd like to find out more, or have an informal chat, email us or grab us- no commitment, just an opportunity to ask questions and see if it is a good fit.

There will be an AGM in January (date tbc) where both positions will be formally elected.

Thank you for all your support,

The PTFA

EMAIL US **stmacptfa@gmail.com**

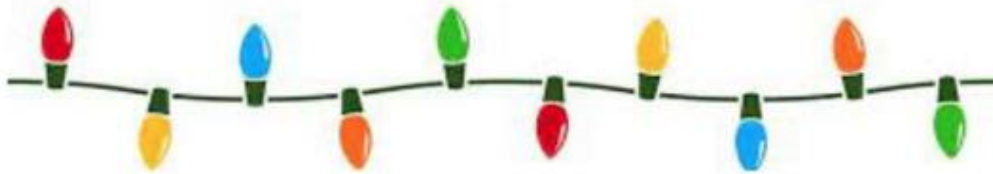
PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform

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.

Community Noticeboard



'Christmas Light Switch On!'

Join us at

The Village Hall, Reach Road on **6th December 2025**

- 5:00pm Mulled Wine and refreshments
- 5:15pm Join in with Christmas Carols with the Village Choir
- 6:00pm Santa arrives and the Lights are switched on
- 6:30pm Raffle is drawn

Come along to enjoy Complimentary Mulled Wine, Soft drinks, Hot Dogs and Mince Pies and soak up our wonderful village atmosphere of Christmas

Supported by

St Margaret's at Cliffe Parish Council & Local Businesses

All proceeds from the Raffle and Donation Buckets on the night to be donated to St Margaret's Nursery, The Memory Café and the Scouts
(Don't forget to bring some change for the Donation Buckets!)

Amazing Raffle Prizes



Make sure you have a chance of winning!
Buy your tickets from The Village Store, your Parish Councillors or on the night!

On Sale Soon!

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 MUSEUM

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

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 316823

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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