



# Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderfully festive week it has been at St Margaret’s. The Christmas spirit has well and truly arrived, beginning with the tree going up in the hall. It looks absolutely beautiful and it’s certainly grown since last year! The children have been stopping to admire it all week, and it has already brought a real sense of seasonal magic into the building.

Adding to the festive atmosphere are the incredible Christmas hoops now hanging in the hall. This year’s theme is Christmas movies, and each hoop is so cleverly designed and full of creativity. From classic films to modern favourites, the staff have really outdone themselves; they’ve been a source of great excitement and chatter among the children, and they make the hall feel wonderfully cosy and Christmassy.

Nativity rehearsals have also continued at full pace. Every time I walk through and hear Hedgehogs and Rabbits practising their songs and lines, I’m struck by how fantastic they sound. Each rehearsal seems just a little more polished, and the children are clearly working so hard. It’s a joy to see their confidence growing and their enthusiasm shining through. I know families are going to be incredibly proud when they see the final performances.

Another highlight of the week was our much-anticipated annual Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers and Owls trip to see the panto Snow White at the Marlowe. The show itself was brilliant; full of fun, laughter, and all the traditional panto magic, but what stood out even more was the impeccable behaviour of our children. They followed our school expectations to the letter and represented St Margaret’s so beautifully. It was a very proud headteacher moment, especially when we noticed that not all schools at the performance managed quite the same level of conduct! Thank you so much to all the parents who volunteered their time to help on the trip; your support is invaluable and truly appreciated.

Today we’ve enjoyed MUFTI day, and the children have had a lovely time coming to school in their own clothes. There has been a real sense of excitement in the classrooms and corridors. I’m determined to finally discover what MUFTI actually stands for - it seems to be a very uniquely St Margaret’s-at-Cliffe variation, and I’m not giving up my quest to get to the bottom of it!

Although the weekend is almost upon us, the week isn’t quite finished yet. The whole school community is buzzing with anticipation for this evening’s discos, and there is a great deal of chatter about dance moves, song requests, and what snacks might be on offer. I have no doubt the dancing will be spectacular.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Craig Ward –Headteacher

**No ‘Celebration Assembly’**  
 Due to Hedgehogs and Rabbits Nativity taking place on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December we will not be holding a Celebration Assembly.

## Whole School Attendance

01/12/25 – 05/12/25

97.5 %



01/09/25 – 05/12/25

97.3%

## House points w/e 5<sup>th</sup> December

BAY	CLIFFE	LIGHTHOUSE	PINES
986	1308	1598	1388

Our focus school value this term:  
**Respect & tolerance**



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### 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December

- Last week of extra-curricular clubs this week

### 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December

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

### 15<sup>th</sup> December

- Hedgehogs & Rabbits trip

### 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December

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

### 17<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

### 19<sup>th</sup> December

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



## 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](http://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.

## Birthdays



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

Rosa	Owls
Anthony	Badgers
Arabella	Hedgehogs
Jack	Owls
George	Rabbits
Ashleigh	Rabbits
Quinn	Squirrels
Aradhaya	Woodpeckers
Daniel	Badgers
Demyd	Rabbits
Isabelle	Woodpeckers
Oscar	Rabbits
Christopher	Woodpeckers
Judith	Rabbits
Finley	Squirrels
Lilia	Owls
Jude	Hedgehogs

## The Week Ahead

### Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Last week of clubs this week**

#### Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December

- **2:30pm** KS1 Nativity in the school hall (by ticket only). Doors open at 2:15pm

#### Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December

- **Hedgehogs & Rabbits Classes deadline to respond to My Mum 2026 parentmail form**
- **2:30pm** KS1 Nativity in the school hall (by ticket only). Doors open at 2:15pm
- **No ‘Celebration Assembly’**

## Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

£2.75 per day

[Primary School Menu - Whole School Meals](http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk)

to pay for your meals online, please go to:

[www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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St Margaret's Church invites you to our special Christmas events and services:

**Little Dragons Christmas Craft at 10am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**



**Christingle & Nativity service at 10am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Your youngsters are welcome to come dressed up as angels, shepherds and kings – if they are feeling brave on the day they can come to the front and be part of our little Nativity.



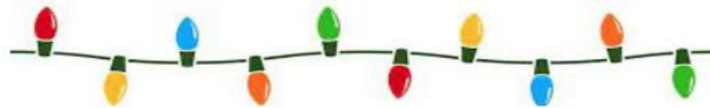
Please email [outreach@stmergaretsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:outreach@stmergaretsbenefice.org.uk) if you think they'd like to take part.

**9 Lessons & Carols at 4pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**Cribside service at 5pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**



We look forward to welcoming you!

*"The Word became flesh" John 1 vs 14*



## '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!**

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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](http://WWW.DANCEFITWITHEMILY.CO.UK)  
 OR EMAIL [dancefitwithemily@gmail.com](mailto:dancefitwithemily@gmail.com)  
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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 GROTTO  
[RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](http://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](mailto:INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK)

**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. 3168733

**Christmas Opening Hours**

**We will be closed from 12pm Christmas Eve until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

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