



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 12th December 2025

Message from the Headteacher

We're *nearly* at the end of term now - and I think it's fair to say everyone is very ready for it! The excitement levels are high, the glitter levels are higher, and the children have been busy spreading Christmas cheer in every direction.

This week has been packed with festive highlights, beginning with the wonderful Hedgehogs and Rabbits, who treated us to truly delightful Nativity performances. They looked fantastic in their costumes, sang beautifully, and brought so much warmth and joy to the school. Every child should feel extremely proud of themselves. A big well done also goes to the staff, whose hard work, creativity, and patience behind the scenes helped pull everything together so smoothly. It was a lovely reminder of how special this time of year can be.

Our Woodpeckers also had a memorable moment in the spotlight when they visited the village hall for the annual Senior Citizens Christmas dinner. They performed a full set of Christmas songs and were absolutely brilliant from start to finish. Their confidence, enthusiasm, and festive spirit shone through, and the audience could not have been more complimentary. The children represented the school beautifully, and we are very proud of them.

Last weekend also brought a magical moment for our school at the Dover Light Festival. The majority of the Owls class, together with their parents and Mrs Eales, took part in the procession carrying their beautifully lit stars through the town. They represented the school with pride, enthusiasm, and a wonderful sense of community spirit. The children were an absolute credit to the school, and we all had a brilliant time being part of such a vibrant and festive event.



Looking ahead, next week promises to be just as exciting as we head into the final stretch of the term. The Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers, and Owls will all be taking part in their Carol Service, always a heart-warming highlight that brings our school community together. The Hedgehogs and Rabbits will be heading off on their annual Christmas show trip, which is sure to be filled with magic and wide-eyed wonder. And of course, Wednesday brings one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. We can't wait to see the colourful, quirky, and wonderfully over-the-top jumpers the children (and staff!) will be wearing.

As we enjoy this final festive week, thank you as always for your continued support. It has been a busy, joyful term, and we look forward to ending it on a high with plenty of music, laughter, and Christmas cheer.

Craig Ward –Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 19th December

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Whole School Attendance

08/12/25 – 12/12/25

93 %

01/09/25 – 12/12/25

96.9%



House points w/e 12th December

BAY	CLIFFE	LIGHTHOUSE	PINES
3080	3939	2644	2873



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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’



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.

Our focus school value this term:
Respect & tolerance

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 15th December 2025

CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THIS TERM

Monday, 15th December

- Hedgehogs & Rabbits Classes trip – see letter for details

Tuesday, 16th December

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

Wednesday, 17th December

- Christmas Jumper Day – children may wear a Christmas jumper to school
- Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday, 18th December

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

Friday, 19th December

- ‘Celebration Assembly’
- Last day of Term 2. School finishes at 3:15pm

Wear A Christmas Jumper

Just for the fun of it we would like the whole school to dress up in a Christmas jumper on **Wednesday, 17th December** (same day as Christmas Dinner). The brighter the better! Please wear usual clothing on the lower half – school trousers/skirts. Don't buy a jumper especially for this event just wear something bright and add a little tinsel!



Lunch Menu: Christmas Week Menu

w/c Monday, 15th December 2025

£2.75 per day

[WSM Xmas Week Menu](#)

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

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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 6th December



Little Dragons

Christingle & Nativity service at 10am on Sunday 14th 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 if you think they'd like to take part.

9 Lessons & Carols at 4pm on Sunday 21st December

Cribside service at 5pm on Wednesday 24th December



We look forward to welcoming you!

"The Word became flesh" John 1 vs 14



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. 1168737



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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**ST. MARGARET'S
SANTA'S SLEIGH**
21st December
Join St Margarets Santa Express, on Facebook
for updates

**PRESENT DROP OFF AT
ST. MARGARET'S SCOUT HUT**
DROPOFF DAYS
TUESDAYS 7PM-8:30PM
FRIDAYS 6-9
FINAL DROP OFF ON 20TH 10-12
AT COFFEE MORNING
PLEASE COME AND ASK TO
SPEAK TO THE ELFS

WHO'S ON
SANTA'S
NAUGHTY
LIST?

SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY
AT 4PM!

LOLBEAR PRESENTS
PANTO

**7 DAYS TO
SAVE
CHRISTMAS!**

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LOUD!

SONGS

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Session Details:

Venue: Sandwich Leisure Centre

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm (Half-day sessions)

Dates:

- Monday 29th December
- Tuesday 30th December
- Wednesday 31st December

PAID BOOKINGS

Parents wishing to book a standard paid place can do so here:

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4085>

HAF / e-Voucher BOOKINGS

Children eligible for the HAF programme can attend for free, but must book through the e-voucher system.