



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 23rd January 2026

Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy and rewarding week across the school, and I am delighted to share some highlights with you.

I have seen some truly wonderful writing across the school this week, especially from our youngest learners in Hedgehogs. The standard of work produced by the children has been very pleasing, and I would like to make particular mention of the excellent standard of handwriting on display. Care, pride and consistency are clearly becoming embedded, and this is something the children should feel very proud of. Thank you for the support you give at home, these things really do make a difference.

As part of our focus this term on resilience, we have made some small tweaks to playtimes. It has been lovely to see a wide variety of new games emerging and children finding different, creative ways to play together. This has been especially encouraging given the drizzle and the rather gloomy skies this week...when it felt dark even at 12.30pm! The children have shown fantastic adaptability and positivity, embracing play in all its forms.

There has also been a strong focus on science this week. I have enjoyed looking through science books and talking to the children about their learning; the overall standard has been high, with thoughtful work and good scientific vocabulary evident. Alongside this, staff have been engaging in some professional development and planning to prepare for British Science Week, which will take place early next term. We are very much looking forward to this and will share more details with you soon.

I'd also like to celebrate some more out-of-school achievements – something St. Margaret's pupils are extremely good at – with three of our Owls Class children selected to represent Kent in swimming at the London Aquatics Centre (Olympic size!). Well done to all those taking part this weekend and good luck to everyone with their sporting and extra-curricular activities this weekend.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a pleasure to see the children thriving across so many areas of school life.

Craig Ward –Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

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

Date: Friday, 30th January 2026

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:

Resilience

Whole School Attendance

19/01/26 – 23/01/26

01/09/25 – 23/01/26

95.2%



96.5%



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Star Awards

w/e 16th & 23rd January 2026



Hedgehogs – Adalyn, Baileebleu & Sebastian

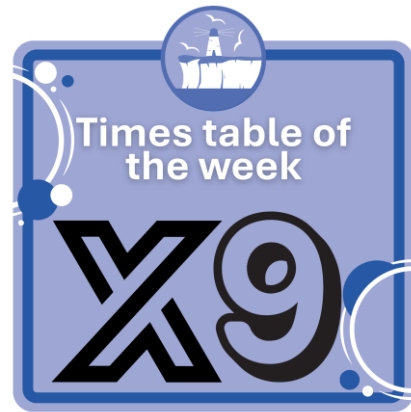
Rabbits – Beatrix & Ellis

Squirrels – All of Squirrels & Addison

Badgers – Luna & Dolcee

Woodpeckers – Madison & Paisley

Owls – Holly W & William



Film Night!

Save the date!

School Fundraiser!

Wednesday, 11th March
2026 at 3:15pm.



More details soon.

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 PTFA

AGM

27 JANUARY
2026

9AM

COME AND LEAD THE PTFA

The positions of Chair and Secretary for the PTFA are available.

We're now looking for volunteers interested in taking on either position has begun.

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.

Come along to the AGM in January where both positions will be formally elected.

Thank you for all your support,

The PTFA

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The Week Ahead

Week commencing 26th January 2026

Tuesday, 27th January

- **PTFA AGM** – 9am in the school hall

Friday, 30th January

- **Owls Residential Trip** - Deadline for deposit to be paid and passport/GHIC form to be completed and returned
- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 26th January 2026

£2.75 per day

[Primary School Menu - Whole School Meals](#)

to pay for your meals online, please go to:

www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay.

Community Noticeboard



BARN DANCE
Live band with a caller

Friday 20th March
7-10:30pm
£15 per person

St. Margarets Village Hall
American Supper - Bring your own food and drink

Tickets can be purchased from
St. Margaret's Nursery,
Village Shop and Post Office

In aid of St. Margarets Nursery
Registered Charity Number 1194058

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

CRICKET COACHING

Do you have a child in Year 5 or 6 looking to get into playing cricket?

Come and join our cricket sessions
£25 for 5 weeks
Payable before the first session
Bank details: Sort Code 52-10-19
Account Number 10697004

Starts Sunday 22nd February
U11s : 6pm - 7pm

REGISTER NOW

To register e-mail incredhulks@hotmail.com 



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