



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 30th January 2026

Message from the Headteacher

It has been another wonderfully busy and productive week across the school, and I am delighted to share some of the fantastic learning that has been taking place in each class. It has been a pleasure to see pupils so engaged, enthusiastic, and proud of their achievements.

This week, I have seen some truly fabulous artwork in Squirrels inspired by natural and man-made objects. Pupils have explored shape, texture, and pattern with great care, using a range of materials and techniques to create thoughtful and imaginative pieces. The creativity on display has been impressive, and the children have shown real pride in their work, taking time to talk about their ideas and artistic choices.

In Hedgehogs, there has been some excellent phonics learning. The children have been working hard to recognise sounds, blend confidently, and apply their phonics knowledge in reading and writing. Their growing confidence is clear to see, and it has been wonderful to watch them using their skills independently and with enthusiasm.

Badgers have been enjoying fabulous gymnastics lessons this week. Pupils have demonstrated strength, balance, and control as they practised a range of movements and sequences. There has been a strong focus on teamwork, perseverance, and improving technique, and the children should be very proud of the effort and determination they have shown.

Owls have been busy researching and fact-finding in preparation for writing non-chronological reports. The pupils have shown great curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and gathering information from a range of sources. This careful preparation is helping them to understand how to organise facts clearly and effectively, and we are looking forward to seeing their finished reports.

In Woodpeckers, science learning has been a real highlight. Pupils have been exploring life cycles and animals, developing their understanding of how living things grow and change. They have used scientific vocabulary accurately and shown a strong ability to observe, compare, and explain what they have learned.

Alongside all of this exciting learning, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of continuing to practise times tables regularly. Secure knowledge of times tables is essential for building confidence and success in maths. Next week's Times Table of the Week is the four times table, and we encourage pupils to practise at home whenever possible through quick recall, games, and real-life examples.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the children's learning and confidence. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend and look forward to another great week ahead.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

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

Date: Friday, 6th February 2026

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Whole School Attendance

26/01/26 – 30/01/26

01/09/25 – 30/01/26

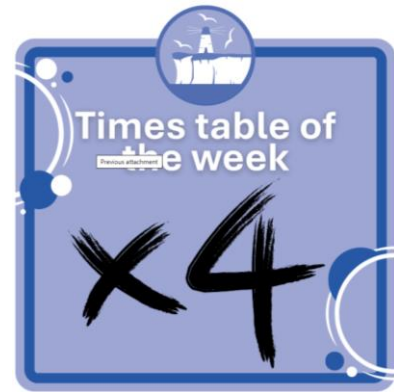
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NSPCC Number Day

On 6th February, to help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking pupils and teachers to take part in fundraising for this good cause. We are suggesting a donation of £1 from each child to wear an item or items of clothing with a number on e.g. football shirt, cap, netball shirt, etc.

Please send your £1 donations to school with your child to hand to their class teacher on Friday 6th February. Thank you for your support.



Star Awards



w/e 30th January 2026

Hedgehogs – Toby & Savannah

Rabbits – Felix

Squirrels – Monty

Badgers – Maisey

Woodpeckers – Nicholas

Owls – Millie

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.

Portal House Site

It has been noticed that parents are driving through Portal House premises at drop-off and pick-up.

Please don't use the school next door to access us – our parent/carers need to park in the village car park or on the road.

I thank you for support with this matter.



The Week Ahead

Week commencing 2nd February 2026

Friday, 6th February

- **NSPCC Number Day** – suggested £1 donation to wear an item/s of clothing with numbers on
- **Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Event** – selected pupils
- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 2nd February 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



**JOIN OUR ONLINE
SPEAK OUT
PARENTS SESSION**



Your voice matters

Let's shape family support in Kent together!

Share your thoughts and experiences as parents around Online Safety, what's working well for parents, where parents need more support, and how parents support children and young people navigate the digital world

Join one of our 3 online sessions at a time that suits you and your family

Sessions available:
Wednesday 28th January

1:30pm - 2:30pm

8pm - 9pm

Saturday 31st January

10am - 11am

Join one of
the 3 sessions
to receive £20
Love2shop
Voucher

JANUARY TOPIC
Online Safety

To book follow the link in the description or to find out more contact
partnershipandparticipationteam@kent.gov.uk



OPEN AUDITIONS

Disney
FROZEN JR.

**ST MARGARET'S PLAYERS'
YOUTH ACADEMY**

MONDAY 02ND FEBRUARY
THURSDAY 05TH FEBRUARY

06:30PM UNTIL 07:30PM

ST MARGARET'S HALL CT15 6AP

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

Duke of Yorks School
CT15 5EQ

To register e-mail incredhulks@hotmail.com 