



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 6th March 2026

Message from the Headteacher

It has been a fantastic week in school as we celebrated our annual Book Week, and the whole school has been buzzing with stories, reading and a wide range of creative activities. From shared reading sessions to classroom projects inspired by favourite authors, it has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for books and storytelling throughout the week.

World Book Day on Thursday was a particular highlight. This year we invited pupils to come dressed as a *word*, and we were absolutely delighted by the creativity on display. There were some truly amazing interpretations and fantastic costumes across the school. It was a joy to see the children celebrating language in such a fun and imaginative way.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. As always, it was very well received and incredibly popular with the children. Your support helps us continue to promote a love of reading in school, and we hope the children are already enjoying their wonderful new books at home.

Today also saw our team take part in the Schools' Swimming Gala, and we are very proud of the effort and determination shown by all of our swimmers against some very strong competition. The team performed brilliantly and we were delighted to come away with two silver medals in individual races and bronze medals for both of our Year 5/6 relay teams. Congratulations to all of the pupils who represented the school so well – a fantastic achievement.

Back on the theme of fundraising, I was delighted to receive an email from Reggie in Owls Class. He has asked that I share his fundraising efforts with the school community, so here is what he has written for you all:

On Saturday 14th March, my Dad and I are taking part in the Great Tommy Sleep Out 2026.

We will be sleeping outside for one night to raise money for the homeless veterans.

By doing this sleep out, we are helping to provide safe housing and support for those who have served our country. I know sleeping outside will be cold and uncomfortable, but some people go through this every day.

If you could sponsor us, we would really appreciate it, however small it all helps. Thank you for helping us support this great cause.

*Reggie
Owls Class*

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we wish you all a lovely weekend.

Craig Ward – Headteacher



NO Celebration Assembly

Due to the science event taking place on Friday, 13th March there will not be a celebration assembly on this date.

Whole School Attendance

02/03/26 - 06/03/26

01/09/25 - 06/03/26

98.3%

96.4%





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Star Awards



w/e 6th March 2026

- Hedgehogs – Amelie
- Rabbits – Judith
- Squirrels – Chloe
- Badgers – Maylee
- Woodpeckers – Vinnie
- Owls – Teddy

World Book Day

Thank you for supporting World Book Day

We raised £110



Birthdays

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

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| Phoebe | Squirrels |
| Freya | Squirrels |
| Charles | Owls |
| Ava | Badgers |
| Oliver | Woodpeckers |
| Alfred | Hedgehogs |
| Iris | Squirrels |
| Gabriel | Rabbits |
| Darcy | Woodpeckers |
| Abel | Woodpeckers |
| Chloe | Squirrels |



Our focus school value this term:
Resourcefulness



House points w/e 6th March

BAY	CLIFFE	LIGHTHOUSE	PINES
6015	7392	6539	6853

Film Night

Wednesday, 11th March at 3:15pm.

£3 a ticket (includes a packet of popcorn)

Tickets are to be purchased through Parentmail and your child's name will be added to our guest list.



Science Week 9th – 13th March

Next week, is **British Science Week** and we will be celebrating this in school with all things science! The theme of the week will be **'Curiosity: What's your question?'**.

We would like to warmly invite parents and carers into school on **Friday 13th March at 2:45pm** to come and see what the children have been working on during the week. Please collect your child from their usual classroom door at 2:45pm and then bring them into the school hall via the main office entrance. From there, the children will be able to take you around the hall and proudly share their investigations, creations and learning from the day.

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 9th March 2026

Tuesday, 10th March

- Deadline to purchase film night tickets

Wednesday, 11th March

- Film Night** - children to be collected from film night at 5:10pm from their classroom door

Friday, 13 March

- No 'Celebration Assembly'**
- 2:45pm Science Event** - Please collect your child from their usual classroom door at 2:45pm and then bring them into the school hall via the main office entrance.

New Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 9th March 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

The Isle of Thanet Sunrise Rotary Club, Monkton Nature Reserve, Thanet Earth and 'Get Wild' present...

THE YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS COMPETITION 2026:

'Happiness in Nature'

The aim of this competition is to create a project that allows wildlife and people to survive and thrive together.

Your project could be about the impact of new housing estates; interaction with agricultural land; caring for our waterways and coasts, or pollution, waste and litter. Suggestions include: nature art creations; poetry inspired by nature; a bug hotel/butterfly station/frog shelter; design and build eco-friendly toys/games, an article of clothing made using natural materials; arrange a litter pick.

We encourage creativity and original ideas!

AGE GROUPS: Junior: Up to and including 10 years old
Intermediate: 11 to 13 years old
Senior: 14 to 17 years old
Based on age as of 31st August 2025

CATEGORIES: Individual entry
Group entries (maximum of four participants)
Can be from any group/community organisation including schools, colleges, home educated, RotaKids, Scouts, Guides etc.

DEADLINE: Thursday 26th March
Our winners (one from each age group) will be submitted to the National Final!



TO APPLY: Scan the QR code to find more information and the Entry Form. Please send all completed Entry Forms to lotsrotaryclub@gmail.com with your project and an explanation of how your project links to the theme 'Happiness in Nature'. Groups must have one entry form per person. Entrants must include their age on the entry form.



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

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

MARCH 2026

- CUPPA SOUPS
- UHT MILK
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- JAM AND SPREADS
- TINNED FRUIT
- CUSTARD
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED BEANS
- PASTA N SAUCE
- NOODLES
- CLEANING PRODUCTS

PLEASE NOTE
We have plenty of pasta & pulses

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 1212901

Community Noticeboard

Easter
Football Fun camps
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that our Easter Football Fun Camps are returning this April, and we would love to welcome your children for days filled with football, games, and fun.

We are also delighted to be an official HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) provider, offering funded spaces for eligible children.

Sandwich Leisure Centre

Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April

08:45 – 3:30

Ages 5–12

Book here:

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4504>

Goodwin Academy, Deal

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th April

08:45 – 3:30

Ages 5–12

Book here:

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4505>

Children who are eligible for HAF funding can attend our camps free of charge and will receive a hot meal each day. To book a HAF place, parents must use their Holiday Activities voucher.

Our camps are designed to be inclusive, energetic, and full of football fun, including our popular inflatable football games that children absolutely love.