



# Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

## Message from Mrs Lavender

Another wonderful week has passed here at school, with lots of positive learning taking place across all classes. All of the classes have been hard at work, which has been a real joy to see.

We have also been fortunate to enjoy some lovely weather this week, and the children have made the most of it by taking their PE lessons outside. It has been great to see them so active and engaged, enjoying a range of sports including athletics, hockey, badminton and tennis.

Rabbits have enjoyed another fantastic visit to the Pines, this time creating their own beautiful clay birds. The children showed great creativity and care in their work, and it was lovely to see them so engaged in the activity.

I know that teachers have also been busy planning a range of exciting trips and experiences for their classes, which we are all looking forward to in the coming weeks.

We also held a fire drill this week, which was very successful. Well done to all of the children for their calm and sensible behaviour during the drill.

Thank you to all parents for your generous tombola donations—they are very much appreciated and will make a real difference.

I hope you enjoy a restful and hopefully sunny bank holiday. We look forward to welcoming Mr Ward back next week.

Kirsty Lavender - SENCO



### 'Celebration Assembly'

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

**Date:** Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 2:45pm

**Where:** School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Star Awards

w/e 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Hedgehogs – Amelia**

**Rabbits – Aurelia**

**Squirrels – Charlotte**

**Badgers – Grayson**

**Woodpeckers – Mya**

**Owls – Jack & Dudley**



Our focus school value this term:

# Reflection

### House points w/e 1<sup>st</sup> May

<b>BAY</b>	<b>8257</b>
<b>CLIFFE</b>	<b>7282</b>
<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b>	<b>7476</b>
<b>PINES</b>	<b>7359</b>

### The Week Ahead

#### Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

#### Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May

- **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY** – children are not required in school

#### Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May

- **Squirrels Class Swimming** - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.
- **Woodpeckers Class Trip** – see letter for details

#### Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May

- **Rabbits Class trip** – see letter for details

#### Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May

- **'Celebration Assembly'** parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

### Whole School Attendance

27/04/26 - 01/05/26

**96.3%**

01/09/25 - 01/05/26

**96.2%**



### Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 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](http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay)



# PTFA NEWS

**SUMMER FAIR**

Saturday 20th June  
12pm to 3pm

ST MARGARETS AT CLIFFE SCHOOL

**SAVE THE DATE**

MORE INFORMATION  
TO FOLLOW

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE A STALL OR TO  
VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME PLEASE MESSAGE  
STMACPFTA@GMAIL.COM



Community Noticeboard

**DOVER FOODBANK**  
MOST needed ITEMS

MAY 2026

- CUPPA SOUPS
- UHT MILK
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- JAM AND SPREADS
- INSTANT MASH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED BEANS
- PASTA N SAUCE
- NOODLES
- TOILET ROLLS

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty  
of pasta & pulses

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

**KIDS TENNIS**

**COACHING**

ST MARGARETS LTC



SATURDAYS TERM TIME



9-10AM AGE 9-16  
(GREEN & YELLOW BALL)  
10-11AM - AGE 6-10  
(RED & ORANGE BALL)



BOOKING VIA [WWW.CHTENNIS.CO.UK](http://WWW.CHTENNIS.CO.UK)



**Ethelbert Fostering are looking for new foster carers to join our fostering community and help care for vulnerable children and young people.**

**As part of our team, carers receive excellent support, high-quality training, and the opportunity to make a lasting, positive difference in a child's life.**

**Our mission is to inspire children to succeed and reach their full potential. This is something we can only do with the help of our amazing foster carers.**

**To speak to a member of our recruitment team to find out more please call us on 01843 823762.**

**We also hold monthly online information evenings – take a look at our Facebook page to see when the next one will be! If you'd like to know more about Ethelbert Fostering please take a look at our social media pages!**

Community Noticeboard



## Little Dragons



Come along and meet the *Little Dragons*

- Our monthly group provides parents and carers with a little breathing space, and introduces young people to the life and love of Jesus, all shaped by the ethos of 'love thy neighbour'.

### What will we be doing?

- We're back after our Easter break, so we'll be thinking about what comes next;
- Sharing stories, chat and a craft activity;
- Having tea and biscuits!

Come along to St Margaret's Church at  
10am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.



Saturday Social follows for everyone at 11am.

For more information:

[outreach@stmargaretsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:outreach@stmargaretsbenefice.org.uk)



Friends of St Margaret's Church

## Teddy Bear Parachute Jump

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

jumping from 11.00am  
St Margaret's Church Tower

Yes! We are inviting all adventurous teddies (other species welcome) to parachute off the church tower!

Apply for a **Pawspport** and **Boarding Pass** for permission to jump.  
£5 per jumper (£2.50 each additional family member)

Application forms in the Church Porch,  
via email and downloadable from our website.

[stmargaretsbenefice.org.uk](http://stmargaretsbenefice.org.uk)  
[FriendsofStMargaretofAntioch@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofStMargaretofAntioch@gmail.com)





# ST. MARGARET'S PARENT, BABY & TODDLER GROUP

## AT RISK OF CLOSING IN JULY

This much-loved group has supported local families for over 30 years. We urgently need volunteers to help keep the group running.

**EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF HELP CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE**

**A GREAT START FOR OUR CHILDREN**

- Helping little ones build confidence, friendships and social skills.
- A valuable feeder for the local nursery and school.
- Supporting parents and carers and strengthening our community.

**WE NEED YOU!**

Without more volunteers, this wonderful group may not be able to continue. It would be a real shame to lose such an important part of our community.

**EVERY LITTLE BIT OF TIME CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!**

PLEASE CONTACT US ON OUR OFFICIAL FACEBOOK GROUP:  
**St. Margaret's Parent, Baby and Toddler Group (Kent)**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR GROUP AND OUR COMMUNITY