



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 8th May 2026

Message from the Headteacher

It has been a real joy to be back in school this week, and I want to begin by saying a huge thank you for the many kind messages, warm smiles and well wishes on my return. Our community spirit is something I never take for granted, and your support has meant a great deal.

One of the highlights of my week was joining Rabbits Class on their visit to The Pines, where they spent the morning learning all about birds. It was one of those experiences that reminds you just how magical primary education can be. The children were utterly absorbed, listening carefully, asking thoughtful questions and showing real curiosity about the natural world around them. Their creativity shone through in the beautiful bird masks they made; each one was unique, imaginative and full of personality. I was genuinely impressed by the care they took and the pride they showed in their work. A huge well done to Rabbits Class and thank you to the staff who made the visit such a success.

Back at school, the playground has been buzzing with excitement thanks to the arrival of our brand-new chalkboards. These were a key request from the School Council as part of their wider project to improve the playground experience, and it has been wonderful to see them being used so enthusiastically and sensibly. In just a few days, I've spotted "thoughts of the day", games of tic-tac-toe, colourful artwork, shout-outs to friends and even collaborative masterpieces that have grown and changed throughout the day. The School Council should feel incredibly proud of the impact of their work, and our children deserve praise for using the boards so respectfully and creatively. This is pupil voice in action; ideas becoming reality and making school life better for everyone.



As we look ahead to next week, it is SATs week for our Owls. The children have been working incredibly hard in their preparation, showing resilience, determination and a mature attitude towards their learning. We are already proud of them. SATs are just one small part of their journey, and we know they will approach each day with the same positivity and effort they have shown all year. They will be fabulous.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school. It has been a busy, uplifting and purposeful week, full of creativity, kindness and community. I am delighted to be back and look forward to the weeks ahead.

Craig Ward - Headteacher

Our focus school value this term:
Reflection

Whole School Attendance

04/05/26 - 08/05/26

97.1%

01/09/25 - 08/05/26

96.3%





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Birthdays

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

Toby	Hedgehogs
Bohdi-Blue	Rabbits
Nicholas	Woodpeckers
Oliver	Squirrels
Sebastian	Hedgehogs
Reggie	Owls
Robin	Hedgehogs
Primrose	Badgers
Adelaide	Woodpeckers
Baileebleu	Hedgehogs
Arte	Squirrels



'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 15th May

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Star Awards



w/e 8th May 2026

Hedgehogs – Emily

Rabbits – Arthur & Jett

Squirrels – Madeleine

Badgers – Aarohi

Woodpeckers – Aradhaya

Owls – Holly W

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 11th May 2026

Monday, 11th May

- Year 6 SATs all week
- Year 6 children to bring their Passport and GHIC cards to the school office

Tuesday, 12th May

- **Squirrels Class Swimming** - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.

Thursday, 14th May

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

Friday, 15th May

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

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 11th 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
STMACPTFA@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



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



Friends of St Margaret's Church

Teddy Bear Parachute Jump

Saturday 27th 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
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.



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

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR GROUP AND OUR COMMUNITY ❤️