



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 15th May 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a week it has been. First and foremost, I want to say a huge well done to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They have completed their SATs with maturity, determination and a real sense of pride. All week, they have shown exactly what resilience looks like - one of our core school values; and they approached each test with calm focus and a positive attitude. Whatever the results in July, they have already achieved something far more important: they tried their very best. We are incredibly proud of them.

While Year 6 were busy demonstrating their brilliance, Badgers Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Maidstone Museum, diving into the world of Ancient Egypt. They explored artefacts, learned about daily life along the Nile and even discovered the fascinating (and slightly gruesome!) process of mummification. The children were full of questions and curiosity, and the staff at the museum commented on how engaged and enthusiastic they were. It's always lovely to see learning come alive beyond the classroom, and Badgers certainly made the most of the experience.

Looking ahead, next week brings an exciting adventure for some of us. Most of Owls Class, Mrs Byatt and I will be heading off to France for our annual international residential visit. The children have been learning French since Reception, so we're all looking forward to putting our conversational skills to the test - ordering food, greeting locals and maybe even attempting a few full sentences without resorting to pointing and smiling! It promises to be a wonderful week of new experiences, independence and cultural discovery.

While we're away, Mrs Lavender will be back in school, keeping my chair warm once again. I know the school will be in very safe hands, and I'm grateful to her for stepping in with her usual calmness, good humour and steady leadership. The rest of the team will continue to keep everything running smoothly, as they always do.

As we move into the last week of the term, it's lovely to see the school buzzing with energy - children proud of their achievements, staff working hard to create memorable learning opportunities, and families supporting us every step of the way. Whether it's cheering on Year 6, helping with trip preparations or simply offering a kind word at the gate, your support makes a real difference.

Have a fantastic weekend and I'll see you soon!

Craig Ward - Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 22nd May
Time: 2:45pm
Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:

Reflection

Whole School Attendance

11/05/26 - 15/05/26	01/09/25 - 15/05/26
97.2%	96.3%



Star Awards

w/e 15th May 2026

Hedgehogs – Lily & Arthur

Rabbits – Bohdi-Blue

Squirrels – Isla F

Badgers – All of Badgers

Woodpeckers – Eva

Owls – All of Owls Class



End of Term

Term 5 finishes for the children at 3.15pm on Friday 22nd May



The Week Ahead

Week commencing 18th May 2026

Monday, 18th May

- **Year 6 leave for residential trip** – children to arrive at school at 5:45am
- **Hedgehogs Class trip** – see letter for details

Tuesday, 19th May

- **Tennis Tournament** – selected Year 4 pupils
- **Squirrels Class Swimming** - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.

Thursday, 21st May

- **School Census Day** – Children in Years R, 1 & 2 please register for cooked school dinner

Friday, 22nd May

- **'Celebration Assembly'** parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm
- **Year 6 return from residential trip at approximately 6pm**
- **Term 5 finishes for children at 3:15pm**

Boost their
HYDRATION & DEVELOPMENT

Cool Milk

Our school works with Cool Milk to provide fresh school milk

FREE FOR UNDER 5S | SUBSIDISED FOR OVER 5S*

- **Calcium** for strong bones and teeth
- **Protein** for muscle repair and growth
- **Vitamin B12** to boost the immune system
- **Vitamin B2** to aid energy release
- **Potassium** to regulate fluid and blood pressure
- **Phosphorus** to strengthen bones and generate energy in the cells
- **Iodine** to support healthy cells and metabolism



Don't let your child miss out!
Register online today at www.coolmilk.com

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*Over 5s in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk.
Please speak to the school for details.



Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 18th 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

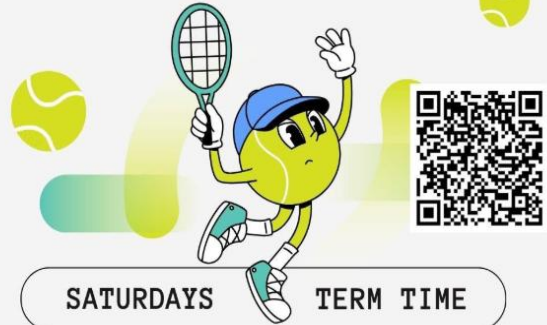
MAY 2026

- 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

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 Pawsport 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)

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR GROUP AND OUR COMMUNITY

Community Noticeboard

THE WESTERN HEIGHTS PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTS
**DROP REDOUBT
 OPEN WEEKEND**



Adults £5
 Children Free

20-21st June 2026

Drop Redoubt Fort,
 Drop Redoubt Road, Dover

**DOVER WESTERN HEIGHTS
 2026 OPENING TIMES, EVENTS & WORKDAYS**
WWW.DOVERWESTERNHEIGHTS.ORG
 FIND US USING W3W AT ROUTINE.VARIETY.CATAPULT

WORKDAYS
 JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER WORK PARTIES, MEET
 AT THE DROP REDOUBT DROP REDOUBT ROAD,
 DOVER 10:30AM TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED
 15th March, 19th April, 17th May,
 19th July, 16th August, 18th October,
 15th November

SEE WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS, SITE INFORMATION,
 AND SUMMER MONTHLY TOUR DATES

THE GRAND SHAFT

15 th MARCH	10:30AM - 4:00PM
19 th APRIL	10:30AM - 4:00PM
17 th MAY	10:30AM - 4:00PM
19 th JULY	10:30AM - 4:00PM
16 th AUGUST	10:30AM - 4:00PM
18 th OCTOBER	10:30AM - 4:00PM
15 th NOVEMBER	10:30AM - 4:00PM



**DROP REDOUBT
 OPEN WEEKEND**
 20th - 21st June
NORTH ENTRANCE OPEN
 19th & 20th September
 DETAILS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER VIA WEBSITE



THE GRAND SHAFT, SNARGATE
 STREET, DOVER, KENT

SEARCH FOR US ON FACEBOOK
 Western Heights preservation Society

DONATE TO THE WORK OF THE
 SOCIETY VIA OUR GOFUNDME




**WOODNESBOROUGH
 FOOTBALL CLUB**

PLAYERS WANTED

TRIALS
 BEING HELD
**30TH
 MAY
 &
 6TH
 JUNE**
 AT
 WOODNESBOROUGH
 FC

UNDER 8's

PLEASE REGISTER INTEREST BY CONTACTING
 DWAYNE 07880221056 | CALVIN calv.wood@gmail.com

If your child will be entering into Year 3 this coming September then we would like to invite you to come along. Please do register your interest to come along on the day.
 Dwayne - 07880221056
 or email Calvin - calv.wood@gmail.com