



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### Message from the Headteacher

What an extraordinary week it has been—one filled with adventure, learning and plenty of proud moments across the school. As we head into the half-term break, it's lovely to reflect on everything the children have experienced and achieved.

Our Owls Class have had the most incredible time on their residential in Harelott, France. From the moment we arrived, the children embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and impeccable behaviour. One of the standout experiences was our visit to a local chocolate factory, where the children explored the full process of chocolate-making; from cocoa bean to beautifully crafted shapes and characters. They learned the French vocabulary for each stage of production and impressed the staff with their confident pronunciation and willingness to give everything a go. Their reward for such brilliant effort? A delicious chocolate treat, of course!

As if that wasn't enough excitement, the children also spent a day at a theme park in Belgium - meaning that over the course of the week, they set foot in three different countries. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to broaden their horizons, experience different cultures and make memories that will stay with them for years to come.

Back at the centre, the children took part in short French lessons before each meal, supported by the staff who helped them with reading, pronunciation and understanding. Mealtimes were a highlight in themselves, with a range of freshly prepared local dishes that the children were keen to try. Their manners, teamwork and positivity throughout the week were outstanding. Well done, Owls...you were a credit to the school.

Meanwhile, school life here has been just as busy and purposeful. Hedgehogs enjoyed a lovely trip to the library, where they explored a range of books and shared stories together. Their behaviour was excellent, and they walked beautifully - great ambassadors for our school.

Rabbits have also been out and about again, returning to The Pines for another hands-on learning experience. This time, they worked in teams to build enormous birds' nests, showing fantastic cooperation, problem-solving and creativity. The staff were full of praise for their enthusiasm and teamwork. Well done Rabbits, another brilliant week of outdoor learning.

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to thank all our staff for their hard work, energy and commitment, and our families for your continued support. The children have achieved so much over the past few weeks, both in and out of the classroom, and it has been a joy to see them grow in confidence, curiosity and independence.

I wish everyone a safe, restful and happy half-term break. Enjoy the time with your families, and I look forward to welcoming you all back soon for an exciting final stretch of the school year.

**Craig Ward - Headteacher**

### 'Celebration Assembly'

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

**Date:** Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 2:45pm

**Where:** School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Whole School Attendance

18/05/26 - 22/05/26

**94.2%**

01/09/25 - 22/05/26

**96.3%**





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### Star Awards



w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

**Hedgehogs** – All of Hedgehogs Class

**Rabbits** – Ashleigh

**Squirrels** – Phoebe

**Badgers** – Harrison

**Woodpeckers** – Oliver

**Owls** – All of Owls Class

### PTFA - Freeze Pop Fridays!

During Term 6 the PTFA will be selling Freeze pops on a Friday after school in the playground at the gazebo.

Freeze pops will cost 25p each and there will be a range of flavours to choose from.



### Remember:

Children return to school on  
Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June

Enjoy the half term holiday



### Term 6 Focus School Value

Our focus school value this term:

**Respect & tolerance**

### The Week Ahead

Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June**

- Start of Term 6
- Deadline to respond and pay for Hedgehogs Class trip
- Deadline to respond and pay for Rabbits Class trip

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

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

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June**

- **Kent Primary Schools Doubles Tennis Tournament** – selected pupils

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**

- **Netball Tournament** – selected pupils
- **'Celebration Assembly'** parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm
- **3:15pm PTFA selling freeze pops in the gazebo after school**

### Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

£2.75 per day

[Primary School Menu - Whole School Meals](#)

to pay for your meals online,  
please go to:

[www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/](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

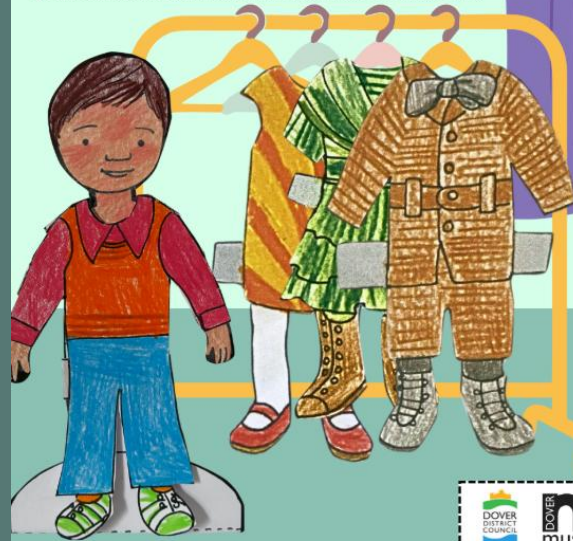
*We have plenty  
of pasta & pulses*

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK  
 UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER  
 CHARITY NO. 1212501

**Free craft activity**

Make and dress a paper doll

Saturday 30th May  
 drop-in 10:00 - 3:00  
 at Dover Museum



This is a free family art workshop taking place at Dover Museum on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The workshop is suitable for children aged 6 and over, however there will be activities for younger children within a family. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, and there is no need to book as the event is a drop-in activity.

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Canterbury



Children's  
Lit Festival

**Go Wild with Stories**

July 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2026



venues across Canterbury, Sturry & Heme



Full programme & tickets at  
[www.canterburykidslitfest.co.uk](http://www.canterburykidslitfest.co.uk)

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](http://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

15<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> May,  
19<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> October,  
15<sup>th</sup> November

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

**THE GRAND SHAFT**

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



**DROP REDOUBT OPEN WEEKEND**

20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June

**NORTH ENTRANCE OPEN**

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 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



**WESTERN HEIGHTS**  
Preservation Society

# 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](mailto:calv.wood@gmail.com)

## Community Noticeboard

**Little Explorers NURSERY SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**  
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN  
22<sup>ND</sup> JULY – FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**ALL FOOD, SNACKS & DRINKS included!**  
Nutritious meals, snacks and drinks provided throughout the day.

**TIMES & PRICES**  
Price per child  
8:30am – 3:30pm **£30**  
8:00am Breakfast Club **£5**  
3:30pm – 6:00pm **£15**

**20% OFF WITH TAX-FREE CHILDCARE**

**LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES!**

- SPORTS & FIELD GAMES
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- COOKING & BAKING
- MARIO KART TOURNAMENTS
- DANCE PARTIES
- WATER BATTLES
- LOCAL TRIPS & WALKS
- TENNIS & BADMINTON

**BOOK NOW!**  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

01304 273891  
office@litleexplorersastry.com

## HALF TERM AT THE RESERVE MAY 2026



Proud to support The National Year of Reading 2026.

GO ALL IN.

### TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 11AM READY TREES AND THE LITTLE SEED

Tree bead craft\* and 'The Little Seed', by Magdalene Tsirkas, an interactive story telling. The little seed is blown underground and rained on. A shoot appears and the sun shines. Something is growing – what will it be? This session is for preschoolers 3+, and the young at heart, in celebration of The National Year of Reading. \* Warning - activity contains small parts.

### 12.00PM STORY TIME - THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

Free story time in the picnic area at midday. No need to book.

### 1PM SLUGS AND SNAILS

What's the difference between a slug and a snail? *Shell* we find out? Discover the benefits of these slimy gastropods. Learn how to label the parts of a snail and make your own paper snail with a curly shell. How many types of slugs and snails can you identify on the reserve?

### THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 11AM BEE BUDDIES

Join us for a hands-on candle rolling session to learn the craft of beeswax candle rolling. Discover the properties of natural beeswax. Take home your beautiful creation. Create a honeycomb hive poster and then 'bee spot'.

### 1PM READY TREES AND THE LITTLE SEED (SEE ABOVE)

### FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> 11AM SLUGS AND SNAILS (SEE ABOVE)

**1PM BIG BUG HUNT** Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. It's time to search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified.

**HOW TO BOOK**  
[www.monkton-reserve.org/events/](http://www.monkton-reserve.org/events/)

Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

**MORE INFO:**  
[education@monkton-reserve.org](mailto:education@monkton-reserve.org)

### PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(Includes entrance to the reserve per child and for accompanying adults)

### WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve  
Canterbury Road  
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

**WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG**  
THAMET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST  
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)



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



## Portal House School

### Art Exhibition 2026



Please join us to celebrate the work of our wonderful Year 11 GCSE Art and Design students at our private view:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

4pm-6pm

The Vocational Room  
Portal House School  
Sea Street  
St Margaret's at Cliffe  
Dover Kent  
CT15 6SS