



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 12th June 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a busy and exciting week it has been at St Margaret's, despite the rather soggy weather. The rain certainly hasn't dampened our spirits, and the children have continued to shine in so many ways.

One of the real highlights was Owls Class visit to the Houses of Parliament as part of our personal development curriculum. This was an especially meaningful trip for all of our peer leaders to explore elections and representation in the 'real world'. The children learned how bills become laws, explored the principles of democracy and representation, and even walked through both the House of Commons and the House of Lords – standing in front of the benches (although we weren't allowed to sit as we hadn't been elected to represent that 'seat'). Many were surprised at how much smaller they are in real life compared to how they appear on television. We also got to follow the footsteps of Kings and Queens as we followed the route the monarch takes when they visit parliament, including an extra special visit to the 'Robing Room', where the King dresses for the State Opening of Parliament. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see British Values in action and understand how the decisions that shape our country are made.

Meanwhile, our Year 4 pupils have been working incredibly hard on their Multiplication Tables Check, which all Year 4 children across the country complete this week. Their determination, focus and positive attitude have been brilliant to see, and they should all feel very proud of themselves. The progress they've made over the year has been clear, and this week has been a real celebration of their effort.

Throughout the week, I've had the pleasure of visiting classrooms across the school with some special guests to show off our school, and I continue to be impressed by the quality of learning taking place. Children have been able to talk confidently about their work, make links between subjects, and draw on prior learning from earlier in the year and previous years. That ability to connect ideas is such an important part of deep learning, and it has been wonderful to hear it articulated so clearly by so many pupils.

Even with the rain pouring down outside, the atmosphere inside school has been full of energy, curiosity and enthusiasm. Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support; it makes such a difference to the children and to the life of our school.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, hopefully with a little more sunshine.

Craig Ward - Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 19th June

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:

Respect & tolerance

Whole School Attendance

08/06/26 – 12/06/26

95.6%

01/09/25 - 12/06/26

96.2%





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Class Photographs



Class photographs are being taken on **Monday morning** –clean uniform, shiny faces and a big smile please!

Birthdays

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

Ahmad	Owls
Genevieve	Badgers
Penelope-Beau	Squirrels
Thomas	Rabbits
Thea	Squirrels
Aurora	Hedgehogs
Jonathan	Woodpeckers
Jett	Rabbits
Zoe	Badgers
Leonard	Woodpeckers
Maia	Squirrels
Jasper	Owls
Adalyn	Rabbits
Charlie	Rabbits
Alfred	Rabbits
Grace	Hedgehogs



Term dates 2026/2027

- TERM 1 2026** 1 September 2026 - 23 October 2026
- TERM 2 2026** 2 November 2026 -18 December 2026
- TERM 3 2027** 4 January 2027 – 12 February 2027
- TERM 4 2027** 22 February 2027 – 25 March 2027
- TERM 5 2027** 12 April 2027 - 28 May 2027
- TERM 6 2027** 7 June 2027 - 21 July 2027

Our five staff training days are currently scheduled to be:-

- **1st September 2026**
- **2nd September 2026**
- **2nd November 2026**
- **4th January 2027**
- **28th May 2027**

Star Awards



As there has not been a Celebration Assembly today, Star Awards will be given out next week and names will appear in next week’s newsletter.

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 15th June 2026

Monday, 15th June

- **Kittle Photographic class photos**

Tuesday, 16th June

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

Wednesday, 17th June

- **Hedgehogs Class trip** – see separate letter for details

Thursday, 18th June

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

Friday, 19th June

- **New Reception Class Story & Rhyme time session – 10am to 10:45am**
- **‘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**

Saturday, 20th June

- **PTFA Summer Fair – 12pm to 3pm**

Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 15th 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/pay](http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay)



PTFA NEWS

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 20th June
12pm to 3pm

ST MARGARETS AT CLIFFE SCHOOL

GAMES, BBQ, DAPA
DANCE SHOW, DJ
KENTASTIC, BAR,
TOMBOLA, RAFFLE,
FACE PAINTING,
GLITTER TATTOS AND
MORE

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER THEIR
TIME PLEASE MESSAGE
STMACPTFA@GMAIL.COM



Community Noticeboard

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

JUNE 2026

- CUPPA SOUPS
- UHT MILK
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- INSTANT RICE
- 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

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 18th June

4pm-6pm

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



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



FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

22ND JULY – FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

 ALL FOOD, SNACKS & DRINKS included! <small>Nutritious meals, snacks and drinks provided throughout the day.</small>	TIMES & PRICES <small>Price per child</small> 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
 DANCE PARTIES	 WATER BATTLES	 LOCAL TRIPS & WALKS
 TENNIS & BADMINTON	 MARIO KART TOURNAMENTS	

BOOK NOW!
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

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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

MUSIC FOR STORIES 2

A family-friendly concert!

Sunday June 21st at 5pm

CHARLTON CHURCH, ST ALPHEGE ROAD, DOVER

Bradstow Symphony Orchestra AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

directed by Jacob Bride

Alan Ewing,
narrator

Joanne Whalley,
soprano

film music & songs from the stage!

PETER and the WOLF

GAME OF THRONES

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Sponsored by

Refreshments £12 / free to under-18s & Universal Credit

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

VOLUNTEERS

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

NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRY FEE APPLIES

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

COMICON

AT THE MUSEUM

JUNE 20TH-21ST 2026

10AM - 4PM

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

@RAF Manston History Museum
WHAT THREE WORDS - REHARRIED.MORNINGS.PAVE

BOOK HERE

Charity No. 1179982

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS