



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Message from the Headteacher

What a lively and uplifting week it has been in school. Even with the famously changeable British weather keeping us on our toes, the children have thrown themselves into their learning and adventures with real enthusiasm. As the temperatures rise again, a gentle reminder that hats and water bottles are essential in school; sunshine is wonderful, but we want everyone to stay safe and comfortable during the hotter spells.

Two of our classes have enjoyed fantastic trips this week, each packed with excitement, curiosity and plenty of animals to discover. Rabbits Class had a brilliant day at Wingham Wildlife Park, where they explored everything from meerkats to monkeys and were full of questions and observations. The children represented the school beautifully; polite, engaged and eager to learn. It was a joy hearing them talk about their favourite animals and the new facts they'd picked up along the way.

Hedgehogs Class also had a wonderful adventure, this time to Wildwood. They were captivated by the big animals and delighted by the smaller creatures tucked away in the woodland enclosures. Wildwood is such a special place for helping children understand conservation and British wildlife, and our Hedgehogs made the very most of it. A huge thank you to all staff and volunteers who supported both trips, these experiences stay with children for years.

Back in school, I've had the pleasure this week of meeting potential new staff members who are keen to join our team. I was genuinely blown away by the calibre of candidates. Their passion for children, commitment to inclusive practice and enthusiasm for being part of our school family shone through in every conversation. Choosing just one person was incredibly difficult, and that in itself is a testament to the strength of the field. I look forward to introducing our new team member soon.

Looking ahead, tomorrow brings one of the highlights of our school calendar...the Summer Fair. Last year's was a scorcher, and it looks like we're in for another hot day, so please do come prepared with sun protection. The fair promises to be full of fun, food, games and community spirit, and I'm very much looking forward to seeing as many families as possible. Events like this remind us what makes our school so special: the warmth, the togetherness and the shared pride in everything we do.

Despite the mix of rain showers and sunshine this week, the atmosphere around school has been consistently positive. Children have been working hard, supporting one another and showing great resilience; whether in the classroom, on trips or simply navigating the unpredictable weather. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes all the difference.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and I hope to see many of you at the fair tomorrow.

Craig Ward - Headteacher

**'Celebration Assembly'**

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

**Date:** Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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

15/06/26 – 19/06/26	01/09/25 - 19/06/26
<b>97.1%</b>	<b>96.2%</b>



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### Dressing Up Donations

We are currently looking to expand our collection of dressing up clothes to support imaginative play and enhance our school playtime experience.

Dressing up helps children develop creativity, confidence, and social skills, and we would love to offer them a wide variety of costumes to enjoy. If you have any outgrown or unused dressing up clothes at home, we would greatly appreciate your donations. Please hand in any donations to the school office.

Thank you very much for your continued support—it really does make a difference to our children's play and learning.



### The Week Ahead

#### Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

- **Sports Day 1pm start on sports field**
- **No swimming for Squirrels Class this week**

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**

- **'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**

### Star Awards



w/e 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Hedgehogs** – Amelia & All of Hedgehogs

**Rabbits** – All of Rabbits & Eleanor

**Squirrels** – Joseph & Jessica

**Badgers** – Arlo & Toby

**Woodpeckers** – Izzabella & Christopher

**Owls** – Ruby & Ahmad

### Sports Day

Date : **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

Time : **1pm**

Where: **Sports Field**

All children will change into their PE kits and coloured House T-shirts for the afternoon. Please remember, at this time of year, sun hats, water bottles and sun screen are essential. We look forward to seeing all of the children in their coloured House team T-shirts and to welcoming you as supporters.

Gates to the top field will open at 12:45pm, no need to report at the office.



### Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 22<sup>nd</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/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



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.***

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[FriendsofStMargaretofAntioch@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofStMargaretofAntioch@gmail.com)



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## 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

## Sing and Sign Southeast Kent



### Helping babies communicate before speech

For babies from 6 months



BOOK A TASTER



FIND A CLASS

Wednesdays – 10:00–11:00  
Dymchurch Scout Hut, Dymchurch

Thursdays – 10:00–11:00  
St Radigunds Community Centre, Dover

Fridays – 10:00–11:00  
Grace Taylor Hall, Folkestone

Fun, interactive and relaxed baby classes teaching signing through music

sarahdouglas@singandsign.co.uk @singandsignsoutheastkent  
Sarah – 07845 652 022 @singandsignsoutheastkent



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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!



**BOOK NOW!**  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

01304 273891  
office@littleexplorersseastry.com

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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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

### VOLUNTEERS

**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

NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRY FEE APPLIES

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

Charity No. 1179982

# COMICON

AT THE MUSEUM

JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>-21<sup>ST</sup> 2026  
10AM - 4PM

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL [INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK)

@RAF Manston History Museum  
WHAT THREE WORDS - REHARRIED, HORNINGS, PAYE

BOOK HERE

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