



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 3rd July 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a fabulous, memorable week it has been at school. I think many of us are still smiling after the Hedgehogs' wonderful class assembly. Their "Growing Up" song brought more than a few tears to the eye, and rightly so; they performed with such heart, confidence, and togetherness. The children shared everything they've been learning about the beach and the incredible animal life found along our coastline, speaking with real expertise and pride. It was one of those assemblies that reminds you just how quickly they're growing, and how much they're capable of when they work together.

As if that wasn't enough excitement, we had an impromptu visit from the Goodyear blimp drifting right over the school earlier in the week. We were lucky to get everyone out into the playground in time to see it pass overhead. The children's reactions were priceless and some of their knowledge about airships, including the roles they played in WW1, was genuinely impressive. Moments like that show just how curious and informed our pupils are.

This week also saw our transition morning, and the buzz around the school was fantastic. Children met their new teachers, explored their new classrooms, and began imagining the year ahead. We were delighted to welcome Mr Brinicombe, who will be joining us as Headteacher in September. He spent the morning meeting parents on the playground and visiting every classroom, getting to know the children and the warm, vibrant community he'll soon be part of. His enthusiasm and genuine interest in the children shone through, and it was lovely to see how naturally he connected with everyone. To coin a phrase 'the future's bright'!

Badgers enjoyed another brilliant mini-trip to The Pines, where they rounded off their visit with a scavenger hunt that had them racing around with huge excitement. They returned full of stories, treasures, and muddy knees - always a sign of a good adventure.

And of course, we must celebrate our fantastic Sports Day on Monday. The atmosphere was incredible, with children cheering each other on, showing great sportsmanship, and giving their all in every event. I thoroughly enjoyed the day, and from speaking to parents and pupils afterwards, it's clear that it was a real highlight of the term. Thank you to everyone who came along to support; your encouragement means the world to the children.

As we move towards the end of term, weeks like this remind us of what makes our school such a special place: children who are curious, kind, and full of enthusiasm; staff who go above and beyond; and families who support us every step of the way. Thank you, as always, for being part of our community.

Wishing you all a restful weekend ahead.

Craig Ward - Headteacher

No Celebration Assembly

Due to the following event taking place we will not be holding a Celebration Assembly next week.

10th July - Rocksteady Music Concert

Our focus school value this term:

Respect & tolerance

Whole School Attendance

29/06/26 – 03/07/26

98.2%

01/09/25 - 03/07/26

96.2%





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Birthdays

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



Rose	Hedgehogs
Ivy	Badgers
Paisley	Woodpeckers
Isla	Squirrels
Leah	Hedgehogs
Theodore	Badgers
Iris	Rabbits
Lydia	Woodpeckers
Mya	Woodpeckers
Jessica	Hedgehogs
Joel	Rabbits
Rosa	Hedgehogs
Savannah	Hedgehogs
Arlo	Badgers
Max	Rabbits
Poppy	Badgers
Laila	Owls
India-Rose	Woodpeckers
Tobias	Badgers

Art Exhibition 8th-12th July A Year In Art

We're excited to invite you to our art exhibition.

Please do come and enjoy artwork produced by all children across the school. Children and staff will be visiting the exhibition according to the timetable sent to parent/carers. If you would like to coincide your visit with the relevant class - please note these times are approximate and do include walking to and from the Pines Calyx. You are, of course, welcome at any time between 10am and 4pm.

The exhibition will be open to the public at these times.

Year 6 Leavers' Party

We are pleased to advertise, on behalf of the parent/carers of Year 6, a Leavers' Party for the Year 6 children. This has been privately organised by the parents of Year 6 and they have asked us to say that everyone is welcome to come along.

Extra-curricular Clubs

Please note that all extra-curricular after school clubs have now finished for the term and all children need to be collected at 3.15pm every day.

Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 6th July 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





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Is your child entitled to Free school meals?



If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, it is crucial that you register your child on the Kent County Council online application service for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (before September 2026 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods.)
- From September 2026 all pupils from families claiming universal credit are entitled to a free school meal.



Apply Now!

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 6th July 2026

CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THIS TERM

Monday, 6th July

- **New Reception Class Story & Rhyme time session – 10am to 10:45am**
- **'GIGGLEBOX' tickets on sale** from 3pm outside Owls classroom

Tuesday, 7th July

- **Track Athletics Event** – selected pupils
- **Squirrels Class Swimming** - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.
- **GIGGLEBOX' tickets on sale** from 3pm outside Owls classroom

Wednesday, 8th July

- **Art Exhibition** – see letter for details

Thursday, 9th July

- **Owls Class dress rehearsal of 'GIGGLEBOX' to the rest of the school**
- **6pm Owls Class 'GIGGLEBOX' Production**

Friday, 10th July

- **No 'Celebration Assembly'**
- **3:15pm PTFA selling freeze pops in the gazebo after school**

Engineering Racing Team Enjoys a Fantastic Weekend at Goodwood!

Our Engineering Racing Team had an amazing weekend at Goodwood Race Circuit, where everyone showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and friendship throughout the event.

The team took part in exciting driving challenges, including tricky slalom courses that tested their steering, control, and concentration. Every driver gave their best effort, showing great skill and confidence as they carefully navigated the course.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the pit stop challenge. Team members worked together brilliantly, encouraging one another and cheering each other on as they completed each task. Both cars raced around 'The Lap of Champions' passing numerous other electric cars with excellent finish times. Their positive attitudes and teamwork helped everyone feel confident and proud of their achievements.

Throughout the event, the children shared their driving skills, learned from one another, and celebrated each other's successes. It was wonderful to see everyone supporting their friends, demonstrating respect, kindness, and excellent sportsmanship.

The weekend was a fantastic success, and our Engineering Racing Team represented the school with enthusiasm, determination, and outstanding teamwork.

Well done to everyone who took part—we are incredibly proud of you all!

Mr Oliver



PTFA NEWS

SUMMER FAIR

THANK YOU FOR
A WONDERFUL
SUMMER FAIR!

WE RAISED AN AMAZING
£1650

A huge thank you to everyone who came along
and supported our Summer Fair.

We are incredibly grateful to all the volunteers who
gave their time to help run stalls and activities, and
to everyone who generously donated prizes. Your
support made the event such a success.

Thank you all for making it such a memorable day!

PTFA



Participate Together, raise Pounds and Add value
Charity Reg No: 11879322

Community Noticeboard

SPORT FRENZY

MULTI-SPORTS CLUBS

PLAY. LEARN. HAVE FUN.
TRY NEW SPORTS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

FOOTBALL BASKETBALL DODGEBALL TEAM GAMES & MORE!

A VARIETY OF SPORTS & GAMES EVERY DAY!

DATES:

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS
27 th JULY	28 th JULY
3 rd AUGUST	4 th AUGUST
10 th AUGUST	11 th AUGUST
17 th AUGUST	18 th AUGUST
24 th AUGUST	25 th AUGUST

10AM – 3PM

£ £20 PER DAY

sportfrenzydover@gmail.com OR BOOK THROUGH SOCIALS!

SPORT FRENZY & DEAL VICTORIA & BARNES CLOSE C.C.

CRICKET HOLIDAY CLUBS

DATES

WEDNESDAY 5 th AUGUST	10:00AM – 3:00PM
THURSDAY 6 th AUGUST	£ £20 PER DAY
WEDNESDAY 19 th AUGUST	AGES 5-13
THURSDAY 20 th AUGUST	

CRICKET SKILLS FUN GAMES MATCHES & COMPETITIONS ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

VENUE:
DEAL VICTORIA & BARNES CLOSE CRICKET CLUB
Court Road, Walmer, Kent, CT14 7RQ

BOOK THROUGH SOCIALS OR EMAIL! sportfrenzydover@gmail.com

CREATING MAGICAL MEMORIES

MEET & GREET

PlayBASE DOVER

SOFTPLAY AND MUCH MORE

COME AND MEET THE TEAM

PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDREN

SCHOOLS IN THE DOVER AREA

£5 FOR TWO HOURS

FREE JUICE

MUST BOOK

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2026 TO FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2026

PLEASE CHECK THE TIMETABLE TO SEE WHAT DATE AND TIME YOUR SCHOOL IS IN!

EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE UPSTAIRS SEATING AREA

MEET NEW AND OLD FRIENDS BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTS

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

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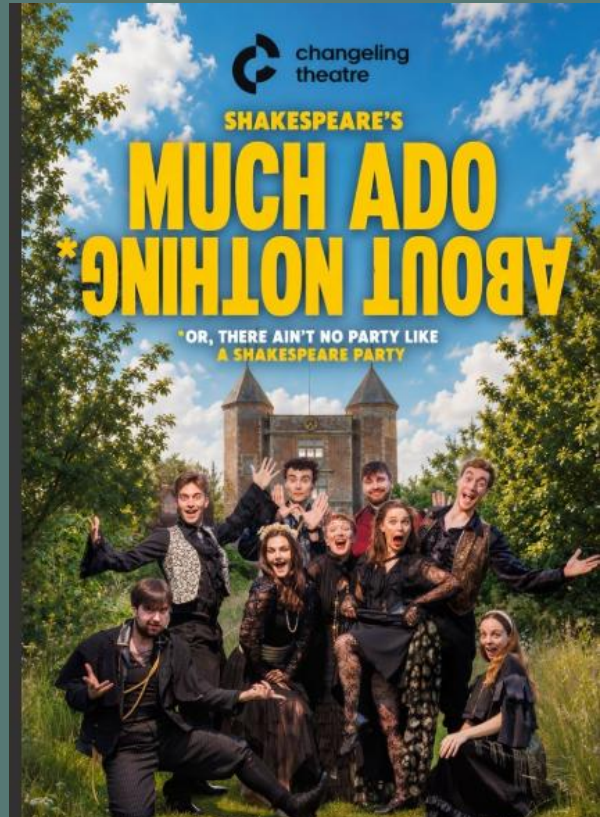
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

23RD - 30TH AUGUST 2026

CATEGORIES:
 8U / 9U / 10U / 11U* / 12U* / 14U* / 16U* / 18U* SINGLES (*Qualifying)
 14U / 18U BOYS / GIRLS / MIXED DOUBLES
 MEN'S / WOMEN'S / SINGLES / DOUBLES / MIXED DOUBLES
 35 & OVER MEN'S / WOMEN'S SINGLES

CLOSING DATE
 SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST - 10AM

Sponsored by **Keyrock** **Bromley** TENNIS CENTRE



changing theatre

SHAKESPEARE'S MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

*OR, THERE AIN'T NO PARTY LIKE A SHAKESPEARE PARTY

PERFORMED IN THE OPEN AIR

JULY - AUGUST 2025

BEAUTIFUL VENUES ACROSS THE UK

TICKETS FROM £15

BOOK NOW
changing-theatre.com

'Much Ado About Nothing', starring one of parents, are performing at our very own Dover Castle. They are playing one night only (9th July) as a guest show at The Deal Music and Arts Festival.

Tickets for the Dover Castle show on 9th July at 7pm are booked through the Deal Arts and Music Festival website dealmusicandarts.com

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

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READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



Free Children's Activities at Dover Library

Rock and Roll Rules!

Monday 10 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Nature's Waves

Monday 17 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

From Page to Stage

Monday 24 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Find Your Groove – Musical Formats

Saturday 29 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Silent Disco Circuit

Saturday 5 September, 1.30pm – 3pm

All events suitable for ages 4 – 11 years old.

Children must be always accompanied by a responsible adult.



Explore what's on at kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge



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READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



Free Children's Activities at Dover Library

Find Your Beat – Meet and Greet

Saturday 4 July, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Rhythm and Sound

Saturday 11 July, 1.30pm – 3pm

Sing, Speak and Shine

Saturday 18 July, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Move to the World Beats!

Monday 27 July, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Super Soundtracks

Monday 3 August, 10.30am to 12:30pm

All events suitable for ages 4 – 11 years old.

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Skirmish At The Museum

11th - 12th
July 2026

...breathing new life into history
10am to 4pm



SKIRMISHES
THROUGHOUT THE DAY!



INTERACTION
ENCOURAGED!



ALL ERAS
WELCOME!



OPTIONAL PRE-
BOOKING AVAILABLE



VEHICLE RIDES
AND AIRCRAFT

Bar available

All proceeds to the museum
and local Veteran's
Association

Some re-enactors may fire
blank guns
and cannons, which can be
loud!

Normal museum entry prices apply.



If you have any questions,
please contact us at:
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www.rafmanston.co.uk

What3Words: remarried.mornings.pave

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.



FREE WEEKLY SPORTS SESSIONS

FOR YOUNGSTERS IN
THE DEAL AREA
TRY SOMETHING NEW

Free multi-sport sessions at
Victoria Park, Deal

July 2026: 9th and 23rd
August 2026: 6th and 27th
September 2026: 10th and 24th
October 2026: 8th and 22nd
February 2027: 11th and 25th
March 2027: 11th and 25th

No need to book – just turn up!

Scan the QR code for times and more
details or visit:

www.dover.gov.uk/deal-sport-session

