



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 10th July 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a week it's been. As we get closer to the end of term, the days seem to get busier, louder, and more joyful; and this week has been full of moments that really reminded me why our school community is such a special place.

First, a huge highlight was our whole-school visit to *The Pines* to see the children's artwork displayed in a real exhibition. It was brilliant to see the children wander around, spot their own pieces, and proudly point them out to their friends and families. There's something magical about seeing their work in a proper gallery space - it gives them such a sense of achievement. What really made my day, though, were the comments from parents and visitors. So many of you took the time to say how impressed you were, not just with the artwork but with the children's behaviour. A few people mentioned specific classes and how mature, polite, and calm they were throughout the visit. I couldn't agree more. They represented the school beautifully, and I want to say a genuine well done to every single one of them.

Another big celebration this week was the Year 6 play. After weeks of rehearsals, practising lines, sorting costumes, and building up excitement, the final performance was an absolute triumph. The children were fantastic - confident, funny, expressive, and clearly loving every minute on stage. It was one of those performances where you could see how much hard work had gone in behind the scenes, and it all paid off. Year 6, you should be incredibly proud of yourselves. You gave us a show to remember.

Yesterday evening, End of Year Reports went home, and I want to share how uplifting it was to read through them beforehand. Every single report told a story of progress - not just academically, but personally. Confidence, resilience, kindness, independence, friendships, perseverance... all those things that matter just as much as reading, writing, and maths. It was wonderful to see how far each child has come this year. Parents, thank you for the support you give at home; staff, thank you for your dedication and care; and children, well done for everything you've achieved. You've earned every bit of praise in those reports.

As we head into the final days of term, there will be more chances to celebrate, reflect, and enjoy time together. But for now, I just want to say thank you; to the children for being brilliant, to the staff for giving their all, and to you, our families, for being such an important part of our school community.

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Craig Ward - Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend
Mr Ward's final Celebration Assembly.

Date: Friday, 17th July

Time: 2:30pm (earlier start time)

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Whole School Attendance

06/07/26 – 10/07/26

97.8%

01/09/25 - 10/07/26

96.3%





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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.

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.



Family Picnic - Thursday, 16th July

You are all warmly invited – weather permitting – to join us for our end of term family picnic on the field on Thursday, 16th July at 3.15pm. Bring your own picnic and sweet treats will be available to buy from the ice cream van.



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>

Our focus school value this term:
Respect & tolerance

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 13th July 2026

CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THIS TERM

Tuesday, 14th July

- Badgers Class Music Assembly – 2:50pm in the school hall

Thursday, 16th July

- 2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall
- 3:15pm Family Picnic on the top field

Friday, 17th July

- **'Celebration Assembly'** parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:30pm (please note earlier start time)
- 3:15pm PTFA selling freeze pops in the gazebo after school
- Last Day of Term

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 13th 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



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 Funds and Add value!
Charity Reg No: 1167322

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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

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CREATING MAGICAL MEMORIES

MEET & GREET

PLAYBASE DOVER
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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

JULY 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. 1212501

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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



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

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

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



Supported by Kent Council, Kent County Council, Kent Libraries, Kent County Council, Kent.gov.uk

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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BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. Search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified. The hunt is on!

BOGGARTS

Boggarts are strange little creatures that live in woods and play tricks on people. Find out more about these crafty creatures and make your own using leaves, twigs and seeds.

FOLKLORE AND FLEECY TREES Trees have stories to tell. Their fruits, leaves and seeds take on different meanings across time and cultures. Join this 'Tree Walk', with a simple tree craft for children in the shade of the woods.

GROW A GARDEN in a box. Using a mixture of seeds, and compost made on the reserve, colour your label and sow your garden. Add plant markers.

POND DIPPING Nymphs and newts; beetles and boatmen. Explore the micro-habitat of pondlife at Monkton. Ages 6+.

STORY TIME Free nature stories read by our Volunteers.

STORY WALK Inspired by 'The Lost Words', a book dedicated to encouraging a love of nature in children. We will visit some of the species in the book; Newt, Willow and Ivy. The session will end in the Education Garden, where we will make willow hearts.

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty vegetable tagine, made together, with the reserve as a back-drop.

WORM COMPOSTING: Join 'Compost King' John, in 'Compost Corner' to find out about our busy, composting worms and our hot composter. Why is compost so important? Prepare food for the worm workforce. Make a compost bin character.

JULY	11AM	11.30AM	12PM	1PM	AUGUST	11AM	12PM	1PM
21st:	Bugs	Story	Pond		11th:	Worms	Story	Folklore
23rd:	Bugs		Pond		13th:	Pond		Garden
24th:	Bugs		Pond		14th:	Bugs		Boggarts
28th:	Pond	W.C'm	Story	Folklore	18th:	Bugs	Story	Walk
31st:	Bugs			Boggarts	20th:	Walk		Pond
AUG 11AM		12PM	1PM		21st:	Bugs		Folklore
4th:	Boggarts	Story	Pond		25th:	Folklore	Story	Garden
6th:	Bugs		Walk		27th:	Bugs		Walk
7th:	Folklore		Garden		28th:	Pond		Boggarts



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/

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

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

WEEKLY SPORTS SESSIONS

FREE

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



DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY Uprising

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:
info@rafmanston.co.uk
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.

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the Quiz Trails short stories books, three Quiz Trails of your
choice PLUS a selection of sweet treats!

Three runner-up winners will each win
3 Quiz Trails of your choice!

Enter on our website
www.QuizTrail.co.uk

*Closing date 31st July 2026 at
11.59pm. Free to enter - no purchase
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