



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 9th October 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Harvest

We have had a couple of amazing opportunities to celebrate harvest. On Friday, 2nd October children in Year 1-6 visited St. Margaret's of Antioch Church. The children were in awe as they entered the Church and showed a great level of respect during the service. We sang songs, shared poetry and artwork but we spent time reflecting on why we are thankful at this time of the year. We recognised the hard work our farmers put in to growing and harvesting food and reflected on a particularly difficult year for our local farmers. The children donated food at the altar for the Dover Food Bank and we had a great story and blessing from Rev Jo. Thank you to Viv Verren who kindly opened the Church for us and helped us with our sound.

Mr Brinicombe had a great treat attending the Harvest stay and play with parents of Hedgehogs this week. The children were eager to show parents their incredible classrooms as well as all the exciting activities they had. Mr Brinicombe said he has never eaten so many variations of mud kitchen porridge!

Social Media

We are trying to ensure our social media channels are live and active. Please follow along to be part of our journey and share our story with friends as we become the school to attend locally.

Instagram - @stmargaretscpschool

Facebook – St Margaret's At Cliffe Community Primary School

Football is back!

McCarthy Cup tournament Deal

St Margaret's At Cliffe took part in the McCarthy Cup with a group of Year 4, 5 and 6 children, representing the school in a 7-a-side competition against six other schools.

The challenge was set from the start. Our team had only been together for two weeks, while many other schools had teams made up primarily of Year 5 and 6 children. The aim was not just to play football, but to show the school's values – and one word in particular became the theme of the afternoon: resilience.

The team finished the tournament with 1 win, 3 draws and 2 loses. There were particularly special moments for Dylan who scored a fantastic 20-yard strike and Finley who scored from a corner!

A huge well done from everyone at school.

Our thanks to Mr Powell for stepping in at the last minute and to Mrs Hollowday for helping manage the children.

Parking plea

The school is not responsible for parental parking outside of the school grounds. The road is under the jurisdiction of KCC highways with parking offences reported to Dover District Council. The more problems reported to DDC, the more likelihood we can request parking services attend the school during busy periods. Parking on zig zags is an offence and fines will be issued when the patrols visit the school.

Please use the following form to report problem parking (where there are restrictions in place such as yellow lines, zig zags or loading bays)

[Instructions | Report parking faults and problems](#)

Neil Brinicombe – Headteacher



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Celebration Assembly

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

Date: Friday, 16th October

Time: 8:50am

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Star Awards

w/e 2nd & 9th October

Hedgehogs – Lily & Maud

Rabbits – Alfred & Lily

Otters – Joel & Felix

Squirrels – Julius & Beatrix

Badgers – Thomas & Phoebe

Woodpeckers – Sophia & Adam

Owls – Isabelle S & Camille



Whole School Attendance

05/10/26 – 09/10/26

96.8%



Our focus school value this term:

Responsibility

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 12th October 2026

Thursday, 15th October

- **Hedgehogs & Rabbits Classes Trip** – see letter for details

Friday, 16th October

- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 8:45am

Reception Class 2027



We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023? If so, they will be eligible to start school in September 2027.

We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Please see our poster below advertising an Open Evening we will be holding for prospective parents.

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

Parents and families are welcome to visit our wonderful school and grounds.

Join us for our open evening on:

Thursday 22nd October

6pm to 7pm

Come and hear from the headteacher, meet the governors and listen to our pupils sharing why St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School is so special to them as they guide you around the school. Book your place by ringing our school office on **01304 852639**.



**St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe
Primary School**

www.stmargaretsprimary.co.uk

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 12th October 2026

£2.75 per day

[Summer Menu](#)

to pay for your meals online, please go to:

www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay



PTFA



Participate Together, raise Funds and Add value!
Charity Reg No: 1187522

Email: stmacptfa@gmail.com

PTFA NEWS



Welcome back to our PTFA page. We will use this space to keep you up to date with upcoming events, fundraising activities, and other PTFA news.

We are always looking for volunteers to help organise and run our events. If you are able to offer any support, whether regularly or occasionally, we would love to hear from you.

For those who are new to the school or unfamiliar with the PTFA, we would like to introduce our core committee members:

- **Sally and Dave Wiltsher** – parents of a child in **Badgers Class**
- **Emma Pearson** – parent of a child in **Woodpeckers Class**
- **Kirsty Harper** – parent of children in **Otters** and **Badgers Classes**
- **Sarah Stanislawski** – parent of children in **Squirrels, Badgers, and Owls Classes**

We look forward to working together to support our school community and create enjoyable experiences for all our children and families.

How Our Fundraising Has Been Spent

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in several projects that benefit our school community:

- The purchase of **four gazebos**, which were successfully used during Sports Day.
- A **£700 grant from St Margaret's Parish Council**, which funded tables for the new Creative Arts Room.
- The installation of a **secure door on the PTFA garage**, providing safe and secure storage for equipment and resources.

We are incredibly grateful for everyone's support, which helps us continue to improve facilities and opportunities for our pupils.



PTFA

CAKE SALE

THURSDAY 22ND
OCTOBER 3.15PM

PLEASE DROP DONATIONS OFF AT RECEPTION
FROM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

IF HOME BAKED PLEASE INCLUDE A LIST OF
INGREDIENTS

NUT FREE

Community Noticeboard



WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER HALF TERM

- 🎃 Monday pony morning 9am - 1pm £40
- 🦉 Wednesday pony morning 9am - 1 pm £40
- 🦉 Thursday Halloween beginners pony ride 10am - 11am £20
- 🎃 Friday Showjumping competition 12pm onwards

Lessons and hacks available 7 days a week

Please book using the online system

Any questions please email owlstables@aol.com



Kids Go Free!

NHS sight tests are **FREE** for children.

HALF TERM eye tests available for children at Biggs Opticians.



Come along in spooky dress up for a prize!

Appointments available at both practices.
Deal 01304 381330
Dover 01304 201000

Or Book Online



www.biggsopticians.co.uk

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Community Noticeboard



St Margaret's Jumble Sale in aid of St Margaret's Nursery

Wednesday 4th November 10am – 12 noon.

At St Margaret's Village Hall, Reach Road, CT15 6AP
Refreshments available. 50p entry

Have a good clear out and donate items
you no longer need or use –
clothes, shoes, bags, hats, scarves,
household linen, toys, books, puzzles, pictures,
kitchenware, household bric-a-brac etc etc.

Good quality items, suitable for re-use.

Please drop off all donated items
at the Village Hall
on Tuesday 3rd November 2pm – 7pm

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- ☒ INSTANT MASH
- ☒ TINNED SOUP
- ☒ TINNED VEGETABLES
- ☒ PASTA SAUCES
- ☒ MALE & FEMALE DEODORANT
- ☒ PASTA N SAUCE
- ☒ NOODLES
- ☒ TOILET ROLLS

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INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 1212901

St Margaret's Players Presents



15th - 17th October 2026
19:30 15th & 16th | 14:30 17th

St Margaret's Village Hall, CT15 6AP

Adult: £12 Concession: £10

Tickets: post office | village shop | online | on the door

Box Office: 01304 852975

www.stmargaretsplayers.com

