



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 11th September 2026

Message from the Headteacher

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, see their new classrooms, seating and had a look at the initial learning in their books. We look forward to more opportunities to welcome you in this term.

As the children become familiar with new school routines, develop relationships in the classroom with adults and other children, the expectations in learning will continue to increase. We are very interested in helping children to know more and remember more so will be speaking with children about their learning in the upcoming weeks of term 1 so if you hear 'Mr Brinicombe took me out to talk about my learning today' don't worry, this will become a familiar routine.

Well done to all of Year 6. The children sitting the Kent Test (PESE) were an absolute credit to parents. They worked tirelessly throughout the day and we wish them the very best of luck if they are attempting the Grammar School Tests this weekend.

Trading cards

We have seen a noticeable increase in children bringing in Pokémon and Football cards into school. Whilst we think this can be very engaging at break and lunch times, it is important to establish some rules.

- Children cannot swap/trade cards in school as this generally causes upset.
- Children can bring one tin or folder only into school.
- All cards must remain in bags during lesson time.
- The school will accept no responsibility for lost or stolen cards (if they are precious, don't bring them to school.)

PE Kit

As you have been made aware, children are allowed to come into school in PE kit on PE days. This has many positives for teaching and learning and reducing transition times however, your child is not allowed to wear earrings for PE and we do not allow children to tape earrings. Please remove earrings before school as this ensures they cannot be lost. This is in line with The Association of PE's 'Safe Practice in Physical Education and School Sport'. If you have had your child's ears pierced over the summer, please write a letter excusing them from PE for the six-week period recommended. They will be assigned a non-physical role during PE lessons to avoid injury.

Sports Teams

We are keen to introduce a range of sports teams to the school throughout the year. At primary school, competitions are aimed at Years 5 and 6. To begin with, we have informed children in Year 4, 5 and 6 of football trials for Monday lunchtime. We will select a squad of approximately 15 players and these will be selected on ability. Children must have PE kit and football boots or trainers. Children need to be able to represent the school and if there are any concerns with their behaviour they may not be selected to play. Not all children will get into this squad but we will be aiming to give children the chance to represent the school in other sports throughout the year.

Have a lovely weekend and good luck to Year 6's sitting the Grammar Tests!

Neil Brinicombe – Interim Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 18th September

Time: 8:50am (please note new time)

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our focus school value this term:

Responsibility

Whole School Attendance

07/09/26 – 11/09/26

97.4%





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Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the children who celebrate their birthday in September.

Julius	Squirrels
Lily	Rabbits
Isaac	Otters
Sofia	Woodpeckers
Esmee	Owls
Eloise	Woodpeckers
Maisey	Woodpeckers
Aliyah	Rabbits
Amsavi	Woodpeckers
Alfie	Hedgehogs
Stanley	Badgers
Oliver	Otters
Margot	Squirrels



Peter Pan Pantomime & The Reluctant Dragon

Families of children in all classes will have received a Parentmail regarding our Christmas trips. The deadline to respond and pay is **Friday, 18th September**. As the letter explains, we have to send back to the Marlowe any unused tickets by this date so the **deadline cannot be extended**; please support us and your child by responding in good time.



Star Awards



Rabbits – All of Rabbits Class
Otters – Bohdi-Blue
Squirrels - Freya
Badgers - Jessica
Woodpeckers – Daniel & Dolcee
Owls – Esmee & Grace

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.

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 14th September 2026
NO CLUBS

Friday, 18th September

- Marlowe Theatre Trips deadline **NO EXTENSION CAN BE GIVEN TO THIS DEADLINE.**
- ‘Celebration Assembly’ – parent/carers invited to attend.
Please come to the school office at 8:45am

Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 14th September 2026

£2.75 per day

[Summer Menu](#)

to pay for your meals online, please go to:

[www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/
pay](http://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!

Community Noticeboard

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS HARVEST 2026



- ☒ CUPPA SOUPS
- ☒ UHT MILK
- ☒ FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- ☒ INSTANT RICE
- ☒ TINNED SPAGHETTI
- ☒ TINNED TOMATOES
- ☒ INSTANT MASH
- ☒ TINNED SOUP
- ☒ TINNED VEGETABLES
- ☒ PASTA SAUCES
- ☒ MALE & FEMALE DEODORANT
- ☒ PASTA N SAUCE
- ☒ NOODLES
- ☒ TOILET ROLLS

PLEASE NOTE
We have plenty of Pet Food & Nappies

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 1212501

GET READY FOR A WILD DAY! GARAGE SAFARI

HUNT FOR TREASURES • FIND AMAZING BARGAINS!

DATE: Saturday 12th September
WHERE: Martin Mill & East Langdon
TIME: 10am – 2pm

FOLLOW THE SAFARI TRAIL & HUNT FOR BARGAINS!
SPOT IT FIND IT BAG IT!

£10 PER HOUSE FOR YOUR LOCATION ON THE MAP
BE SEEN • BRING MORE PEOPLE • SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!

PROCEEDS WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN
Pilgrims Hospice & THE LANGDON PARK

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

ONE DAY ONLY!
COME ON A BARGAIN HUNT – YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'LL FIND!

WINGS & WHEELS WEEKEND 2026

| 12TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER | 10AM TO 4PM |
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF



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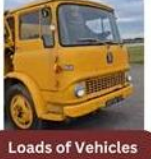
Climb in the Cockpits



Fire Engine Rides



Tank Rides



Loads of Vehicles



Museum Entry

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE
USUAL MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES APPLY | RIDE ADMISSION SEPARATE

info@rafmanston.co.uk www.rafmanston.co.uk

What Three Words - remarried.mornings.pave

Refreshments available

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

KIDS TENNIS COACHING

ST MARGARETS LTC



WEDNESDAYS TERM TIME

3.45PM – AGES 7-10 YRS
4.45PM – AGES 10-14 YRS

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY VIA WWW.CHTENNIS.CO.UK






Community Noticeboard

**SHIELDS STUDIOS**
INSPIRING CONFIDENCE AND CREATIVITY THROUGH MUSICAL THEATRE



MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

CONFIDENCE | CREATIVITY | JOY

Classes for children who want to sing, dance, act and grow in confidence without the pressure of auditions or competition!



MINIS
(Ages 4-6)
Tuesdays 3:45pm-4:45pm
OR
Saturdays 9:30am-10:30am
£7.50 per class paid termly

JUNIORS
(Ages 7-10)
Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm
OR
Saturdays 10:45am-12:15pm
£11 per class paid termly

TUESDAYS AT WALMER PARISH HALL
SATURDAYS AT RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL

★ **FREE TRIAL AVAILABLE!**
Scan QR code to book your child in now!

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