



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Welcome to the new school year

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone back to the new school year, and we hope that you and your children are feeling refreshed after a wonderful summer. Thank you for the warm welcome to our school community, and for your kind wishes of success and positivity. Your support means a great deal, and it is lovely to begin the term with such a strong sense of community.

I feel honoured to be the Interim Headteacher, and I am keen to continue working together to make our school the very best place for children to learn. As we settle into new routines and new classes, there is naturally a period of adjustment for everyone. In our first assembly, we linked this to new shoes: they can feel slightly uncomfortable at first, but after a short time they become much more comfortable and familiar. It is a simple reminder that new beginnings soon start to feel just right.

#### Assemblies

Assemblies will all now begin at 8:50am, straight after registration. This gives children a calm and purposeful start to the day, helping to set them up for the learning and experiences ahead. Assemblies will also continue to reflect themes from our school community, so they remain an important part of coming together, sharing values and feeling connected. This is an extra incentive to remind parents to drop children off at school for the class to open doors at 8:35am.

Our celebration assembly will still happen in the same way as last year, with the only change being that it will now take place in the morning on a Friday rather than the afternoon. We hope this familiar approach, alongside the new timing, continues to support families in celebrating the achievements and efforts that matter so much in school life.

#### PE Lessons

Children can come to school in their PE kit on their class PE days and may continue to wear it for the rest of the day. This simple routine saves a huge amount of learning time, allowing lessons to begin more quickly and smoothly. It also helps to avoid lost property, making things easier for children and families alike.

#### Returning to Seven Classes and School Places

We are delighted to be able to return to seven classes, although this remains dependent on the number of children attending the school. We are also pleased to be able to offer Before School & After School Childcare Services, with the after-school childcare service running longer than most schools.

If you know of any families who may be interested, please do share that we have spaces in Reception Class (Hedgehogs), Year 2 (Otters), and Year 3 (Squirrels). We would also be very pleased to welcome prospective parents for a school tour, please contact the school office to make an appointment. It is always lovely to open our doors to new families and help them get a feel for our school community.

#### Parking in support of our neighbours

All schools have challenges with parking. It is inevitable that at the beginning and end of the school day traffic is busier. We ask parents to support our community and our neighbours by parking considerately. A local resident has already been in to share with me photos of her driveway being blocked. The village has a FREE (hooray!) car park and we encourage families to 'Park and Stroll' if possible.

#### Open door policy

At St. Margaret's at Cliffe CP School, we know how important the partnerships with parents are. By working together, we can and will make a difference to your child's learning. We operate an open-door policy but we do encourage parents to speak to their child's class teacher at the end of the school day. Before school is the busy period when class teachers are setting up for the learning ahead so if you need to share important information before school, please feel free to speak to other class adults, the school office or indeed myself on the school playground.

#### Parent support for the school

We know how talented and experienced our school community is. We appreciate many parents and grandparents work. However, if you have any gardening skills and would be happy to volunteer a few hours on a weekly basis, we would appreciate some support with some of our areas. Please feel free to get in touch with the school office.

Additionally, if you have any non-fiction books that are less than 10 years old and no longer use them, we would love to have them in school. Please bring them into the school office over the next week.

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Neil Brinicombe – Interim Headteacher



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### 'Celebration Assembly'

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

**Date:** Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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

03/09/26 – 04/09/26

**97.2%**



### 'Meet The Teacher'

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September**

We are looking forward to families of children in all classes coming into school at pick-up time for our first open afternoon of the year. Please collect your child(ren) as usual from the classroom and then come back in via the main entrance. Staff will be in their classrooms and you will also be able to have a look at your child's workbooks (where relevant).



### The Week Ahead

**Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**NO CLUBS**

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September**

- 3:15pm Open Afternoon – 'Meet the Teacher'

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September**

- Kent Test Day – for children in Year 6 who have registered to take the test

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September**

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

### Lunch Menu: Week 2

**w/c Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

PTFA



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

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 1, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER  
CHARITY NO. 1212901

### 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



OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

USUAL MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES APPLY | RIDE ADMISSION SEPARATE

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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.