



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 25th September 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last week, it has been very noticeable to see the school rhythm in full swing. Children have become more settled and more attuned to the expectations within their classrooms and the routines in the school day. I have been impressed with the smiles and 'good mornings' I have received after last week's message of morning manners so thank you to all parents and carers for supporting this.

We have a new Headteacher!

After a gruelling process over the last couple of days, I am very excited to have accepted the offer to become the permanent Headteacher at St. Margaret's At Cliffe CP School.

I want to thank all of the children, staff, parents and governors for the care you have shown me in the first few weeks at the school and I am genuinely very touched by your messages of support.

I believe that our school has the platform, carefully built over the last 2 years, to accelerate and become the best school it can possibly be for our children. I am a passionate educator. I love teaching and I know how important primary school is for our children. I am extremely keen to work with parents and the community to continue improving our provision.

Pokemon and 'Tech Decks'

Whilst we advocate for children to be engaged at school recreation times, we are seeing more issues with swapping, trading and giving valuable items away. We have taken the decision to ban all related items from school from Monday 28th September. Children with these items will have them confiscated until the end of the day.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The HAF Programme offers funded holiday activities, enriching experiences and healthy meals for children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals. The eligibility is different from other years. The programme helps children stay active, build friendships, develop new skills and access nutritious food during the school holidays. As the holidays are on the horizon, we thought it would be worth sharing the Kent County Council website:

[Holiday Activities and Food Programme \(HAF\) - Kent County Council](#)

As in previous holiday periods, bookings will be managed through the Holiday Activities platform and automated E Vouchers will be issued to eligible families on 1st October 2026. See this page to claim vouchers. [I'm a parent – Holiday Activities](#)

The Big Future Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England is asking children and young people to complete a survey about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. She will be using what they tell her to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government. Every school has a different community, and every child has a different experience. That is why it is so important that the picture we build reflects children from **every part of England** including St Margaret's at Cliffe.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Enjoy your weekend!

Neil Brinicombe – Headteacher



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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.



No Celebration Assembly

Due to the Harvest Festival taking place on Friday, 2nd October there will not be a celebration assembly this week.

Harvest



Please send harvest gifts to school on Friday, 2nd October. Items such as cuppa soups, UHT milk, fruit juice, instant rice, tinned spaghetti, tinned vegetables, soup, pasta sauces, noodles, male & female deodorant and toilet roll will be gratefully received. No glass bottles or jars please.

Star Awards

Hedgehogs – Angel-Rose

Rabbits – Emily

Otters – Ellis

Squirrels - Judith

Badgers - Chloe

Woodpeckers – Isla

Owls – Jonathan & Leonard



Whole School Attendance

21/09/26 – 25/09/26

96.5%



Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 28th September 2026

£2.75 per day

[Summer Menu](#)

to pay for your meals online,
please go to:

www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/pay

The Week Ahead

Week commencing 28th September 2026

CLUBS START THIS WEEK

Thursday, 1st October

- **School Census Day** – all children in Years R, 1 & 2 to please have a school lunch to secure their Infant Free School Meals funding for the year
- **Hedgehogs & Rabbits Classes deadline to respond to trip form and pay via parentmail**
- **Hedgehogs Class deadline to respond to Stay and Play parentmail form**

Friday, 2nd October

- **Harvest Festival for Classes 1 to 6**
- **No Celebration Assembly**



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Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular clubs start week commencing 28th September. If you have secured a place for your child/ren at one of the clubs please see the dates below when each club will take place.

Club	Day and time
Football (Years 3-6)	Monday, 3:15 to 4:15 on the following eight Mondays: Monday, 28th September, Monday, 5th October, Monday, 12th October, Monday, 19th October, Monday, 9th November, Monday, 16th November, Monday, 23rd November and Monday, 7th December.
Lego (Years 1-2)	Monday, 3:15 to 4:15 on the following eight Mondays: Monday, 28th September, Monday, 5th October, Monday, 12th October, Monday, 19th October, Monday, 9th November, Monday, 16th November, Monday, 23rd November and Monday, 7th December.
Engineering (Year 6)	Monday, 3:15 to 4:15 on the following eight Mondays: Monday, 28th September, Monday, 5th October, Monday, 12th October, Monday, 19th October, Monday, 9th November, Monday, 16th November, Monday, 23rd November and Monday, 7th December.
Netball (Years 3-6)	Tuesdays 3:15 to 4:15 on the following nine Tuesdays: Tuesday, 29th September, Tuesday, 6th October, Tuesday, 13th October, Tuesday, 20th October, Tuesday, 3rd November, Tuesday, 10th November, Tuesday, 17th November, Tuesday, 24th November and Tuesday, 8th December.
Choir (Year 3-6)	Tuesdays 3:15 to 4:15 on the following nine Tuesdays: Tuesday, 29th September, Tuesday, 6th October, Tuesday, 13th October, Tuesday, 20th October, Tuesday, 3rd November, Tuesday, 10th November, Tuesday, 17th November, Tuesday, 24th November and Tuesday, 8th December.
Football Team Training (selected pupils from 4-6)	Tuesdays 3:15 to 4:15 on the following nine Tuesdays: Tuesday, 29th September, Tuesday, 6th October, Tuesday, 13th October, Tuesday, 20th October, Tuesday, 3rd November, Tuesday, 10th November, Tuesday, 17th November, Tuesday, 24th November and Tuesday, 8th December.
Team Games (Year 1-3)	Wednesdays 3:15 to 4:15 on the following ten Wednesdays: Wednesday, 30th September, Wednesday, 7th October, Wednesday, 14th October, Wednesday, 21st October, Wednesday, 4th November, Wednesday, 11th November, Wednesday, 18th November, Wednesday, 25th November, Wednesday, 2nd December and Wednesday, 9th December.
Jigsaw (Years 2-4)	Thursdays 3:15 to 4:15 on the following ten Thursdays: Thursday, 1st October, Thursday, 8th October, Thursday, 15th October, Thursday, 22nd October, Thursday, 5th November, Thursday, 12th November, Thursday, 19th November, Thursday, 26th November, Thursday, 3rd December and Thursday, 10th December.



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SUMMER FAIR

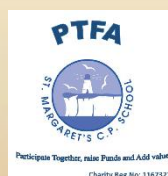
THANK YOU FOR
A WONDERFUL
SUMMER FAIR!

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!





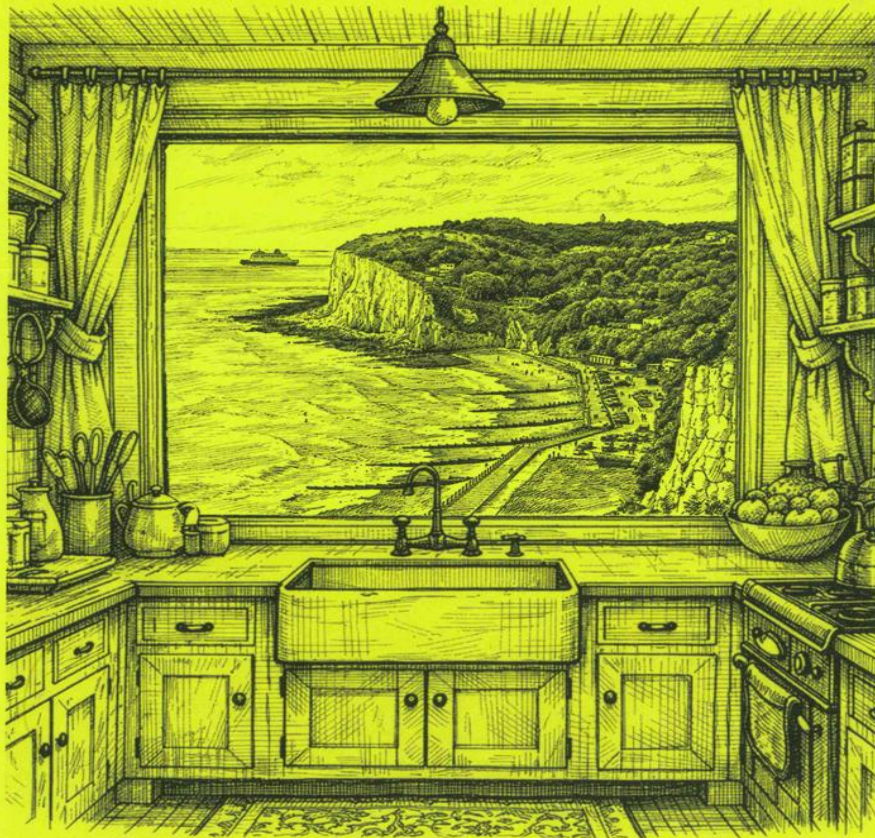
Community Noticeboard

ST MARGARET'S VILLAGE

Recipe Book

2026

In aid of St Peter's Church Westcliffe



St Margaret's Village has created a recipe book to sell to raise funds for the local church.

For more information or to order a book please contact
Jane 01304 853136 or Lorraine 01304 853232

Community Noticeboard



Folkestone Model Railway Club
MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION
 Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
 Sat 26th & Sun 27th September 2026,
 10am- 4.30pm

New Dates

Supported by:

ADULT (16+): £9, CHILD(5-15): £4, FAMILY: £24

www.folkestone-mrc.com

St Margaret's Players Presents



LARD
 A Grease Parody

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

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. 1232903

Ladies Pop-up Shop & Fun Fashion Show!

SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS AT UP TO 70% OFF!

Colours.
 [FUN]DRAISING FASHION SHOWS

Friday 9th October 2026
Friends of St Margaret's of Antioch Church
 St Margaret's Village Hall, Reach Road, St Margaret's at Cliffe, CT15 6AP
 Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm

Tickets: £6
 Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:
 Email: FriendsofStMargaretofAntioch@gmail.com
 St Margaret's Village Post Office (cash) - at St Margaret's Church on a Sunday (cash or card)
 Online: www.stmargaretsbenefice.org.uk (bank transfer - use 'Colours' as reference)