



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 2nd October 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What an incredible day and opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate Harvest festival. Each of the classes spent time preparing work to share, rehearsing songs and learning about the importance of harvest. Although this may not be an industry our families work in, we are surrounded by incredible farmland and agriculture and we used this time to celebrate our farmers who have had a particularly challenging year.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs started this week with a great response to the clubs on offer for terms 1 & 2. Children have enjoyed attending clubs and reports from Mrs Windsor and Mrs Eales say the Engineering Club members were particularly excited to drive the cars for the first time. Thank you to the staff who give up their time to give the children these extra enrichment opportunities.

Strikes

The behaviour of children in the school is fantastic, and we are very proud that for most of the time they show respect, readiness and resilience in learning.

However, there are times when children can struggle with their behaviour and it is important for both children and adults to have a clear understanding of the result of this.

Behaviour can be in two categories:

Misbehaviour- shouting out, interrupting others, being silly, disruption to learning.

Misconduct – persistent disruption, physically hurting others, vandalism.

On Monday, we introduced a strike system for misbehaviour to ensure children know what the expectations are and also to know that there are consequences for misbehaviour. Children are given plenty of chances in this system and are given a fresh start at the beginning of each new lesson.

			
WARNING REMINDERS REALITY SUPPORT	Strike 1 5 min at lunch/break	Strike 2 10 min at lunch/break	Strike 3 – You're Out! You leave the classroom for time out and spend lunchtime with Mr Brinicombe

If a child spends time with the teacher, these times are used to teach children and help them to correct their behaviour in the future.

All misconduct will result in a brief discussion about the behaviour with parents and generally a reset with the Headteacher.

This is a simple and easy-to-follow system which will work for children and adults. In the first week, we have seen increased positive behaviour in school which shows the immediate impact.

Golden Book

We are introducing a GOLDEN BOOK for exemplary behaviour in the school. This will mean STAR awards are given for learning and the golden book is linked to our READY, SAFE, RESPECTFUL school rules. The book and description of children's behaviour will be on show in the school office foyer for parents to read throughout the week and these will be read out in celebration assembly.

Parent Parking

Parking on the school site is not allowed at any time in the school day.

Please note that parents are not permitted to park on the school premises without a disabled badge.

Park and stride at the central car park in the village. It is free and a short enjoyable walk to school.

Let's hope the sunny weather continues and you enjoy your weekend.

Neil Brinicombe – Headteacher



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Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in October.

George	Badgers
Hudson	Squirrels
Joshua	Squirrels
Conner	Rabbits
Jessica	Badgers
Eva	Owls
Jolie	Woodpeckers
Felix	Otters
Frederick	Woodpeckers
Monty	Badgers
Sophia	Hedgehogs
Oliver	Owls
Ivy	Squirrels
Ayda	Rabbits
Addison	Badgers
Vinnie	Owls
Isla	Hedgehogs
Gabriel	Otters
Ava	Hedgehogs
Francis	Badgers
Isla	Badgers
William	Owls
Logan	Badgers
Dylan	Badgers



Celebration Assembly

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

Date: Friday, 9th October

Time: 8:50am

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

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.



PTFA Christmas Fundraising

Reminder: **Wednesday, 7th October** is the deadline to return the completed Christmas design forms to the school office.

This deadline **cannot be extended** due to the company's printing deadlines.

Christmas Cards
A3 Poster Calendars
Tea Towels
Cards With No Message Inside
Mugs
Gift Labels
Tote Bags
Keyring and Magnet Pack
Enchanted Snowblack





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Harvest Festival

We celebrated Harvest at the church this morning. Thank you for all the food and household items that you have sent in. They will now join the church's harvest collection and soon go over to the Dover Foodbank.



Star Awards

Due to Harvest Festival this morning and celebration assembly not taking place, Star Awards will be given out next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter.



Whole School Attendance

28/09/26 – 02/10/26

96.2%



Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 5th October 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 5th October 2026

Monday, 5th October

- Boys McCarthy Cup Football Tournament – selected players

Tuesday, 6th October

- 1:30pm Hedgehogs Class Harvest Stay & Play

Wednesday, 7th October

- Deadline to return PTFA Christmas Fundraiser – NO EXTENSION CAN BE GIVEN

Friday, 9th October

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



PTFA NEWS

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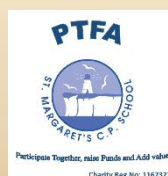
CAKE SALE

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





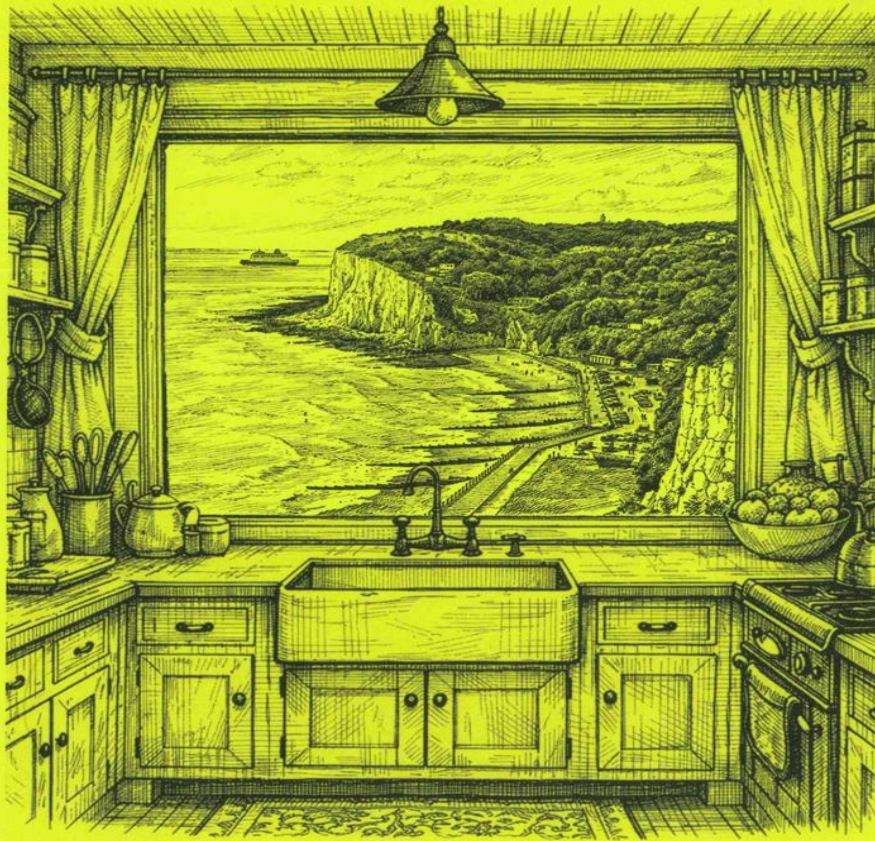
Community Noticeboard

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

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. 1212901

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




Ladies Pop-up Shop & Fun Fashion Show!

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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)

