



Message from the Headteacher

We are delighted with the start the children have made to the year. They are enthusiastic about their new classes and have spent time over the first two weeks in ensuring they are familiar with routines and each other.

Manners matter

We are very keen for children to develop as good people, so they can contribute to the societies they belong to in the future. We have to teach children social norms and skills to cope in a community and part of this is manners. In the mornings, it is important to encourage children to say 'good morning' and make eye contact with school staff at the gate and on entering the classroom. It is also great if they can do this at the end of the school day. We do appreciate this is too much for some children and that is fine too.

Separation from parents

It may take some children more time to adjust to new teachers and new surroundings than others, which is completely normal. Please ensure you are consistent with morning routines and expectations to help us support your children. Keep calm and know that children who struggle are not trying to be 'naughty' it is anxiety. Children can say and do things when they are experiencing this crisis which are often untrue and are all signs of stress which usually resolve very quickly when they come into school. Trust us to help and if you see children struggling – a smile is always welcome.

Curriculum

We have invested in a curriculum resource called Cornerstones to help us develop our own school curriculum. The school curriculum has been invigorated and many of the topics we teach have changed. In Term 1, your child's class page will soon have information about what their topics are and how they may be approaching the learning so do keep checking.

Birthdays

Children's birthdays are always a special event at primary school. To ensure they get the special treatment on their special day we invite children to wear their own clothes on their birthday. We ask that children wear sensible shoes and appropriate clothing (no low-cut tops, miniskirts etc). For some of our younger children coming in in their favourite outfit is just the right thing to help celebrate their special day, princess dresses and superheros are encouraged.

Coats

It is now important that all children have a coat in school. We often experience inclement weather at this time of the year. During light showers we will take children out for recreation and if they do not have a coat they will be asked to stay inside.

Builders/construction experts

If you are keen to sponsor and fund a school improvement initiative or have the skills, public liability insurance and building certifications for public buildings we need you! We would love to install a wooden or metal gazebo over the KS1 area to ensure our resources are kept from weathering and to ensure the children can access the outdoor area all year. If you are feeling generous with your time, money or experience and would like us to advertise your local business or just want to do something amazing for the local community. Please come and have a chat.

PTFA

The PTFA are an important part of our school and help raise significant funds which enable activities, enrich experiences and fund development of specific aspects. Please look out for invites for volunteers to help at events and invites to termly meetings coming up. News about the first fund raising will follow soon.

Neil Brinicombe – Interim Headteacher



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 18th September 2026

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 25th September

Time: 8:50am

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Individual School Photographs

Tuesday, 22nd September

The individual pupil photographs will take place on Tuesday, 22nd September – clean uniform, shiny faces and a big smile please!



Our focus school value this term:

Responsibility

School Councillors

Welcome to our School Councillors. Look out for updates letting you know what they achieve as a School Council.

Owls: Lydia and Bella

Woodpeckers: Eden and Eloise

Badgers: Iris and Finley

Squirrels: Adalyn and Charlie

Otters: Joel and Tia

Rabbits: Rosalina and Robin



Coats

Due to the unpredictable weather as we approach October and the colder months, please can you make sure your child brings a warm waterproof coat to school each day.



Whole School Attendance

14/09/26 – 18/09/26

96.8%



Star Awards

Hedgehogs - Carter

Rabbits – Rosa

Otters – Oliver

Squirrels - Charlie

Badgers - Jack

Woodpeckers – Sofia

Owls – Oliver M



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 21st September 2026

NO CLUBS

Tuesday, 22nd September

- School Individual Photographs

Friday, 25th September

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

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 21st September 2026

£2.75 per day

[Summer Menu](#)

to pay for your meals online, please go to:

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



DEAL & BETTESHANGER RUGBY CLUB

AGES 3-16 YEARS WELCOME

THE NEW SEASON STARTS HERE!

JOIN OUR TEAM. MAKE FRIENDS. LEARN, PLAY, GROW.

COME AND BE PART OF THE RUGBY FAMILY!

MINIS & JUNIORS

TRAINING SUNDAY

6TH SEPTEMBER AT 10AM

 Deal and Betteshanger Rugby Club
The Drill Field, Canada Road, Deal CT14 7EQ

 **FIRST 2 RUGBY SESSIONS FREE TO NEW PLAYERS.**
JUST TURN UP AND GET INVOLVED!



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

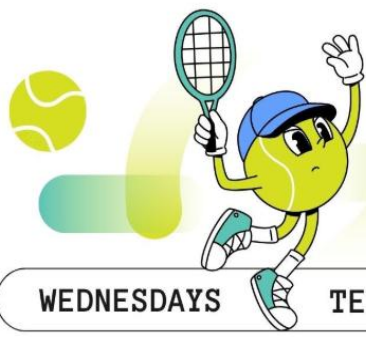
★ **FREE TRIAL AVAILABLE!**
Scan QR code to book your child in now!

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@shieldsstudiosdeal



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



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   