

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 25th May 2023



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

End of Term 5!

It has been lovely to have some warmer weather recently – makes us truly feel that we are in the summer term. As is always the case with each term, this has been another busy one. With bank holidays, national celebrations and key assessments being undertaken by some of our children we have certainly fitted a lot in. It's lovely to see keen and eager learners arriving to school each day – including on the last day of term.

Class 6 are proudly wearing their leaver hoodies and are now busy preparing their end of year show. They will be taking part in induction events with their new schools next term and the staff are planning some special events to mark the end of their time here at St Mary's.

At the other end of the school we are looking forward to meeting all of our new Reception class children and families next term and helping them to get to know our school ready for their start in September.

Open Afternoon

Thank you to all those of you who were able to pop into school at the end of today for our open afternoon; I know how much the children enjoy showing their grown-ups their work and the classroom.

Staff News

Miss Kira Link, Class 5 teacher, starts her maternity leave today and Ms Louise Moore will be teaching Class 5 throughout Term 6. We said farewell to Mrs Kayleigh Smye-Rumsby today as she moves on. I thank them both and wish them well.

Mrs Debbie Morris will be starting work at St Mary's CEP after the half term break as our new Family Liaison Officer (FLO). Mrs Morris will be working full-time 8:00am – 4:00pm every day and is looking forward to getting to know everyone.

Mrs Charlotte Burkett is joining us as Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo). She will be undertaking some induction work during Term 6 and will then be working three days a week from September.

I hope you have an enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 5th June.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 2 – 115 points

2nd – Class 1 – 85 points

3rd – Class 3 – 80 points



HOUSE POINTS TERM 5 OVERALL WINNERS

1st – RAMSEY

2nd – FISHER

3rd – LANG

4th – TEMPLE

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Turtles Learner of the Week is **Reggie**! Reggie has settled into St Mary's really well, and has made lots of new friends. He has wowed us with some super model making. Well done Reggie!

Class 1 - Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class has really impressed us all this week when they used their phonics to read a wide range of unfamiliar words. Their work is always neatly presented and they are beginning to complete their tasks with less adult help. Well done - you are a Starfish Superstar!

Class 2 - The Whole of Otters Class are our Learners of the Week this week as they have had an amazing week! They have tried super hard with their SATs and have shown great determination and perseverance. Miss Sayer, Miss Wrench and Miss Caine are so proud of each and every one of you!

Class 3 - Our Learner of the Week in Puffins' Class is a good friend to everyone, and a thoughtful, helpful member of our class. This week, they have impressed us with their understanding of fractions. Well done - we are very proud of you!

Class 4 - Millie is Penguins' Learner of the Week as she always demonstrates such a positive and enthusiastic attitude in school. She has impressed us with her amazing formal letter writing, as well as her understanding of decimals in maths. Well done Millie - keep up the good work!

Class 5 - Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Lois** as she has joined St Mary's full of confidence. She has settled in so nicely and made lots of friends. We are so proud of you Lois - bring this confidence back with you in Term 6!

Class 6 - Lilah is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as her attitude towards her learning is fantastic! Lilah always applies 100% effort to her work and her presentation is truly wonderful. Keep up the great work Lilah!



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

Patience has been our theme in Collective Worship this week. The first Christians had to have patience in times when it seemed that their new faith might not survive.

In the Bible, Noah finds that he has to be patient. God had told Noah to build a great big Ark (boat), he had to take his family and two of every kind of animal to save them from the coming flood. Having carefully followed God's plan, Noah had to show patience with the animals and people he was locked in with, as well as with the timing of God's plan. We thought about how patient Noah needed to be and reflected on times when we may lose or lack patience. Perhaps you could talk at home about how to cope when patience is needed, eg on a long car journey.

Thought for the Week





Term 5 Reading News!

Congratulations to our seven winners of the Term 5 Reading Incentive Prize!

Pupils receive a raffle ticket for returning their reading books **and** their signed purple reading record to school, every Wednesday.

Each week the raffle tickets are added to a class 'pot'. In Collective Worship this morning, Mr Lamprell picked a ticket from each class.

The winning children received a 'reading for pleasure' prize, including some fabulous new books and treats to enjoy at home.

Term 5 Winning Readers

- Class R – **Arnav**
- Class 1 – **Michael**
- Class 2 – **Jay**
- Class 3 – **Aiden B**
- Class 4 – **Linda**
- Class 5 – **Eliza**
- Class 6 – **Samir**

Look out next term for details of how to be in with a chance of winning one of our Term 6 reading incentive prizes!



Walk the...
In the Footsteps of Medieval Pilgrims
Dover's family-friendly pilgrim trail
Saturday 27 May 10am-4pm

Follow a fun map through Dover town centre to discover sites visited by medieval pilgrims

Pick up your free trail map at Dover Museum Market Square or at St Mary's Church Dover. Suitable for children ages 3 to adult. The trail is about a mile long and can be completed in any order.

Term 6 2023

Monday 5th June:
FIRST DAY OF TERM 6

Tuesday 6th June:
Athletics Club

Wednesday 7th June:
Class 2 Trip
Year 6 - Level One Bikeability

Thursday 8th June:
Summer Multi-Sports Club

Friday 9th June:

Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2024

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Registration opens on 1 June 2023 and closes at midnight on 3 July 2023

Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2024 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to kent.gov.uk/kenttest and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements.

What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

Key dates

Thursday 1 June 2023	Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kenttest . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
Monday 3 July 2023	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your allocated test centre.
Thursday 7 September 2023	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
Saturday 11 September 2023	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent, or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
Wednesday 18 October 2023	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at kent.gov.uk if your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

For help registering please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your log in details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.



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<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

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Lunch Menu – Week 1

Week beginning Monday 5th June 2023

£2.43 per day – All meals must be paid in advance

To pay for your meals online, please go to: www.principals-catering.com

Or contact Principals Catering on 0800 047 0319

YOUR MENUS WEEK 1-3					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1					
MAIN MEAL	Italian style beef & pasta bake (gluten, milk)	Chicken korma (milk)	Roasted chicken & gravy	Beef burger in a bun (celery, gluten, soya, sulphites, may contain sesame)	Battered fish (fish, gluten)
PLANT POWER	Hidden vegetable ragu pasta bake (v) (gluten, milk)	Chickpea & cauliflower korma (v) (milk, may contain gluten)	Falafel loaf with gravy (v) (egg, gluten, milk, soya)	Vegetable & bean burger in a bun (vg) (gluten, may contain sesame)	Veggie frittata (v) (egg, milk)
SIDES	Garden peas & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Broccoli & 50/50 rice, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Skin on roast potatoes, medley of vegetables, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Sweetcorn & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Chips, baked beans & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)
PUDDINGS	Fruity flapjack (v) (gluten) or fresh fruit	Berry cookie (v) (gluten) or fresh fruit	Yoghurt & fruit (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Strawberry and vanilla mousse (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Fruit jelly (v) or fresh fruit
WEEK 2					
MAIN MEAL	Classic pepperoni pizza (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg)	Rich beef bolognese (gluten)	Roasted gammon & gravy	Taste of Asia - stir fried chicken noodles with sweet chilli (egg, gluten)	Breaded chicken goujons (gluten) or salmon fishcake (fish, gluten)
PLANT POWER	Cheese & tomato pizza (v) (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg)	Red pepper & vegetable bolognese (vg) (gluten)	Vegan sausage & gravy (vg) (soya)	Taste of Asia - stir fried veggie noodles with sweet chilli sauce (v) (egg, gluten, soya)	Vegetable fingers, cheese and bean wrap (v) (gluten, milk)
SIDES	Chef's coleslaw (egg) our salad selection, garlic bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Sweetcorn & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Zero waste roast potatoes & medley of vegetables, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Green beans, carrots, broccoli, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Chips, baked beans, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)
PUDDINGS	Carrot & ginger biscuit (v) (gluten) or fresh fruit	Wholemeal orchard fruit crumble (v) (gluten) with vanilla sauce (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Yoghurt & fruit (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Taste of Asia - plum steamed pudding (v) (egg, gluten) with custard (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Mousse (v) (milk) or fresh fruit
WEEK 3					
MAIN MEAL	Cheese & tomato pizza with half a jacket potato (v) (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Traditional beef lasagne (milk, gluten, may contain egg)	Herby roast chicken & gravy	Sausage meat plait (egg, gluten, sulphites) with gravy	Fish fingers (fish, gluten)
PLANT POWER	Bean chilli with 50/50 rice (vg) (may contain gluten)	Mediterranean vegetable lasagne (v) (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Baked sweet potato with Mexican veg (vg) (may contain gluten)	Veggie slice with gravy (v) (egg, gluten, milk)	Vegan sausage (vg) (soya)
SIDES	Garden peas & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Broccoli & our salad selection, garlic bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Zero waste roast potatoes, roasted parsnips & carrots, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Potato wedges, sweetcorn & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Chips, baked beans, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)
PUDDINGS	Peaches & yoghurt (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	School cake (v) (egg, gluten) or fresh fruit	Strawberry and Vanilla mousse (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Krispie cake (v) (gluten) or fresh fruit	Steamed lemon sponge (v) (egg, gluten) with custard (v) (milk) or fresh fruit
AVAILABLE DAILY	Jacket potatoes with beans, cheese (milk)				

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE

