

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 9th June 2023



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

Here comes the sun!

Welcome to Term 6. It's lovely to have everyone back at school this week and to have the opportunity to enjoy the warmer weather. As the weather starts to heat up do please remember to apply sun screen before school – you can also send this into school for your child to apply themselves. Sun hats are also a good idea and children should have water bottles anyway, but do continue to send these in.

Class 6 Bikeability

Some of our Year 6 children have been learning this week how to safely ride their bikes on the roads – thank you to Mr Castle for providing this session for the children. They will be venturing off-site next week to complete this work.



Dover Castle – Year 2 Visit

As a school we are so very fortunate to have the Dover Castle site literally on our doorstep! As you know each class visits every year and it was the turn of Class 2 this week. Miss Sayer reports the following:

Year 2 had a fabulous time at Dover Castle this week! They enjoyed exploring the Great Tower and learning about Dover's history, as well as marvelling over the views of Dover Harbour and the castle grounds.

The children were brilliant representatives of St.Mary's, receiving compliments from members of the public about their impeccable manners and behaviour - the Class 2 staff were immensely proud of all the children. A windy and wonderful day was had by all!



Reception Class 2023

Our new reception class children will be starting their induction visits next week and we are all looking forward to meeting them and giving them the opportunity to start to get to know our school.

Staff News

We welcomed both Mrs Debbie Morris and Mrs Charlotte Burkett to school this week. Mrs Debbie Morris is our new Family Liaison Officer (FLO) - many of you will have already met her at the school gate and she is introducing herself elsewhere in this newsletter.

Mrs Charlotte Burkett will be our new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) from September; she will be in school for a few days this term undertaking induction work. Again, you may have already seen her at the school gate.

We all extend a very warm St Mary's CEP welcome to these new members of staff.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Our Learner of the Week in Turtles class is **Arthur**! Arthur wrote a fantastic sentence about a trip to the beach in literacy this week. He has also enjoyed solving different 'double' problems in maths. Well done Arthur!

Class 1 – Starfish Learner of the Week is **Rebecca**! She is now much more involved in her learning and joins in with all activities. Rebecca has worked hard in phonics and is using all that she has learned to write with no adult help. Well done Rebecca – you are a Starfish Superstar!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters class is **Lenka** as she has been a superstar this week! Lenka has tried her best with all her learning and has shared some fantastic ideas during our class discussions. Lenka is polite and helpful at all times, and a good friend to others. Keep up the great work Lenka!

Class 3 – **Ariella** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins class. Miss Cartwright and Miss Lamoon have been really impressed by Ariella's progress this week, especially during class discussion. Ariella is very polite and waits patiently for her turn to speak. It has also been lovely to watch Ariella play with her peers on the playground. Well done Ariella! We are very proud of you!

Class 4 – **Samuel** is Penguins' Learner of the Week as he is always showing our Christian values in school. He has such a quiet and calm demeanour and always wants to learn. Samuel has impressed us this week with his understanding of decimals in maths. Well done Samuel! A brilliant week!

Class 5 – Orcas Learner of the Week is **Marharyta**! Marharyta has made great progress with speaking English, both with her friends and in lessons. She tries very hard in all subjects and is a valuable member of Orcas class. Well done Marharyta!

Class 6 – **Brandon** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses class as he has come into school every day with a positive attitude towards his learning. Brandon has worked extremely hard in all areas this week and we are very proud of him! Well done Brandon!



Meet our new Family Liaison Officer – Mrs Debra Morris

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Family Liaison Officer at St Mary's CEP. I wanted to take a moment to share a bit about myself and my background, so you can get to know me better.

I have a genuine passion for education and supporting children and their families. I have worked in education for over 25 years, which has included working within the local authority as an Education Welfare Officer. I have also worked within primary and secondary schools and have been actively involved in supporting families to help improve school attendance, which has often involved signposting to appropriate resources and support services.

I have also provided support to adults and children who have been victims of crime. I firmly believe in the power of empathy, compassion and understanding when it comes to helping those in need. I have also worked with children, aged 3 to 18, to help support and improve their mental health and well-being. I am dedicated to creating a nurturing environment where children can thrive both academically and emotionally.

As the Family Liaison Officer, my primary goal is to establish strong partnerships between the school and families. I am here to listen, offer guidance, and provide any support necessary to ensure the well-being and success of your children. Whether you have questions, concerns, or simply need someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I am thrilled to be a part of the St Mary's CEP community and look forward to meeting and getting to know each and every one of you.

Mrs Debra Morris – Family Liaison Officer





Our Grand Day Out! Whole School Trip to Broadstairs – Friday July 7th

We are all very excited about our whole school trip to Broadstairs on Friday July 7th. We will leave school at 9.00am and expect to return at 2.45pm. The children will be spending part of their day playing class games at Victoria Gardens and working with friends to build sand sculptures on Viking Bay. We will all meet at the beach to eat our lunch and then the children will have 'beach time' to paddle in the sea or play in the soft sand. We will then all enjoy an ice lolly together.

Please telephone the main office if your child has any dietary requirements in regards to ice lollies.

The children will need a flannel/tea-towel towel to dry their feet before returning to the coach and may bring a bucket and small spade, if they wish.



Thought for the Week

*Courage starts
with showing
up and letting
ourselves be
seen.*

Brené Brown

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

The children have settled back into term brilliantly and have made some great contributions in Collective Worship this week.

The children explored the importance of bravery and being courageous to overcome challenges and improve. We looked at inspiration from Brené Brown, a speaker and author, who talks about allowing ourselves to feel uneasy when facing challenge.

What do you find hard? What are you going to improve on this summer term?

In addition, the children continued to sing beautifully in Singing Worship, as well as celebrating wonderfully as we shared lots of rewards in Celebration Collective Worship.

Term 6 2023

Monday 12th June:

Tuesday 13th June:
Dover Singing Festival
Athletics Club

Wednesday 14th June:
Year 6 - Level Two Bikeability

Thursday 15th June:
Class 5 Trip
Summer Multi-Sports Club

Friday 16th June:
Class 5 Family Collective Worship

School Uniform Orders

Please be aware that the last day to order St Mary's CEP school uniform is

Saturday 12th August

To place your order online, please visit:
www.pmgwchoolwear.co.uk

Quote code **STMDFC** for FREE delivery


HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **FISHER** - 238 points
 2nd - **LANG** - 201 points
 3rd - **RAMSEY** - 193 points
 4th - **TEMPLE** - 188 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 1** - 100 points
 Joint 2nd - **Class 4 & Class 6**
 90 points



Dover Children's Centres
GROUPS
 5th June - 21st July 2023
 Term time only


Buckland and Whitfield Children's Centre - 03000 414941
 St. Nicholas Church, The Linces, Dover, CT16 2BN

Samphire Children's Centre - 03000 420882
 Aycliffe Primary School, St. David's Avenue, Aycliffe, CT17 9HJ

Baby Massage	Baby Group	Tumble Time
For babies from newborn until they start crawling. Enables parents and carers to learn about and respond to their baby's body language and to support their baby to feel safe and secure. Booking is only needed for the course at Samphire, please call 03000 420882 to book.	For babies from newborn until they start walking. A safe environment for babies to play, explore and socialise with other babies. Songs, toys, and sometimes messy play.	For children aged 0-4 years. A chance to meet other parents and carers. Lots of equipment and activities for toddlers and babies including bouncy castle, ride on toys, baby corner and mark making. Excellent group to encourage your child's fine and gross motor skills.
Arts and Crafts	Play at the Park	Let's Get Playing
For children aged 1-4 years. An opportunity to engage in art and craft activities to develop creativity, mark making and fine motor skills through use of a variety of materials, tools and techniques.	For children aged 0-4 years. Meet at the park for outdoor fun activities including bubbles and balls. Please come wearing suitable outdoor clothing.	For children aged 0-4 years. Lots of activities such as mark making, baby area, home corner, book area and more.
Book Library	Understanding Your Child's Feelings and Behaviour	Book Start Workshop
For children 0-4 years. Session includes a story time followed by the opportunity to choose books to borrow from our mini library. On joining each child will get a book bag, library card and bookmark.	A safe, supportive space for parents/carers and children aged 0-11 years to learn new techniques and ideas to better understand and manage their child's feelings and behaviour. Please book by calling 03000 414941.	For children aged 1-2 years. A four-week bookable group focusing on sharing books, rhymes and activities with your child. Please book by calling 03000 414941.

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For more information, please email ddsc@kent.gov.uk. Please contact us for our timetable covering Deal and Rural.





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No need to book to attend groups (unless otherwise stated) but please note we may have limited space so they will be on a first come, first served basis.
 All groups are free of charge.
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baby Massage Buckland and Whitfield 9:30am—10:30am or 11:00am—12:00pm	Baby Group Buckland and Whitfield 9:30am—10:30am or 11:00am—12:00pm		Arts and Crafts Buckland and Whitfield 9:30am—10:30am	Baby Group St Radigunds Community Centre 10:00am—11:00am
Let's Get Playing Samphire 10:00am—11:15am	Arts and Crafts Samphire 10:00am—11:00am		Baby Group Samphire 9:30am—10:30am or 11:00am—12:00pm	Book Library Samphire 10:00am—11:15am
Book Library Buckland and Whitfield 1:30pm—2:15pm	Let's Get Playing Buckland and Whitfield 1:30pm—2:30pm	Arts and Crafts Curzon Hall 1:30pm—2:30pm	Bookstart Workshop Dover Library Bookable: 15th June—6th July 10:00am—11:00am	
	Baby Massage Course Samphire Bookable: 13th June—11th July 1:30pm—2:30pm	Play at the Park Aycliffe 1:30pm—3:00pm	Tumble Time Buckland Community Centre 1:15pm—2:45pm	
			Understanding Your Child's Feelings and Behaviour Buckland and Whitfield Bookable slots: 1:00pm—2:30pm	

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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://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.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher
office@stmarysprimary.net - 01304 206887



Lunch Menu – Week 2 Week beginning Monday 12th 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 (eggs, 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 - stirfried 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					

