

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 16th June 2023



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

The sun continues to shine!

There have been lots of smiles this week as children have completed their learning at school and another couple of trips out; we are so lucky to have so many places to visit within walking distance of school.

The temperature has continued to remain high; thank you to those of you who are applying sunscreen to your children before school and sending in sun hats and freshly filled water bottles. Children may also bring sun screen to school to apply during the day.

A reminder that children should be drinking water from their bottles during the day and that it is only at lunchtime that they are allowed to drink squash. It is important that children remain hydrated throughout the school day.

Dover Castle – Class 5 visit

Class 5 visited Dover Castle this week. Mrs Moore reports the following:

After a long, hot climb, we all enjoyed visiting the cool tunnels where we learned about WW2, watching dramatic films in underground rooms. We ate lunch by the tall, stone walls, before entering the castle to explore. The children were entertained by some actors who were rehearsing a play about capturing a prisoner. Then we climbed the spiral stairs to the top where we could feel the breeze. We tried to spot the school, but it was surrounded by trees.

The children were very impressive in that nobody complained about the walking, even though it was very hot. Well done Year 5!



Dover Singing Festival – Charlton Church

This week we took 20 pupils from our KS2 Choir to sing at a singing festival in Charlton Church. Many other local primary schools also participated in the festival. We joined together to sing a collection of songs from 'film and stage'.

The event was hosted by David Burrridge from 'the BIG REVEAL' who provided a live orchestra to accompany us.

The children had a fantastic time and loved singing and dancing along to some of their favourite songs. We sang 10 different songs including: Supercalifragalisticexpialidocious (Mary Poppins), Under the Sea (The Little Mermaid) and This is Me (The Greatest Showman).

The collaboration of the orchestra and all the children's voices nearly rose the roof off Charlton Church, it was a fantastic festival! Well done to all our choir members!





Have you considered being a school Parent Governor?

I would like to thank Jemma Nash for her time as a Parent Governor. Due to work commitments she has recently stepped down from this role so we are looking for a new parent governor. Hopefully you will have seen the letter which has come out about this earlier in the week.

There are over 250,000 volunteers governing at state schools in England. By joining our governing body, you can make a valuable contribution to school leadership. Governors are responsible for developing school vision and strategy; engaging with pupils, staff and the school community; over-seeing financial performance of the school; and holding school leaders to account by being a 'critical friend'. It is certainly a rewarding role!

If you would like to know more about becoming a school Parent Governor, please do get in touch with Mrs Liz Fisher (Chair of Governors – (lfisher@stmarysprimary.net)) or with the school office.

Other News/Reminders!

We were delighted to hold three 'Stay and Play' sessions for our new Class R children, who will be joining us in September 2023. Lots of fun was had by all as children and families explored our Early Years environment and talked to class staff.

Mr Lamprell and Mrs Wallis will be holding **parent-teacher-consultations with Class 5 parents/carers** on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Discussions will involve applying for secondary schools; Kent Test process; and recent Cognitive Ability Tests outcomes. If you have not requested an appointment and would like one, please do contact the school office.



Sports Day! We are looking forward to holding our annual sports day next week: **Wednesday, 21st June 2023**

1.30pm start – Class R, Class 1, Class 2

Reserved date: Wednesday, 28th June 2023 (1.30pm start)

Thursday, 22nd June 2023

1.30pm start – Class 3, Class 4, Class 5, Class 6

Reserved date: 29th June 2023 (1.30pm start)

The gate to the **school field** will be opening at 1.25pm for a 1.30pm start. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their Sports Day only. I would like to remind parents/carers to stand in 'designated zones' and listen to school staff – this will contribute to the smooth running of both afternoons. I thank you in advance.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend!

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week

**A sweet
friendship
refreshes the soul.**

–Proverbs 27:9



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

This week the children explored courage and friendship. Christians believe that after the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the first disciples and followers of Jesus, the strength and courage to go out into the world and make a difference.

By telling others about Jesus and his Gospel message, they believed that the world would be a better place. I wonder how you bring peace at work; at home; in relationships? I wonder how friendship can make the world a better place and change lives?



KENT'S ROMAN FESTIVAL

1ST & 2ND JULY 2023

Betteshanger Park, Sandwich Road, Deal, CT14 0BF

Gladiator shows at 3pm daily in the amphitheatre

Living history camps

Talks and displays



TICKETS
ONLINE

Adult: £11.00
Child: £5.50
Family: £26.00



TICKETS
AT THE GATE

Adult: £13.00
Child: £5.50
Family: £28.00

Book online at

www.kents-roman-festival.co.uk

Term 6 2023

Monday 19th June:

Class 6 Trip

Tuesday 20th June:

Class 4 Trip

Athletics Club

Wednesday 21st June:

Class R, 1 & 2 Sports Day

Thursday 22nd June:

Class 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day

Summer Multi-Sports Club

Friday 23rd June:

Class 5 Secondary School Taster Day

Class 3 Trip

2023 / 2024 Term Dates

Please also note inset days detailed below

Term 1

Friday 1st September to Friday 20th October 2023

Inset Days

Friday 1st September & Monday 4th September
2023

Term 2

Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December 2023

Inset Day

Monday 30th October 2023

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 9th February 2024

Inset Day

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Term 4

Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5

Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May 2024

Inset Day

Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6

Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Go with the Flo....

SAMPHIRE PRESENTS



Saturday 17th June - 10am - 5pm

DOVER MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Main Stage	FREE Workshops
<ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00 - Welcome10:15 - On Yellow & Blue11:30 - Schools Dance performance12:15 - U'Zambezi13:30 - Special Guest14:15 - Jimmy & The Riddles15:30 - Deep River Band16:30 - Close & Goodbye	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DrummingMay PoleMeditationCircus SkillsDancingSingingChinese Ribbons & More! <p>New This Year...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">International Street Food VillageFREE face painting & Glitter for adults and kids!

Pencester Gardens

48 PENCESTER RD, DOVER CT16 1NS

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **TEMPLE** - 157 points
2nd - **LANG** - 153 points
3rd - **FISHER** - 150 points
4th - **RAMSEY** - 125 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 6** - 120 points
2nd - **Class 5** - 102 points
3rd - **Class R** - 100 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - **Scarlett** is Turtles Learner of the Week. She bounces into school every day with a smile on her face, ready to learn. Scarlett is a kind and thoughtful member of our class and she is always willing to help others.

Class 1 - This week's Learner of the Week goes to **EVERYONE** in Starfish Class for their continued excellent work in phonics! Over the past few months, they have had two phonics lessons every day and have always worked enthusiastically. You are all Starfish Superstars!

Class 2 - Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Jay** as he has had a brilliant week! Jay has written a fantastic version of The Gruffalo story, using some fantastic adjectives. Jay has been polite and helpful to those around him, making us very proud of him this week. Well done Jay!

Class 3 - Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class has continued to make good progress this week. Miss Lamoon and Miss Cartwright have been impressed by their good behaviour, politeness and consistent effort in all subjects. We are very proud of you - well done!

Class 4 - **All of Penguins Class** are our Learners of the Week for their wonderful attitude towards the Multiplication Tables Check. Everyone approached the test with such a positive and determined attitude, ready to do their best. We are really proud of you all!

Class 5 - Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **All of You!** You have all worked so hard together to produce such a lovely Collective Worship. All the adults in Class 5 are very proud of you all. Well done everyone!

Class 6 - **Vicky** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as she has been a superstar both on the stage and in the classroom! Not only has Vicky learnt her own lines, she is able to prompt and support other actors! Keep up the hard work Vicky!



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

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.



Follow these links to our website and social media

<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.

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



Lunch Menu – Week 3 Week beginning Monday 19th 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 - 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*

