

# St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Swimming

An important part of the National Curriculum is learning to swim. At St Mary's CEP we take our Year 5 and Year 6 classes to swimming lessons at Dover Leisure Centre. Class 6 have completed their second full week of swimming. The class have been sharing how much they have enjoyed this enriching experience. The children have been practising 'pushing and gliding', as well as techniques to help float in the water. These skills and techniques are certainly enabling the children to be confident in the water.

"Swimming is very enjoyable and helps us grow in confidence." - Eliza

"We have learnt something new in every lesson." - Chase

"I am getting better at backstroke every time I go swimming." – Camden

### Corridor Displays

New displays have gone up this week on the theme of Reading. Next time you are in school, do take a moment to enjoy the children's work.

### Harvest Festival

We look forward to celebrating Harvest Festival with our Class 1 – 6 families at St Mary's Church on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9:25am. We will be kindly donating to the Dover Foodbank, which helps to support and feed vulnerable individuals within our community.

We will be very grateful to receive items of tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, potatoes – tinned or instant mash, fruit juice (long life), instant coffee, dried & UHT milk, squash, sugar and any dried packet food. **We ask that you do not include glass jars.**

### EYFS Parent 'Welcome to Reading' Workshop

Thank you to all the parents that attended our EYFS 'Welcome to Reading' workshop on Wednesday this week.

We had a lovely afternoon exploring how we teach phonics and reading in school, as well as some tips for reading at home together. If you missed the workshop, look out for details in Term 2 when Mrs Wallis will be hosting a repeat of the workshop for any parents that would like to attend.



Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

'Flourishing' has been the theme this week. Flourishing as humans is something we all aim for. It can look different depending on our beliefs and circumstances. Christians believe that Jesus offers 'life in all its fullness' which isn't a life without trouble, but a life lived with him. The children shared ideas as to how we all flourish inside and outside of school. How do you flourish in life? Who helps you to flourish? - we also explored the story of The Good Shepherd from John 10.

The children are very excited about the Harvest Festival next week (3rd October) as they continued to practise their Harvest-singing. Moreover, there were lots of smiles and laughter in a fun-packed Celebration Collective Worship today.

### Go with the Flo....

  
*Numeracy & budget planning programme*



**Training dates**  
October 9, 16, 23  
November 6, 13, 20  
Sessions 10am to 1pm  
Dover Big Local,  
Charlton Centre, High St,  
Dover, CT16 2PS  
\*Must be 19+ yrs & do not  
have grade C and above at  
GCSE Maths or equivalent


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**2 DAYS OF 1:1  
SUPPORT 6 DAYS OF  
GROUP TRAINING**  
Intro & Sign Up Day  
Day 1  
Digital Inclusion  
Day 2  
Basic Excel  
Day 3  
Understanding your  
income & expenditure  
Day 4  
Numeracy Essentials  
Day 5  
Budget planning  
Day 6  
Grocery shopping  
Exit & Sign off  
CV & cover letter  
tips and exit

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**STLS Parent Clinics**


The Dover Specialist Teaching and Learning Service are offering 30 minute clinic slots on the following dates:

- Thursday 5 October 2023
- Thursday 25 January 2024
- Thursday 23 May 2024
- Tuesday 12 December 2023
- Tuesday 26 March 2024
- Tuesday 9 July 2024

These clinics may be of interest to parents and carers of children, who have:

- ADHD, ODD
- challenging behaviour
- difficulty regulating their emotions
- anxiety based school avoidance
- or other emotional or mental health issues.

The clinics will be run remotely by two of the Specialist Teachers for SEMH, Tracey Cook and Stefanie Zintel-Warner.



To book a place on the clinic or to find out more about it please contact Sophie Hammond on 01304 829846 or email [Aspensmile@whitfield.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Aspensmile@whitfield.kent.sch.uk)

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

## Thought for the Week





## **Learner of the Week**

**Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:**

**Class R** – Turtles Learner of the Week is **Hannah!** Hannah loves to learn and has wowed us in Phonics this week. She has enjoyed taking part in different challenge's and identifying letter sounds around the classroom. Well done Hannah!

**Class 1** – Our Learner of the Week is **Logan** as he is a true Starfish Superstar! Logan is always kind and polite to the children and adult in class. He has tried really hard to master writing words and sentences about animals in the autumn. Logan is cheerful, helpful and a pleasure to spend time with. Well done Logan!

**Class 2** – Otters' Learner of the Week is **Adrian** as he has had a great week at St Mary's! Adrian has tried hard with his learning and has enjoyed taking on some challenge questions in maths. He loves to play football with his friends at playtime, and has a caring nature towards others. Adrian is first to help out in the classroom and around the school. Keep up the great work Adrian!

**Class 3** – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class has a very mature attitude towards their learning and is a helpful and kind member of our class. They have produced lovely pieces of writing with great independence. This week they have done particularly well in their maths lessons and mastered challenges with confidence. Well done – we are very proud of you!

**Class 4** – **Ariella** is Penguins' Learner of the Week as she has worked extremely hard and impressed us with her maths! Ariella has also reflected on how the Ten Commandments are important today, and explained that it is key to respect your parents. She has a lovely, bubbly and positive attitude. Well done Ariella!

**Class 5** – Orcas' Learner of the Week is **Jessica** as she is always ready to learn, but is also ready to do her best in all areas. Jessica has a determined attitude, which is a great example to others. She has also enjoyed exploring one of Roald Dahl's Revolting Thymes and has been able to identify the language devices used in the poem. Keep believing in yourself Jessica – you are an Awesome Orca!

**Class 6** – **Amelia** is Seahorses' Learner of the Week as she always tries her best with tasks and fully engages with her learning. This week she has taken on the role of Stanley Yelnats and has written an insightful diary entry from his perspective. Amelia has proved that perseverance pays off as she has moved up a group in our swimming lessons! Amelia – you have made such a positive start to Year Six. Keep up the good work!



## **School Census Day – Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



As you may know, school meals for children in Classes R, 1 and 2 are centrally funded by the government. All maintained schools have a census taken in October, January and May. On these days information is collated which leads directly to how much funding the school receives, which includes money to fund your child's free meals.

**The first census of the academic year will take place on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October.**

The school is required to record the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meals on the day, and I am asking that **all** children in Classes R, 1 and 2 register to have a hot school meal on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. By eating on the census day you secure funding for your child for the year, and then you are flexible to choose when/if they eat hot school lunches. The menu on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October will be:

**Beef burger or vegetable and bean burger in a bun**  
**Potato wedges**  
**Strawberry and vanilla mousse or fresh fruit**



**Folkestone Model Railway Club**  
**MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**  
 Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ  
 Sat 7th & Sun 8th October 2023, 10am-5pm

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ADULT (16+): £7.50  
 CHILD(5-15): £3 FAMILY: £19

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The winning House for best attendance this week is.....

**TEMPLE – 96.4%**



### HOUSE POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 160 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 125 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – **LANG** – 119 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – **FISHER** – 97 points

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<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>



### Term 1 2023

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:  
 Class 6 Swimming

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:  
 Harvest Festival – Years 1 - 6  
 Multi-Skills Club

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October:  
 Class 6 Swimming

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October:  
 School Census Day  
 Football Club

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:  
 Class 2 Family Collective Worship  
 Be smART Silly Sock Day

### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Class 2 – 125 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 6 – 115 points
- Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 3 & Class 5 – 100 points



### Allergies

If your child has any allergies you think we may be unaware of, please contact the school office and ask for an allergen form

01304 206887  
[office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net)

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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

**£2.67 per day – All meals must be paid in advance**

To pay for your meals online, please go to: [www.principals-catering.com](http://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*					

