

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

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Learning for life with God as our guide

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Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Week

This week we have been observing our annual Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Week, using the 2023 national theme of "Make a Noise About Bullying". Children came to school in odd socks on Monday to celebrate everyone being unique and to launch the anti-bullying week. In lessons each class has explored ways in which we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying. There was lots of fun too as the children designed their own pair of odd socks. You can see some of their lovely designs opposite.



### **A SPOTacular Day!**

We have been very pleased to support the national Children in Need fundraiser once again. Thank you for your donations towards our collection. So many children have come to school wearing spotty, yellow or Pudsey related clothing and have brought money to donate to this amazing charity. The children did lots of fun activities during the day, including designing their own Pudsey Bears and learning about why Children in Need is such an amazing charity!

### Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

We are all really looking forward to seeing you at the parent/carers teacher meetings next week. Please come to the main reception entrance as meetings will be held in the hall. Your child's workbooks will be available for you to look at and you will each have a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Mr Lamprell and I will also be present so do take the opportunity to speak to us too if you wish.

If you have children with you they should sit with you whilst you are waiting for your appointment and either join you at the teacher's table or continue to sit quietly on the waiting chairs; thank you for your support with this.

Your child needs you to attend this meeting with the class teacher. If you have not yet booked an appointment please log onto your Parentmail account and do so today.

### Reception Class 2024

Do you have a child born between **1st September 2019** and **31st August 2020**? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2024. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please contact the office: 01304 206887 / [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net)

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

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

In Collective Worship this week we have been thinking about this year's theme for Anti-Bullying week: 'Make A Noise'. The children have reflected about who they can talk to in our school community or at home if they are feeling concerned or worried.

We also considered why it is important to be educated and compared schooling in the UK to different parts of the world. The children had well-thought answers to the importance of education, valuing the building of skills and knowledge for the future.



## Thought for the Week

Train up a child in the  
way he should go; even  
when he is old he will  
not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

## Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Richard**. Richard is a helpful member of the class and always tries his best. This week he persevered with his letter formation and enjoyed labelling story characters from 'Stickman'.

**Class 1** – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Riley**. Riley has put in maximum effort to make progress with his writing this week. Mrs Page and I are AMAZED at how hard he has worked to be independent and finish tasks! He is a kind friend to others and is always helpful and polite.

**Class 2** – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Wade**. Wade has had a fantastic week at St. Mary's. He has completed some fantastic learning in the classroom and has been a great friend to his peers. Keep up the great work Wade.

**Class 3** – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Vivien**. Vivien is a happy learner and always has kind words to share with everyone. She has gained so much confidence in her Maths lessons and is beginning to use manipulatives with more independence and confidence.

**Class 4** – **Henley** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week. Henley has wowed us with his confidence to multiply and divide by 6 and 3, in maths. He has demonstrated and supported his peers to help their understanding – brilliantly showing our Christian value 'Friendship'.

**Class 5** – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Everyone!** The children are representing the school with exemplary behaviour on the journey to and from the leisure centre and during their time there. When the coach drivers and leisure centre staff ask Ms Morris what school they are from, she is extremely proud to say 'St. Mary's'!

**Class 6** – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Everyone!** This week year 6 have had to take part in mock SATs. It has been challenging at times but they all took it in their stride, showing great perseverance and determination. Mrs Miles and Mrs Smith are very proud of you all.



# How to help your child with pencil skills



When children start to learn to scribble and draw they try lots of different grasps and often change hands. Let them experiment; the most important thing at this stage is that they have fun.

The documents and websites following this link:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/occupational-therapy/pre-writing-and-writing/> will help you support your child's development whilst giving you some creative and enjoyable activity ideas.

Mrs C Burkett (SENCO)

## Every minute counts!



Arriving late to school causes disruption to the school office staff, the whole school as Collective Worship is disrupted and to your child who has missed out on registration, saying hello to their friends and hearing about what is on the schedule for the day.

**Children in Classes R, 1 and 2 need to arrive at the Laureston Place gate between 8:40 and 8:55am.**

**Children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 need to arrive at the Maison Dieu gate between 8:40am and 8:55am.**

Please ensure that your child arrives on time every day. If you are struggling to get your child to school please speak to Mrs D Morris, the Flo, who will be able to help and support you with this.

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 2 – 112 points

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> – Classes R & 6 – 105 points

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

**TEMPLE**

## HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – RAMSEY – 120 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – LANG – 108 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – FISHER – 92 points

4<sup>th</sup> – TEMPLE – 82 points

## Term 2 2023

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November:

Swimming – Class 5

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November:

Multi-Skills Club

Parent/Carer Consultation meetings – by appointment only 3:30-6pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:

Swimming – Class 5

Class 6 Victorian Day – Class 6 to come to school wearing a Victorian outfit

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:

Football Club

Parent/Carer Consultation meetings – by appointment only 3:30-5:30pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November:

Deadline to return Data Collection Sheets to the school office

## Lunch Menu – Week 1 Week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Please follow the link below to register and pay for your child's meals:  
<https://chandcoparents.myschoolmealorders.com/login>



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

		WEEK ONE				
		WEEK COMMENCING				
		30/10/2023 – 20/11/2023 - 11/12/2023 – 02/01/2024 – 22/01/2024 – 04/03/2024 – 25/03/2024				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>YOUR MENU THIS WEEK</b>	<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Margherita pizza (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)	Butter Chicken with rice (milk)	Sausage toad & gravy (egg, gluten, milk sulphites)	Beef bolognese & pasta (gluten)	Fish fingers (fish, gluten)
	<b>MAIN MEAL TWO</b>	Salmon fishcake (fish (salmon) gluten)	Mac n cheese (gluten, milk) (v)	Meatfree mince & Yorkshire (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (vg)	Five bean chilli Nachos (gluten) (v)	Herby lentil flatbread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)
	<b>SIDES</b>	Baked potato Wedges Baked beans, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Sweetcorn, Tomato & garlic bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Roast potatoes, Winter veg medley, Crusty bread (gluten, may contain soya) Salad	Sweetcorn, green beans, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Chips, peas, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad
	<b>PUDDINGS</b>	Flapjack with apple (gluten) (vg)	Chocolate biscuit (milk, gluten) (v)	Ice cream (milk) (v)	Sticky apple cake (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (v)	Winter fruit strudel & custard (egg, gluten, milk) (v)

**Available daily**

Jacket potatoes with beans, cheese (milk), fresh fruit

\*MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE\*

**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  
Matthew Lamprell – Head of School  
[office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net) - 01304 206887**

Admission to

# Primary school in Kent 2024

Apply online at

[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 3 November 2023 and closes at  
midnight on Monday 15 January 2024

For children born between  
1 September 2019  
and 31 August 2020,  
Transferring to Primary school  
in September 2024

## What to do

### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 3 November 2023** and closes at midnight on **Monday 15 January 2024**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

### Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Tuesday 16 April 2024**) an email will be sent after **4pm** informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Tuesday 30 April 2024**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

## Key dates

<b>Friday 3 November 2023</b>	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
<b>Monday 15 January 2024</b>	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Tuesday 16 April 2024</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
<b>Tuesday 30 April 2024</b>	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
<b>Tuesday 14 May 2024</b>	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk) or [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)  
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

