

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 14th June 2024



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

Class 5 Dover Castle Visit

On Thursday, it was Class 5's turn to step back in time when they visited Dover Castle. Mrs Sarah Morris reports '*Shortly after we arrived, we were given a tour of the Underground Hospital by Gavin (a former governor of St Mary's CEP!). It was a bit scary at times but we liked finding out about the different layers of tunnels and how they had been used in different periods of history. We then had a look around the castle and made our way to the 'Look Out' to enjoy the spectacular (but windy) views. The class enjoyed their visit and displayed excellent manners and behaviour throughout.*'



Little Lambs Visit

Our regular trips to Little Lambs Playgroup at The Parish Centre, (St Mary's Church) are so enjoyed and so popular amongst the Year 6 children that the class had to draw lots to decide which 5 children would accompany Mrs Debbie Morris (FLO) and Mrs Smith this Friday. Jasper, Pasha, Amelia, Lwandle and Katie came out winners and they all really enjoyed helping and playing with the young children at the playgroup. They all showed a real tenderness towards all the toddlers and babies. It was a pleasure to see them all enjoying themselves and we are very proud of their conduct. All the children enjoyed a drink of squash with the toddlers and the Jammie Dodgers were a real favourite!

Minecraft Coding Club

The brand-new Minecraft Coding Club started on Wednesday. KS2 children enjoyed an introduction to the universe of coding in Minecraft! In week one, the children gained an overview of code builder and then placing blocks. They learnt how to use coordinates when creating code in the game. A super enrichment opportunity at St Mary's CEP. Next week - spawning animals!

Coastal Voice Project

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an amazing music session on Monday this week as part of the Coastal Voice Project. Oliver Seager, a local musician, came in to school with a variety of drums and the children all 'drummed' to different beats. Each class will be writing their own song about living in Dover and this will build each week culminating in a final musical piece, written by the children. The Coastal Voice sessions continue next week on Monday and Friday.

Mini Police Cadets & Mini Medics

Year 5 have all enjoyed Mini Cadet and Mini Medic sessions with PCSO Mark Ball this week. The Mini Medics learnt about how to respond to an accident, including checking a patient for their response and breathing. They also learnt how to put a patient into the recovery position ready to start CPR. The sessions continue next week on Wednesday.

Reception Class 2024 – 'Stay and Play' Sessions!

Our new families have been in school this week starting to get to know each other and to learn about the classroom and school site. We look forward to seeing them all again on our transition day Thursday 4th July.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 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 spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age. Our new Reception Class for September 2024 is very nearly full so don't miss out if you would like a space, or know a friend who does.

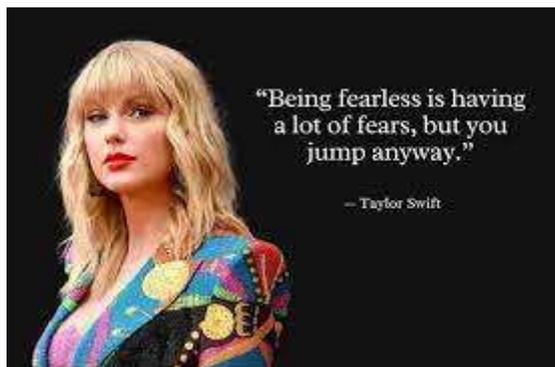
Staff Training Days 2024-2025

To assist with your planning for the next academic year I can confirm that the staff training days for next academic year – when school is closed to pupils – will be as follows:

- Monday, 2nd September 2024
- Monday, 4th November 2024
- Friday, 23rd May 2025
- Monday, 21st July 2025
- Tuesday, 22nd July 2025

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week the children focused on the importance of prayer. We explored how we can offer prayer in different forms (saying or writing) and the benefit this has in terms of reflection and hope.

I wonder if there is any person or situation that we could pray for today? I wonder if you have ever prayed before and this has helped you?

Moreover, the children looked at the parables in the Bible linked to Paul. Paul prayed no matter what - all his letters begin and end with prayers and prayers in between. Instead of saying 'Dear...' to begin his letters, he says things like 'I thank God for the help you gave me...'. There were some interesting thoughts shared from the children.

As always, the children participated in a wonderful Celebration Collective Worship - a wide range of awards were positively shared!

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Ivy-Lou** as she has settled in really well at St Mary's and has made lots of new friends. Ivy-Lou has also wowed Mrs Tomkinson and Mrs Cassingena with her super learning in class. Well done Ivy-Lou!

Class 1 – Our Learners of the Week in Starfish Class this week is **EVERYONE!** How could we possibly choose just one person when everyone has worked so hard to achieve AMAZING phonics scores! Well done Starfish Class – we are incredibly proud of you all!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Zala!** Zala comes into school with a positive attitude and tries her best with every task, producing interesting and well-presented pieces of work. Zala is a pleasure to have in class and is a good friend to her peers. Keep up the great work Zala!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Lucas!** Lucas has had a wonderful attitude and has been keen to learn in every lesson. Lucas has been able to demonstrate his knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables with good strategies and swift answers. What an impressive week Lucas!

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Luke** as he has settled into St Mary's brilliantly! Luke is always showing our Christian values in school and has such a quiet and calm demeanour; he is extremely polite and always wants to learn. Well done Luke – a brilliant week!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Alfie!** Alfie only joined St Mary's on Monday but he has caught up well in English and produced an innovated story based on the African tale we have studied. Alfie asked interesting questions on our visit to Dover Castle in order to discover more. Well done Alfie!

Class 6 – **EVERYONE** is Seahorses Class are our Learners of the Week as they have been a total joy to teach this year and we are so proud of them all! They have worked so hard and shown what kind, thoughtful and amazing pupils they are! It has been wonderful to see them all grown in confidence, ready to start their next adventure at secondary school. Year Six – you are amazing!



Go with the Flo...



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Guest Speaker from Kooth

Wednesday 19th June
10am - 12 noon
ASPEN Smile Centre,
Whitfield, Dover CT16 3LJ

Kooth is a mental health and wellbeing platform that offers online counselling support. Not only do we offer access to counselling, at Kooth we feature self help tools including online journaling, goal setting and mindfulness techniques. We also have a community space on our Kooth magazine and discussion boards where young people can give and receive advice and support from others their age.

Pop along for an informal chat over a coffee!

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Dover Job Club



Calling all Job Seekers. Are you currently unemployed? Need some help getting back into work? Need help with your CV? Then look no further, Dover Job Club based in Dover Big Local is there to help you and join other job seekers doing the same thing.

Weekly Sessions where we can help you with:

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| Job Searches | CV creation and tailoring |
| Access to 1 to 1 support | Outside agency support to help with your wider wellbeing |
| Help with Cover Letters | Access your Universal Credit account |

Drop in on a Tuesday to use 1 of our laptops or bring your own laptop, tablet, smartphone and free Wi-Fi provided.

We are here each Tuesday for all job seekers looking for a new job and 1 to 1 support is provided so don't hesitate to ask for help to get your next job role.



Every Tuesday
9am - 3pm



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Digital Support Sessions



Calling all adults, are you new to the online world or looking to learn more and being guided to do everyday things like shopping, banking, bills and more online but not sure where to start because you're not comfortable doing so while you're online?

If this is you, then why not drop in to start your free sessions or chat with the team to see what it is all about, we are open to all. Weekly

Sessions where we can help you with:

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| How to use a computer | Setting up and using email accounts |
| Uploading Photos | Using the internet |
| Organise files | Typing skills |
| Effective Google Search | Using social media |

Bring your own laptop, tablet, smartphone or use 1 of our laptops where we offer 1-2-1 support to all looking to further learn what technology can offer and do for you.

We are here each Monday except for Bank Holidays for you to drop in, chat with the team and learn what wonders the technological world can bring you.



Every Monday 9am - 3pm



Bereavement Group

- Are you mourning a loved one or a pet?
- Do you need someone to talk to?

Join our informal and friendly self help group.

Every fortnight starting Mon June 17th 4pm - 6pm
Unit 3 Charlton Centre CT16 1TT

Free refreshments
All Welcome! (under 18's accompanied by an adult)

Phone Terry on 07434 580011 or
email: thecontroller3@talktalk.net



Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer



Parent Governor



Have you thought about becoming a parent governor?

If you are interested in this role we would love to hear from you.

Please look out for information being sent via ParentMail in the near future.

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st - Reception Class - 88 points

2nd - Class 3 - 80 points

3rd - Class 2 - 77 points

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

LANG !!

HOUSE POINTS

1st - LANG - 265 points

2nd - FISHER - 226 points

3rd - TEMPLE - 224 points

4th - RAMSEY - 184 points

Term 6 2024

Monday 17th June:

Coastal Voice Project - Class 3 & Class 4

Tuesday 18th June:

Class 4 Trip

SPORTS DAY 1.30pm - Reception Class, Class 1 & Class 2

Multi-Skills & Athletics Club - Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 19th June:

Mini Police Cadets & Mini Medics – Class 5

Minecraft Coding Club – KS2

Thursday 20th June:

SPORTS DAY 1:30pm – Class 3, Class 4, Class 5 & Class 6

Multi-Skills & Athletics Club - Reception Class 1 & Class 2

Friday 21st June:

Class 3 Trip

Coastal Voice Project – Class 3 & Class 4

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 Appointments are now available to book online at www.pmg.schoolswear.co.uk

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*BOOK EARLY
 BUY EARLY
 AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT*

Appointments are available until **AUGUST 12TH**
 After this date it's walk-in only and you may have to queue

Order before **AUGUST 12TH**
 After this date, uniform may not be with you in time for the new term

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Lunch Menu – Week 1
Week beginning Monday 17th June 2024

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			15/04/2024, 06/05/2024, 17/06/2024, 08/07/2024	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAIN MEAL	Margherita Pizza (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)	Butter Chicken with Rice (milk)	Sausage Toad & Gravy (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (v)	Beef Bolognaise & Pasta (gluten)	Fish Fingers (fish, gluten)	
MINI MEAL TWO	Salmon Fishcake (fish (salmon), gluten)	Mac n Cheese (gluten, milk) (v)	Meatfree Mince & Yorkshire (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (v)	Five Bean Chili Nachos (gluten) (v)	Herby Lentil Flatbread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)	
SIDES	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	
PUDDINGS	Flapjack with Apple (gluten) (v)	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)	
<p>Available daily</p> <p>Jacket potatoes with beans, cheese (milk), fresh fruit v- vegetarian vg - vegan</p> <p>*MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE*</p>						

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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.

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