

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 8th November 2024

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Welcome to Term 2 which has started very well.

Staff Training

Staff training for teachers on Monday was about ways in which we can help children to remember what they have been taught. 'Learning' is defined as a 'change in long term memory' and we explored techniques to help the children to transfer key knowledge to their long-term memory. We are rightly proud of the impact of the teaching at our school on all of our pupils, with end of Year 6 test outcomes continuing to be some of the highest of all the Dover town schools.

We need you!

Hopefully you will have seen the letter which came out this week about parent/carer consultation meetings which are being held during the week beginning 25th November. Please do sign up to see your child's teacher. There is nothing to worry about these meetings and certainly no pressure – just an opportunity to have a chat about your child, how they are getting on with their learning and their classmates and to have a look at some of their school work. I hope that the new way we are organising the times of these meetings will appeal to you and look forward to seeing all of you at school at some point during that week.

Class 5 Swimming

Class 5 started their school swimming lessons this week with two sessions each week for the next few weeks. I look forward to all of our children becoming confident swimmers!

Class 4 Family Collective Worship

Class 4 amazingly performed their Remembrance Day class assembly this morning, they explained the reason behind Remembrance Day, the importance of us 'remembering' and reflecting during this time.



They explained why we wear poppies and the charity it supports. They read beautifully, clearly and confidently. They also sang 'Lest We Forget' with pride and actions, reiterating the message, and they also displayed their talented poppy artwork. We thank the families who joined us today. We are extremely proud of the children and they should be proud of themselves. Well done Class 4!

Anti-Bullying Week

The week commencing Monday 11th November, is Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect'.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives - it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'.

In school, your child will be participating in a range of activities; they will participate in discussions about bullying - what it is, what to do if they are being bullied or witnessing bullying and who they can reach out too. There will also be opportunities for them to reflect on their own actions and understand the impact that some actions can have.

On **Tuesday 12th November**, we are inviting all staff and children to wear odd socks into school, to celebrate what makes us unique!





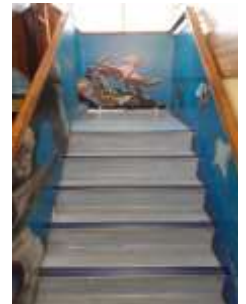
Children in Need – Friday, 15th November 2024

To raise money for Children in Need this year we are hosting a 'SPOTacular' dress up day! This year, Children in Need have partnered with The Gladiators; therefore, the children can choose yellow/Pudsey or super hero dress up on Friday 15th November 2024 and bring 50p to donate to Children in Need.

If your child does not decide to dress up, they are to wear school uniform as normal. We will be carrying out lots of fun activities during the day, including designing our own Pudsey Bears and learning about why Children in Need is such an amazing charity! We look forward to having a SPOTacular day!

Under the sea

The children were extremely excited to see our new 'under water theme' environment on our staircase - this has certainly created an engaging and calming visual for all.



Reception Class 2025

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2025. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. We have been overwhelmed with the number of New Intake Tours that Mr Lamprell has carried out already and are really pleased to meet with these families. Please remember to contact the office on 01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net if you or anyone you know has a child due to start school.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Sonny!** Sonny has made a great start to the new term and has been showing a really positive attitude towards all of his learning. Sonny is also a really kind friend to others. Well done Sonny!



Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Daksh!** Daksh is a kind friend to others and has a fantastic attitude to his learning. He demonstrates our Christian values every day and enjoys all aspects of school life. Well done Daksh!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Logan!** Logan is a polite, trustworthy and helpful member of our class. He always tries his best and has a positive attitude towards his learning. Logan has impressed us in maths, and has enjoyed dance in PE. Keep making us proud Logan!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Lavin!** Lavin tries her hardest in every lesson and has produced some fantastic work. Lavin has worked independently in maths to answer some tricky challenges and is a pleasure to have in class. Well done Lavin!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Anfroi** as he has returned to school with a wonderful attitude! He is focussed and keen to do his best in all lessons. Anfroi has worked hard in English, and has drawn a wonderful Chinese dragon in art. Well done Anfroi – a brilliant week!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week has been amazing this week and has worked very hard in all subjects. They come into school with a smile every day, and are a pleasure to have in class. We are all so proud of you – keep it up!

Class 6 – **Dolly-Ann** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as she has approached her learning carefully, making sure to listen to instructions and ask when she is not sure. Dolly-Ann has also been a super ambassador for the school, representing the best of St Mary's. Keep it up Dolly-Ann!

Thought for the Week



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

TEMPLE !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st - Class 5 - 72 points

2nd - Class R - 64 points

Joint 3rd - Class 2 & Class 6

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Collective Worship continued to be inclusive, inspiring and invitational as the children settled back to school for Term 2 extremely well. Singing Worship was as lovely as ever with the children singing beautifully and harmoniously. We welcomed Revd. Claire Coleman to school this week as she delivered her first Collective Worship to the school. Revd. Claire discussed The Psalms in the Bible with clear links to David. Christians believed that David played the harp and was an accomplished musician. I wonder what your favourite songs are and how do they make you feel? I wonder how music connects us?

Class 4 rounded off the week with a super Family Worship; recent learning, including Remembrance Day activities, were shared and enjoyed by all - thank you to all parents/carers who attended.

Term 2 2024

Monday 11th November:

Mental Health Anti-Bullying Week

Class 5 Swimming

Tuesday 12th November:

Odd Socks Day

Class 4 Ukulele Sessions

Multi-Skills Club – Classes 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 13th November:

Class 5 Swimming

Thursday 14th November:

Football Club – Classes 4, 5 & 6

Friday 15th November:

Children in Need Day

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

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Family Learning Online courses starting
end October/November 2024

ONL/147051/P/PF	Strategies to Support Your Child with Maths 7-11 yrs - Webinar	22/10/24	22/10/24	Tuesday	13:30	14:30
ONL/147080/P/PF	Exploring Behaviour Strategies	04/11/24	04/11/24	Monday	09:30	11:30
ONL/147081/P/PF	Managing Children's Behaviour	04/11/24	18/11/24	Monday	18:00	20:00
ONL/147082/P/PF	Family First Aid	04/11/24	18/11/24	Monday	18:00	20:00
ONL/147099/P/PF	Family maths to exam	06/11/24	25/06/25	Wednesday	13:00	15:30
ONL/147094/P/PF	Introduction to Working with Children	06/11/24	04/12/24	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
ONL/147107/P/PF	Understanding your Teenager	07/11/24	28/11/24	Thursday	12:30	14:30
ONL/147144/P/PF	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	11/11/24	11/11/24	Monday	12:30	14:30
ONL/147613/P/PF	Introduction to Working in the Beauty Industry	11/11/24	25/11/24	Monday	19:00	21:00
ONL/147145/P/PF	Supporting ADHD in the Home	13/11/24	04/12/24	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
ONL/147213/P/PF	Who's pulling the strings	19/11/24	10/12/24	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
ONL/147129/P/PF	Autism Awareness	26/11/24	17/12/24	Tuesday	18:30	20:30
ONL/147126/P/PF	Autism Awareness	27/11/24	18/12/24	Wednesday	09:30	11:30
ONL/147151/P/PF	Supporting ADHD in the Home	27/11/24	18/12/24	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
ONL/147045/P/PF	Autism Awareness	28/11/24	19/12/24	Thursday	13:00	15:00

To book a place on our FREE courses go to:

[Family Learning courses](#) and [Work Skills courses](#)

If you can't find the course, please copy the code on the left (e.g. ONL/146824/P/PF) into the search box.

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

**FREE, fun &
informal courses**



Kent Adult Education is part of Community Learning and Skills.

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Lunch Menu – Week 2 Week beginning Monday 11th November 2024

If you pay for your child's cooked lunch, the cost will be **£2.50 a day**. **This payment will be made directly to the school and must be paid for in advance.** Please note payment details below: -

Name of Account - KCC RE DOVER ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Sort Code - 60-60-08
Account Number - 83294082
Reference – [Child's Name] Lunch

		Menu - November 2024 - March 2025		
		Week One 04/11/25/11/06/01/27/01/24/02/17/03	Week Two 11/11/02/12/13/01/03/02/03/0324/03	Week Three 18/11/05/11/20/01/10/02/10/03/31/03
Monday	Option 1	Home-made Pizza	Mac n Cheese	Pea & Basil Pesto Pasta
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Pasta Provencale	Tomato Pasta
	served with	Pasta Peas & Sweetcorn	Garlic Dough Balls Peas & Sweetcorn	Garlic Flatbread Peas & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Tuesday	Option 1	Beef Burger	Breaded Chicken Steak	Mild Chicken Curry
	Option 2	Quorn Sausage	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Bolognese with Pasta
	served with	Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Jacket Wedges Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Rice Carrots & Green Beans
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Wednesday	Option 1	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy	Roast Pork with Gravy
	Option 2	Veggie Pie	Quorn Sausage & Gravy	Winter Vegetable Bake
	served with	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Thursday	Option 1	Pork Meatballs	Lasagne	Sausage Roll Slice & Gravy
	Option 2	Meatless Meatballs	Veggie Burritos	Quorn Sausage Roll
	served with	Pasta Carrots & Green Beans	Garlic Bread Peas & Cauliflower	Mash Peas & Carrots
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Raspberry Buns Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	*Cheese Puff	Curried Veggie Pasty	*Pizza Whirl
	served with	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
 Suitable for Vegetarians  Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians  Contains Fish		All items are subject to availability All items with * can be made Vegan Friendly www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk		