

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



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

### Christmas is Coming...

A good time was had by all at the Marlowe Theatre pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, on Wednesday – a great start for the children and staff in Key Stage 2 to our annual Christmas celebrations.

We were all dazzled by the lights, costumes and special effects and sang our hearts out with the songs.

Every single child was a credit to our school family and a joy to be with. Many thanks to families and staff for supporting us in giving the children this special and memorable experience.

We 'decked the halls' on Friday with the school Christmas tree being decorated and the class hoops – on the theme of Christmas Carols – being hung.

### Class 6 Dover Library Visit

Class 6 are the second of our classes to visit the local library. The children had a super time and enjoyed choosing a book each – the collection is being held in class for the children to share amongst themselves until returned to the library on their next visit.

### Reception Class

Speaking of reading, we were very happy to welcome our Reception Class parents / carers into school on Tuesday morning – the children performed some songs about bonfire night and Diwali to their families. Mrs Wallis then talked about how families can help their children learn to read.

### Parent / Carer Consultation Meetings

We were pleased to see so many parents at school this week meeting with teachers to talk about how their children are getting on at school with their learning.

We had a good 50/50 split of those who chose a 1:00pm – 3:00pm appointment and those who chose 3:30pm – 5:30pm. I hope you feel that everyone's preferences were met. Do please let us know if not.

### 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



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

This week's theme focused on friendship, which is one of our school's Christian values. The children explored the story of Jonathan and David, which Christians believe is an example of great friendship. Jonathan and David stayed friends all their life, despite enormous pressures and dangers. Within this parable, they both showed that they could trust one another. I wonder how friends mark their friendship? I wonder what makes a best friend and the key qualities they have?



Advent is coming! The children were extremely excited to hear that our school's Christmas decorations will be visible in the school hall from Monday next week. As we get in to the Christmas spirit, it is also important to remember that Advent begins on Sunday, 1st December. Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival - 'advent' - of Jesus Christ. Each week of Advent focuses on a different theme: hope, peace, joy and love. The children will be exploring this in more detail within our Collective Worship, as well as looking forward to our upcoming Christingle Service.

For more information on Advent, the Diocese have produced the following video clip - please click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/t3FWasqQ2AU>

### Learner of the Week

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

**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Aiden!** Aiden's confidence has grown tremendously this term! He is beginning to share his ideas on the carpet and have a go at new activities. Well done Aiden!

**Class 1** – **Leo** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he has really hard this week! Leo is confident in recognising initial sounds in phonics, and has really enjoyed completing word jigsaws. Well done Leo – we are all so proud of you!

**Class 2** – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Patrena** as she has had a wonderful start to the week! Patrena has tried hard to successfully use phonics in her writing, and has shown enthusiasm while learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Keep making us proud Patrena!

**Class 3** – **Teddy** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as he has been determined to be the best he can possibly be and has worked hard to improve his handwriting. Teddy enjoyed our trip to the Pantomime and was impeccably behaved throughout. Keep up the great work Teddy!

**Class 4** – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Christopher** for the wonderful learning behaviour he has shown this week! Christopher has tried hard in all areas of the curriculum and is proud of his successes. Well done Christopher – we are very proud of you as well!

**Class 5** – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Harley** as he has tried everything that has been asked of him and has produced some great work that he should be proud of! Harley gives his best effort and is a pleasure to have in our class. Well done Harley – keep it up!

**Class 6** – **Gabby** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as she always tries her hardest in everything she does. This week Gabby has written a super newspaper report about a robbery, and has made great links in her maths. Gabby is always kind to others and is a good friend. Well done Gabby!



## Thought for the Week



## HOUSE POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **FISHER** - 170 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **LANG** - 160 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **RAMSEY** - 146 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **TEMPLE** - 118 points

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

**FISHER !!**



## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Class 1** - 66 points
- Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Class 1 & Class 6** - 60 points



**Santa's coming!**

**Riverside  
Community Hub**

**Saturday  
30th November**

**10.00-11.00am  
then again  
11.30-12.30pm**

**NO NEED TO BOOK!**

**£4.00 per child  
up to 8 years old  
(includes a present)**





Go with the Flo....

FOR COLLECTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
PMASSISTANT@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK



# Naughty November

1ST NOVEMBER - 30TH NOVEMBER

IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER  
WE ASK KINDLY THAT EACH  
ORGANISATION  
PARTICIPATING IN OUR FOOD  
FIGHT COLLECTION, COLLECT  
CHRISTMAS SWEETS AND  
TREATS.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR  
PARTICIPATION.



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

<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

Term 2 2024

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:

Class 5 Swimming  
Class R Rescheduled Parent / Carer Consultations

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:

Class 5 Library Visit  
Multi-Skills Club – Classes 1, 2 & 3  
Class R, 1 & 2 Cinema Trip

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December:

Class 5 Swimming

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December:

Class 4 Ukulele Sessions  
Football Club – Classes 4, 5 & 6

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:

KS2 Christmas Disco – 3:30pm

Admission to

# Primary school in Kent 2025

Apply online at

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

Opens Tuesday 5 November 2024 and closes at  
midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025

For children born between  
**1 September 2020**  
and **31 August 2021**,  
Transferring to Primary school  
in **September 2025**

## 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 **Tuesday 5 November 2024** and closes at **midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

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 (**Wednesday 16 April 2025**) 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 **Wednesday 30 April 2025**.

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>Tuesday 5 November 2024</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>Wednesday 15 January 2025</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>Wednesday 16 April 2025</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after <b>4pm</b> .
<b>Wednesday 30 April 2025</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 20 May 2025</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)

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.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.





**Lunch Menu – Week 2**  
**Week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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  <a href="http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk">www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk</a>		