

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



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

### Christmas is Coming!

The children were really excited on Monday when they saw that the Christmas hoops had been hung in the hall and the tree decorated – these will certainly help us all to get into the festive spirit as Advent begins. There is an air of excitement in the Key Stage 2 classes as the children (and staff!) look forward to our Christmas Disco today; thank you to the staff for putting on this popular event for the children.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our forthcoming Christmas events –

- Reception Class Stay & Play Session – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December
- KS1 Performance 'Simply the Nativity' – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December
- KS2 Carol Concert – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December

### Reception Class and Classes 1 and 2 Cinema Trip

On Tuesday our EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes visited Dover Cineworld to watch Moana 2. It was a fantastic Christmas treat and the children were transfixed by the film and all the fantastic songs! Well done to all the children, we were very proud of all of you!



### Library Visit Class 5

Class 5 visited our local library on Tuesday, which is currently located in Castle Street. The children were met by a librarian who showed the children the range of books available and advised how to choose a book you might like to read. The children all chose a book to 'borrow' from the library and read in class. Here are a few quotes from the children: "It was great, there were loads of good books!", "I loved it!", "I enjoyed looking at the different styles of books to borrow!" Class 4 will be visiting the library next week, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.



### Headteacher News

I would like to update you regarding the leadership structure at St Mary's CEP. I have been Executive Headteacher at the school since 2017. Until the end of last academic year, when I was not at St Mary's CEP, I was at work at my other school. Since September 2024 I have been working part-time, so when I am not at St Mary's CEP I am not at work at all!

In order to make sure that St Mary's CEP has a named headteacher for every day of the week, Governors have asked Mr Matthew Lamprell to take on the job-title of Headteacher. I will remain as Executive Headteacher and Mr Lamprell and I will continue to work closely together on all matters related to leading and managing the school. Mrs Louisa Wallis continues as Assistant Head of School.

It is a privilege to lead such a fantastic school community and I thank you all for your marvellous children and your ongoing support.

### Dover's Winter Light Up

Class 6 pupils were due to take part in the Dover Winter Light Up festival this weekend. However, we have been informed by Future Foundry that they have made the sad decision to postpone the event due to the forecast of bad weather. Please see further information from Dover Town Council and Future Foundry elsewhere in this newsletter.

## 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

**DOVER'S WINTER LIGHT UP**

### Postponement of Dover's Winter Light Up

Dover Town Council and Future Foundry are sad to announce that Dover's Winter Light Up will be postponed due to Storm Darragh forecast to reach Dover this weekend. All festivities, activities and the lantern procession which were to be taking place on Saturday 7th of December are on hold until February 8th 2025.

We have been very lucky over the past 4 years to have had perfect conditions for Dover's Winter Light Up. However with 60mph gusts predicted on Saturday, it will not be possible to run the event safely.

The great news is that Dover's Winter Light Up has been rescheduled for Saturday the 8th of February. It will be a festival of light when we need it most - at the end of winter just before the first signs of spring. We will be offering all the enchanting activities we had planned for this weekend, with circus performances, cabaret, music, rides, markets, workshops and Future Foundry's magical lantern procession - all just in time for the start of spring.

In the meantime stay safe during Storm Darragh and we wish you a wonderful festive, winter season.

Logos at the bottom: Dover Town Council, Port of Dover, Arts Council England, Dover Harbour, Levelling Up, and UK Government.

## Thought for the Week



## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Class 6 - 79 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Class 2 - 75 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Class 1 - 70 points

- ## HOUSE POINTS
- 1<sup>st</sup> - FISHER - 259 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - LANG - 252 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - RAMSEY - 204 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - TEMPLE - 173 points



The winning House for best attendance this week is...  
**LANG !!**

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



The children were very excited on Monday when they entered the school hall to see our Christmas tree and decorations up - this was certainly a joyous moment! Our Advent wreath, which Mrs Morris made for us!, was on show as the children explored the meaning of Advent and what each candle represents.

Advent means 'coming' in Latin; this is the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas - leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ. I wonder what Christmas means to you?

Pupils have been busily practising in Singing Worship as they prepare for their Nativity and/or Carol Concerts to families. To the children's amusement, we had a special visit from two 'elves' in our Celebration Collective Worship - a letter was left for the children where the elves had shared that they would be watching Collective Worship in the hall over the next couple of weeks and be checking that the children are showing our school's Christian Values - the children loved this! The excitement of the festive season is certainly in the air at St Mary's CEP. In addition, the children are thoroughly looking forward to their Christingle Service, which will be happening in school next Friday (parents do not need to attend this event).

St Mary's CEP, Dover



# FAMILY COFFEE MORNING

Are you worried about your child's  
toileting skills or development?  
Do you want to ask the Kent Community  
Health team for advice?  
*We will be discussing our experiences of  
developing independent toileting skills  
and night time wetting. Advice and sign-  
posting will be available from the NHS and  
our SENCO, Mrs Burkett.*

**All Welcome**

**Thursday, 19th December - 9:00am-10:00am**

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## Learner of the Week

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

**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Charlie!** Charlie comes into school every day with a smile on his face ready to learn. He is a kind friend to others and always willing to help! Well done Charlie!

★ We Are So ★  
Proud Of You

**Class 1** – Our Learner of the Week this week is **EVERYONE IN STARFISH CLASS!** We had a fantastic visit to the cinema to watch Moana 2. All the children were so well behaved and walked sensibly to the cinema. We are very proud of you all – well done!

**Class 2** – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Piper** as she has shown amazing confidence in her maths work, and has been remarkable in her nativity practice, bringing energy and joy to her role. Keep making us proud Piper!

**Class 3** – **Zala** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has worked very hard in maths and has impressed us with her attitude to learning. Zala always arrives with a smile and is keen to learn. We are so proud of you Zala!

**Class 4** – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Lenka** for the wonderful effort and concentration she has had in class. Lenka has impressed us with her wonderful calculation skills in maths, and has shown wonderful imagination in her writing. Well done Lenka!

**Class 5** – **Amaya** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as she has proven that the creativity within her is immense! Amaya is a delight to have in class and she is very focussed on her work. We are all very proud of you Amaya – well done!

**Class 6** – **EVERYONE IN SEAHORSES CLASS** are our Learners of the Week. They have been helpful, mature and shown a fantastic attitude to all of their learning. They have deepened their knowledge of the Victorian Era this week, and are growing into their role as 'top of the school' as the year progresses. Well done Seahorses!

## Christmas Eve Service at 4:00pm

St Mary's Church, Dover  
Cannon Street, Dover

### Christingle service and building the crib

A traditional Christmas service for the whole family Join us for some festive fun as we celebrate Jesus being born and his light shining into the world.



## Term 2 2024

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December:**

Class 5 Swimming

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:**

Class 4 Library Visit

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:**

Class R Family Christmas Event – 2:00pm

Class 5 Swimming – final session

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:**

KS1 Nativity Performance – 2:15pm

Class 4 Ukulele Sessions

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:**

Christingle Service (parents do not need to attend this event)

KS2 Choir Club – 3:15pm

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.

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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 3](#) Week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</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
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
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
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
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	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
	Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit/Jelly
	Dessert	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly
	Dessert	Raspberry Buns Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly
	Dessert	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
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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](http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk)