

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



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

### Welcome to 2025!

One of the many things I enjoy about working in education is that I have the opportunity for two new year's, one in September for the new school year and then again in January for the new calendar year. For me both of these 'new years' are great opportunities to reflect on the past and to plan for the future.

I have set 'make time' as my words for 2025 to help me focus, both at home and at work, on how I choose to spend my time; it is all too easy to claim I did not 'have time' for something – for example starting a new book which has been on my 'to read' pile for months! What I need to be better at is reflecting on how I am choosing to spend my time and then make time for the most important things.

### A Chilly Wind...

Temperatures are dropping this week; with such a mild winter so far, the cold weather feels unusual. Children need gloves, hats and scarves as well as a coat to help to keep them warm at breaktime and to and from school.

### PE

PE lessons for all classes have already started. This term everyone will be learning gymnastic skills in the school hall. For gymnastic lessons children need a t-shirt (either in their house colour or plain white) as well as shorts. The children will work in bare feet. They may wear soft-soled plimsolls if preferred but not trainers – please be advised of this.

PE is an important part of the curriculum, thank you for your support with ensuring that your child has what they need in order to take part. As always, if you are struggling to manage this please do speak with Debbie Morris, our Family Liaison Officer.



### Reception Class 2025

Applications for our new class of Reception children who will start in September must be made by **Wednesday, 15th January 2025**. Lots of families have already expressed an interest with many coming to visit our school over recent weeks.

Do spread the word to anyone you know with a child born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021** and encourage them to book in a time to meet with Mr Lamprell.

### Classes R, 1 & 2 New Dismissal Arrangements

A reminder that from Thursday of this week we slightly changed dismissal arrangements for Classes R, 1 and 2 to help with the flow and transition at the end of the day. Children in these classes are now dismissed from the Top Playground to their parents/carers. The pedestrian gate will be open from 3pm to enable parents/carers to access the Top Playground. This new arrangement has been positively received and I thank you for your co-operation with this.

Wishing you all a wonderful 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 **Kayden!** Kayden comes into school everyday with a smile on his face ready to learn. He always tries his best and is a kind friend to others. Kayden has wowed us this week with his super reading and writing. Well done Kayden!



**Class 1** – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Thomas!** Thomas tries really hard to make improvements to his work and really listens to feedback. We have also been impressed with Thomas' kindness to everyone in class, and his continued demonstration of our Christian values. Keep up the great work Thomas!

**Class 2** – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Raven** as she has taken big steps in making friends and participating in class activities! Raven comes into school with a lovely smile, brightening up everyone's day! Her good manners and kindness towards others have not gone unnoticed. Keep making us proud Raven!

**Class 3** – **Lexie-Mae** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has tried her best with her learning, and has impressed us with her reading aloud! Lexie-Mae has been working hard in maths and has taken on some tricky questions with perseverance and determination. Keep up the fantastic work Lexie-Mae – we are very proud of you!

**Class 4** – **Sara** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week as she has demonstrated such a positive and determined attitude since starting back at school. In maths, Sara has worked hard to multiply and divide by 10 and 100, and she has been proud of her successes. Sara has demonstrated our Christian values of perseverance and respect this week. A wonderful attitude Sara – well done!

**Class 5** – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Eliza** as she has persevered with her work and tried really hard with her English writing! Eliza has been helping her friends in maths and always listens carefully to instructions. She always demonstrates our school Christian values and we are very proud of her – well done Eliza!

**Class 6** – **Millie** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class for her consistent positive attitude. She tries her best with everything she does and always has a smile on her face. We have been really impressed with the effort she puts into her work. Millie is a kind friend to others and always willing to help. Well done Millie – we are all so proud of you!

## Dover's Winter Light Up – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**4:00pm-4:20pm** – Arrive at Pencester Gardens to collect your lantern. Please look for the sign with St Mary's CEP School name and one of the Future Foundry team members will assist in looking for your lantern.

**4:45pm** – Any uncollected lanterns will be handed out to members of the public. \* Procession lines up and the lanterns are lit.

**5:00pm** – The procession leaves Pencester Gardens.

**6:15pm** – The procession returns to Pencester Gardens for Dover Make a Wish.

From 3:00pm Pencester Gardens will have entertainment, the Light Up Youth Market and a Food Village.

From 6:45pm Anxious Pickle Club will be hosting a cabaret until 9pm when Dover's Winter Light Up will end.

\*Please note that any lanterns not collected by 4:45pm will be offered to siblings or other families from the school/group before being offered to the public. All lanterns made for the day will be handed out to ensure every lantern is included in the procession and to make the procession as fabulous as possible.

At the end of the procession the children/lantern makers will be able to keep their lanterns, but our team will come around to collect the sticks and lights so that we are able to re-use these and make the event as sustainable as possible. If any children are unable to make the procession but would like to keep their lantern, they will need someone to attend who can collect and process with their lantern on their behalf.



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

There was a positive and excitable atmosphere in Collective Worship this week as the children were welcomed back to school for Term 3.

The children explored their goals and targets for this term, as well as what they are most looking forward to. I wonder what goal/target you have set yourself for this term?

The children explored the story of The Wise Men and the meaning of 'epiphany'. The word epiphany means 'showing' or 'revelation' and is the time Christians hear the stories about all the clues in the Bible which reveal what is special about Jesus. I wonder how we can follow Jesus' example of listening to God and doing what God wants for us?

The first week back was rounded off in style as a range of awards and celebrations were shared. The reasons for 'Learners of the Week' were received well, as well as the responses given by the children when they shared what learning they had enjoyed this week.

### HOUSE POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **RAMSEY** - 214 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **LANG** - 144 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **TEMPLE** - 138 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **FISHER** - 109 points

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

**FISHER !!**

### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Class R** - 84 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Class 2** - 82 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Class 1** - 78 points

### Go with the Flo...

#### Exciting Activities for Your Child to Enjoy



#### Deal Library

**Story Time** - Saturdays fortnightly, starting 18th January 2025 - 11:00am - 11:30 am.  
Suitable for ages 4 - 7 years - Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
No booking required

**Lego Club** - Saturdays, 11:00am - midday.  
Suitable for 5 years and above  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
No booking required.

**Rocket Making Workshop** - Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February - 10:30 am - midday.  
Suitable for ages 3 - 11 years - Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Booking required, please contact Deal Library 03000 41 31 31 or email [deallibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:deallibrary@kent.gov.uk)  
This workshop will be run by Kent Adult Education Family Learning.

#### Dover Library

**Puppet Making** - Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February - 10:30 am - midday.  
Suitable for ages 3 - 11 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Booking required, please contact Dover Library on 03000 41 31 31 or  
email [doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk).  
This workshop will be run by Kent Adult Education Family Learning.

**Children's Saturday Craft Club - Theme is the Chinese New Year** - Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January -  
11:00am - 12:30pm.  
Suitable for children aged 4 - 11 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
No booking required.

**Lego Club** - Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30 am - midday.  
Suitable for children aged 5 years and above.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
No booking required.

**Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer**

# Admission to Primary school in Kent 2025

Apply online at  
[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://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](http://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

Tuesday 5 November 2024	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
Wednesday 15 January 2025	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> .
Wednesday 16 April 2025	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Wednesday 30 April 2025	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.
Tuesday 20 May 2025	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="http://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](http://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.



## Term 3 2024

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January:

Class 2 Visit to Dover Library

Team Building & Inclusive Sports Club – Year 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January:

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS CLOSE

'Keeping Up with Children – Maths' Parent Course – 9:30am

Gym / Fitness Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January:

Class 4 Ukulele

School Census

Multi-Skills Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January:

Class 6 Family Collective Worship

KS2 Choir Club

## Thought for the Week

It's not about  
"having" time.

It's about  
making time.

## Lunch Menu – Week 2 Week Beginning Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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 11/11,02/12,13/01,03/02,03/03,24/03	Week Three 18/11,09/11,20/01,10/02,10/01,31/03
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	Corried 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	

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<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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