

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 17th January 2025



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

What a chilly start to the week; I am pleased that the weather has warmed up as the week has progressed.

Class 6 Family Collective Worship

Children in Class 6 were very happy to host their families in school this morning for their family collective worship. Miss Whiscombe reports 'Year 6 chose to present their learning about Macbeth for their Family Collective Worship this morning. They told the story beautifully through drama, art and hashtags! The children had written their parts themselves and did a fantastic job at remembering the story and including direct quotes from the play. They finished off their story telling by presenting the story of Macbeth in a slightly different way – they sang the whole story as a rap! Year 6 are working really hard on their learning about Macbeth and are absolutely loving it!'



After School Clubs

After school clubs started up again this week. I am pleased to say that these are running well and children are enjoying these activities at school. We do have a few places available in each of these clubs so if you are interested do please contact the school office.

For information, the clubs are as follows:

Team-Building and Sports Club for children in Classes 1, 2 and 3 runs on Tuesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm. At this club, the children discover new and exciting sports, such as tri-golf, basketball and racket games, developing their understanding of the sports in addition to their sporting ability. They also have the opportunity to develop their team building skills, learning how to interact and communicate with their peers, positively and effectively, within games.

Fitness Club for children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 is held on Wednesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm. At this club, the children learn about fitness and develop their knowledge of exercise. The focus is on improving their core strength and correct posture during fitness workouts as well as knowing how to participate safely.

Multi-Skills Club for children in Classes 4, 5 and 6 is held on Thursdays 3:15pm-4:15pm. At this club, the children have the opportunity to practise, develop and strengthen fundamental skills linked to sports and games, e.g. football, netball, cricket, rugby etc. The children will be actively involved, building stamina and agility, as well as understanding the rules to play.

The sports clubs are held in the school hall and/or outside (weather dependent). They are run by Mr Castle, one of our Sports Coaches. The children wear their usual PE kit and trainers for these, and will need to be collected by an adult at 4.15pm from our Laureston Place gate.

All of our sports clubs are an excellent opportunity to build friendships, release energy and extend/continue your child's sporting ability and fitness after school, as well as additional childcare/supervision after school hours. If you are interested in registering your child(ren), please contact the school office.

Choir Club for children in Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 is run on Fridays 3:15pm-4:15pm and is led by Miss Whiscombe, our Class 6 teacher. In Choir this term, the children are learning a bank of songs, ready to perform again next term. They are learning different techniques that will help them to learn new and exciting songs in the future. They are also thinking about storytelling through music, and are looking forward to showing off what they have learnt next term. Please contact the office if your child would like to apply for a place at Choir Club.

I thank the staff for their efforts in co-ordinating and providing these extra-curricular activities and encourage as many children as possible to take part.

Breakfast Club

We run a daily Breakfast Club in our school hall from 8:00am-8:40am. Mrs Milton leads this club every day with Mrs Musgrave-Wood on Monday and Tuesday, and Mrs Marsh, our school cook, the rest of the week.

The cost is £2.20 per day and the children are offered a variety of cereal, toast with a selection of spreads, and fresh fruit to eat. In addition, they have time to read, colour, play board games and construct Lego.

As this club is growing in popularity, please be reminded of the following arrangements for getting a place for your child:

1. Your child must be registered to attend Breakfast Club; the form you need to complete is sent out termly and you can also contact the school office at any time for this.
2. Places **MUST** be booked in advance – this can be done by email or telephone up to 4:00pm the day before. Payment is to be made pay via bank transfer at the time of booking.
3. Please do not bring your child to Breakfast Club if you have not booked them in; due to maximum numbers we cannot guarantee a space for children not booked in.
4. If you book a place that you no longer need, please contact the office to cancel by 4:00pm the day before in order to avoid still being charged.

Illnesses

It has come to my attention that we have had many children absent this week through illness. There seems to be a lot of horrible bugs and viruses going around at the moment and therefore it is imperative that we are looking after ourselves and the children. Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school in the appropriate winter clothing - coat, hat, scarf and gloves! In addition, keep liaising with the school office and your child's class teacher regarding your child's well-being. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Reception Class 2025

Applications for our new class of Reception children closed on Wednesday, 15th January 2025. If you, or anyone you know, would like to apply for a place in our Reception Class in September 2025, please contact the school office – office@stmarysprimary.net / 01304 206887.

Do spread the word to anyone you know with a child born between **1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021** and encourage them to book in a time to meet with Mr Lamprell. Lots of families have already expressed an interest with many coming to visit our school over recent weeks.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

In Collective Worship, the children continued with the theme of epiphany, as well as focusing on incarnation. I wonder how many questions you will ask or be asked today? I wonder what questions will be the most important ones that you hear today?

Christians believe that one of the most important questions Jesus asked his disciples was 'Who do you say that I am?'. This was because there was a lot of speculation about who Jesus was because of all of the amazing things that Jesus was doing and saying. I wonder if you have your own ideas about Jesus? How would you describe him?

As well as Singing and Celebration Collective Worship, Class 6 presented a range of engaging learning activities to parents and carers in their Family Collective Worship today – they performed confidently and are a credit to the school!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 5 – 90 points
Joint 2nd – Class 1 & Class 2
– 80 points

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

RAMSEY !!

HOUSE POINTS

1st – LANG – 175 points
2nd – RAMSEY – 155 points
3rd – TEMPLE – 152 points
4th – FISHER – 141 points

Spotlight on SEND...

Did you know you can access KCC's Parent Consultation Line.

This service is for parents to access a free 30 minute telephone or video consultation with an educational psychologist to discuss issues regarding their children's wellbeing and/or learning that are causing concern.

The aim of this service is to support parents and carers in finding ways forward and possible solutions through a joint problem-solving conversation.

- Topics or areas that parents and carers may wish to discuss might include:
- Social and emotional issues
- Concerns about learning
- Family relationships
- Concerns about behaviour
- Daily routines including sleep

If you would like to access this service please send an email to kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk and include the following information:

- name
- phone number
- convenient time to call (morning or afternoon)
- their child's education phase e.g. early years, primary school, secondary school
- a brief description of what you wish to discuss

The service will do their best to respond within 10 working days but this may be subject to availability. Please note that due to capacity, educational psychologists will not be able to discuss EHCP applications.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/educational-psychology/educational-psychology-services/core-preventative-services>

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

Go with the Flo...

Is it too early to mention Christmas?

I know when my children were small buying Christmas jumpers each year for them to wear on Christmas jumper day was rather expensive, particularly as Christmas is an expensive time already. Plus, my children, and I'm sure your children are the same, they really didn't want to be wearing their Christmas jumpers in the middle of April.

So, I had an idea maybe I could collect up Christmas jumpers and these could be available before Christmas jumper day this year for parents to borrow for their children.

With this in mind I'm asking if you have any child size Christmas jumpers that are no longer needed if they could send them into school and I would store them away ready for this year's Christmas jumper day.

Details of how you can borrow a Christmas jumper will be available nearer the time.



Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer

Dover's Winter Light Up – Saturday 8th 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.





Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week enjoys coming to school and loves playing with their friends. They have worked hard to demonstrate good listening skills and are becoming more confident sharing their ideas. Well done!

Class 1 – Harley is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he has persevered with his work and tried really hard with his English writing. Harleys confidence in maths with numbers to 20 is growing every day! He is always kind to his friends and is able to play well with others. Well done Harley!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Janishaa** as she has shown great independence and is really starting to progress with her work! Janishaa's efforts in gymnastics have been impressive, and she listens carefully to instructions. We are all so proud of you Janishaa – well done!

Class 3 – Amelia is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she is a kind and polite member of the class, and a fantastic friend to her peers! Amelia has written a brilliant alternative ending to our story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in English, and has really enjoyed our PE lessons this week. An amazing week Amelia – keep it up!

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Logan** as his effort and attitude has been amazing! Logan has tried his best during lessons, amazed us with his focus and determination, and been a kind friend to others. He has impressed us all with his acts of kindness to younger children, and had a wonderful week. Well done Logan!

Class 5 – Gracie is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as she displays a 'can do' attitude towards her learning, even when it is a bit tricky. She is always polite to adults and we have seen her self-confidence and self-belief bloom this week. Never forget how amazing you are Gracie – well done!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Fernanda** as she has been an absolute superstar this week! Fernanda has given her all in every subject this week, and worked really hard at home as well. This has really paid off as she can retell the whole story of Macbeth, with quotes! We are all so proud of you Fernanda – well done!

Term 3 2024

Monday 20th January:

Tuesday 21st January:

Class R Library Visit

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

Wednesday 22nd January:

'Keeping Up with Children – Maths' Parent Course –

9:30am

Fitness Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 23rd January:

Class 4 Ukulele

Multi-Skills Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Friday 24th January:

Class 3 Family Collective Worship

Choir Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thought for the Week

**IT NEVER
GETS EASIER,
YOU JUST
GET BETTER.**

Lunch Menu – Week 3 Week Beginning Monday, 20th 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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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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