

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



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

Another mixed-bag of weather this week, that being said the days are starting to lengthen which always feels a relief at this time of year.

The children in all classes have been working hard this week; it is always a joy to be able to drop into classrooms to see and hear in action the wonderful learning opportunities which our teachers and support staff provide for the children. The children are rightly proud of their achievements and keen to share their work.

Our updated dismissal arrangements for Key Stage 1 and Reception Class are working well on the top playground; thank you all for your support with these changes.

### Class 3 Family Collective Worship

The children and staff in Class 3 led our morning Collective Worship today and we were very happy to have their parent/carers and family members join us too.

Class 3 were excited to share their learning with their adults and the rest of the school. They demonstrated some of the balances, jumps and rolls they have been learning in P.E, before plunging the audience into darkness to show how we need light to be able to see clearly. The children used torches to illuminate certain areas of the hall to show how light reflects from an object into our eyes so we can see. The children finished their Collective Worship with a Viking song they have been learning in Music. They sang and presented beautifully and had lots of fun too!



### Dover Library Visits

Year 2 and Reception Class have each visited Dover Library recently. Mrs Wallis reports 'Over the last two weeks Otters and Turtles Classes have visited Dover library. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed their visits, and chose books to borrow and bring back to enjoy in the school. The librarians have been incredibly welcoming, reading the children stories and showing them how to choose a book. The children also enjoyed learning how to use the scanning machines to 'take out' a book. The second round of library visits start again on Tuesday, 28th January with Class 1.'

### Kent Adult Education – Keeping up with Maths

The final session of these workshops is next week, thank you to all involved. Mrs Burkett reports 'Kent Adult Education continues to deliver a range of fantastic courses to our families at St Mary's CEP. Currently a number of parents have attended the 'Keeping up with the Children - Maths' course. We are receiving great feedback from those taking part, as you can see from these words shared by Ms Shrubsole:

*"I have a child in Reception Class and a child in Year 5. I've been attending the 'Keeping up with the Children – Maths' course and I have found it to be very informative. Working in a small group we have been learning how our children are taught maths in KS1 and KS2, and we have been shown the different techniques and resources used to support their learning. The tutor is very friendly, knowledgeable and makes it easy to understand".*

We are lucky to be able to offer a range of Kent Adult Education courses and sessions to our families. These will continue as long as we have sufficient interest. Do keep your eyes peeled for invites to our upcoming family events and courses!

### What is the role of a School Governor?

Please click on the link to watch a short video clip of the role of a school governor. If this is something that you are interested in, please contact the school office.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRqJ\\_bFipHk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRqJ_bFipHk)



### NSPCC Number Day – Friday, 7th February 2025

Hopefully you will have seen the letter which has already come out about NSPCC Number Day on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February. To re-cap, staff and children will have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games as well as learning about the charity's services - how they help and support children.

For a donation of £1.00, we would like the children to take part in 'Dress up for Digits'. The children are asked to wear clothing with visible numbers. Alternatively, your child could create their own 'number themed' clothing. If your child does not want to take part, they must wear school uniform.

If you would like to discuss your child's well-being in school, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Debbie Morris (our Family Liaison Officer).

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to the day.

### Reception Class September 2025

If you have a child due to start school in Reception Class in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021), or know of anyone who is, and have not yet applied for a school place, please contact the school office for information.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

### Thought for the Week

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There is beauty in every January sunrise – a new day, a new opportunity to grow.

### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 6 – 107 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 2 – 105 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 4 – 100 points

### HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – FISHER – 122 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – LANG – 119 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – RAMSEY – 113 points

4<sup>th</sup> – TEMPLE – 105 points

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

**FISHER !!**

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

This week the children focused on Jesus as 'the life giver'. Jesus said, 'Whoever drinks the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in him a well of life that lasts forever.'. I wonder why we need water and how water gives us life?

The children explored the importance and uses of water and made interesting connections as to why Jesus describes himself as 'the living water'. Furthermore, pupils discussed the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4:1-26). The story uses water as a symbol of love. Consider how you are loved, accepted and known and how you can help others to feel this way.

Celebration Worship was as joyful as always with many certificates and awards shared. The week was rounded off with Class 3 presenting a wonderful Family Worship as recent learning was demonstrated with enthusiasm.

## Go with the Flo...

### NHS Stop, Think, Choose

The NHS is encouraging parents and carers to be prepared for the school half-term by downloading a handy toolkit for primary school children.

The free digital booklet has useful information about local health services, advice on common childhood health problems and items you should have at home.

It also contains information about vaccinations and looking after your child's mental health.

Download the toolkit at [www.StopThinkChoose.co.uk](http://www.StopThinkChoose.co.uk)

Be prepared for minor illnesses by making sure your medicine cabinet is fully stocked with the basic essentials, such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, cold remedies, indigestion treatment and antihistamine. If you have planned a trip away, pick up any prescription medications you need in advance and take these with you.

Make sure your child is up to date with vaccinations. Children can get their flu vaccine and catch-up on other missed vaccinations at community clinics. Find more information at:

[www.GetVaccinatedNow.co.uk](http://www.GetVaccinatedNow.co.uk)

If you or your children are not well, get advice from your pharmacist at the first sign of feeling ill – don't wait for it to get more serious.

When you need medical help fast but it is not an emergency, visit [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk) or call the NHS free phone number 111.

You can visit an urgent treatment centre if your child has a suspected broken bone or fracture, a sprain or a strain, minor cut, burn or scald. Appointments can also be booked by contacting NHS 111 by phone or online.

Dr Kate Langford, Chief Medical Officer at NHS Kent and Medway, said: "Coughs and colds are common from this time of year, and parents should remember that antibiotics aren't usually the answer. Plenty of fluids and rest should be enough to help fight off germs and symptoms will usually ease within five to seven days.

"Pharmacists can provide expert, free, confidential advice on common child health issues such as head lice, upset stomach, conjunctivitis and threadworms. You can simply turn up and ask for advice with no prior appointment."

Visit [www.StopThinkChoose.co.uk](http://www.StopThinkChoose.co.uk) for more information on local services.

**Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer**



## DOVER FOODBANK

### MOST needed ITEMS

JANUARY 2025

- BAKED BEANS
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- CUPPA SOUP
- PASTA 'N' SAUCE
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- SQUASH
- MILK (UHT)
- NOODLES
- DOG FOOD
- COFFEE
- HOT CHOCOLATE

PLEASE NOTE  
We have plenty of pasta & pulses

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FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# CHARLTON'S

## FIXTURES AT THE VALLEY

USE CODE: SCHOOLS-12967 | FOR FREE TICKETS

 VS SHEFFIELD UNITED  
SUNDAY, JAN 26TH  
KO 2PM

 VS BLACKBURN ROVERS  
SUNDAY, FEB 2ND  
KO 12PM

 UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

SCAN HERE TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!



## Learner of the Week

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

**Class R – Brooklyn** is our Learner of the Week in Turtles Class as he has enjoyed participating in different stories and songs this week. Brooklyn has also tried to use Makaton signs and actions to support his learning. Well done Brooklyn!

**Class 1 –** Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Elliot** as he has made amazing progress in his phonics and reading. Elliot is segmenting and blending all the sounds he has learnt and is becoming more confident when reading aloud with a partner. Keep it going Elliot!

**Class 2 –** Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Winter** as she has shown herself to be a remarkable role model! Winter is a fantastic helper and always steps up to support others, demonstrating kindness and empathy. Winter exhibits incredible perseverance, even when she finds things tricky. Keep up the impressive work Winter!

**Class 3 – Caitlin** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has tried her best in every task and has produced some lovely pieces of work. Caitlin has enjoyed our gymnastics lessons and has demonstrated fantastic knowledge of balances, jumps and rolls. Keep up the great work Caitlin – we are very proud of you!

**Class 4 –** Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Valentino** for the brilliant effort and attitude he has had in class! Valentino has impressed us with his mental calculations when dividing, and it has been amazing to see the wonderful change in his confidence throughout the week! We are all so proud of you Valentino – well done!

**Class 5 –** Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Kasper** as he has thrown himself into his learning this week and no matter the challenges, he has been trying his very best! Kasper is always polite to his friends and adults, and we adore having him in our class. Keep up the hard work Kasper – you are a superstar!

**Class 6 – Phoebe** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class this week as she has been thoughtful in her questions and answers in lessons, and been focused and careful during our tests. Phoebe is a super role model to younger children and is always kind and helpful. We are all so proud of you Phoebe – keep it up!

**Term 3 2024**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Class 1 Library Visit**

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

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January:**

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

**Fitness Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Class 4 Ukulele**

**Multi-Skills Club – Year 4, 5 & 6**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January:**

**Choir Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6**

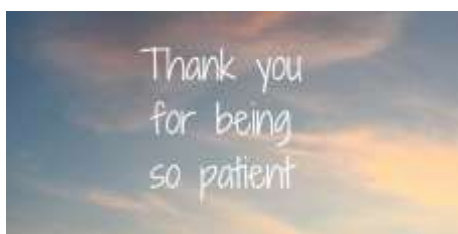
## **Dover's Winter Light Up** **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**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.



Thank you for your patience at the school gate. We may be busy, or on the telephone, if we do not answer the buzzer straight away - we will be with you as soon as we can.

**Lunch Menu – Week 1**  
**Week Beginning Monday, 27<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://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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