

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 31st January 2025

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

As the first month of this calendar year draws to a close, I am pleased to share below a number of events which will be happening at school over the coming weeks.

English Teaching at St Mary's CEP

Mrs Wallis reports: I am excited to announce that we will be hosting a 'Travelling Books' book fair in our school hall on Thursday 6th February, Friday 7th February and Monday 10th February 2025. Our fairs are always incredibly successful and your support helps us to 'top up' our book stock in the classrooms and library. This year there is a promotion of '3 for 2' on all books. The book fairs will be held in the hall from 3.15pm to 4.00pm on these days. Please note, payment is cash only. We look forward to seeing you there!

I will be hosting a **Parent's Home Reading Information afternoon** on the following dates at 2.15pm - Thursday 13th February, Thursday 27th March, Thursday 8th May, Thursday 26th June.

We anticipate that the workshops will finish at approximately 3.00pm. If you have not attended one of our reading workshops before, you are very welcome to join us! We will be sharing how we teach reading across our school, as well as resources and strategies you can use at home when reading with your child. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask us any questions about how we can support you and your child with reading at home.

World Book Day this year will take place on Thursday, 6th March. We are excited to once again, celebrate World Book Day in school. World Book Day is a charity with an aim to: "change lives through a love of books and shared reading". The World Book Day charity offers every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

To celebrate World Book Day 2025, we will be dressing up as a favourite character from a book – if you are able to, bring in a donation (suggested £1.00) for the World Book Day charity. If you chose for your child not to dress up, then school uniform is to be worn.

Safer Internet Day 11th February 2025

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

At School we will hold a special Collective Worship, carry out classroom activities, explore Online Safety in Computing lessons and create displays around the school.

School Council Meeting

The Student Council is made up of two pupils from each year group and they meet regularly throughout each term to discuss school-related matters (e.g. Ideas to help in the community; How can we promote friendship? etc.). Miss Miller met recently with the School Council to discuss ideas around extra-curricular activities. The children fed-back their excitement of extra-curricular clubs and the importance it is to have this offer in school. In addition, the pupils have put forward ideas of future clubs that can be run to ensure participation and engagement is high. Pupil voice is extremely important at our school and leaders listen to responses made and make changes for the best interests of our children.



Open Afternoon – Wednesday, 12th February 3.15pm

Our planned 'open afternoon' will be happening in classrooms on Wednesday, 12th February between 3:15pm – 4:15pm. This is an excellent opportunity to see your child's learning environment; look at your child's workbooks; as well as talk to class staff with any questions that you may have. You are welcome to 'drop in' to other classrooms if you have multiple children at the school.

Governors

Mr Hughes, parent of Ada and Arthur in Class 1, joined our governing body as a parent-governor recently and we are very pleased to get to know him in this new role. Revd. Claire Coleman has also recently joined our Governing Body as a Foundation Governor; the children have met Revd. Claire on many occasions as she regularly comes in to school to deliver Collective Worship on a Wednesday. We thank all governors for all that they do for our school community.

St Mary's CEP School Website – Translate Function

As always, we are continuously updating our school website and I would like to bring to your attention our 'Translate' button. This useful function on our website allows the user to translate the information displayed in to a chosen language. The user will need to click on the icon in the top-right corner of our website (as circled in the image below); an option to 'translate' will then appear (as shown by the arrow). If you need any support with this, please do contact the school office.



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

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week, the children focused on biblical messages around Jesus being 'the life sustainer'. Pupils explored staple foods and the importance they bring to life around the world. We explored the importance of bread and shared how this is included in our diet (e.g. sandwiches, toast, pizza etc.).

Christians believe that, when Jesus used the description 'I am the bread of life', he meant that he could satisfy people's needs. If we eat some bread, we will get hungry again a few hours later. Christians believe that Jesus will satisfy them forever, bringing peace, forgiveness and a purpose to their lives, that he will be their life sustainer.

I wonder how often there is a type of bread in one of your meals? I wonder who is your life sustainer and brings you peace, forgiveness and purpose in life?

The week came to an end with a range of awards shared in Collective Worship - from 'Learners of the Week' to 'Golden Manners', the children contributed positively and had lots of fun.

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6 Week Course
Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm



The next course start date is **Monday 24th February** with 2 webinars per day, with a third optional webinar for additional support.

This is a six-week intensive course, which excludes any school holidays.

Two webinars must be attended daily (Monday - Friday) - 2 hr session in the morning, with a 1 hr lunch break, followed by a second 1.5 hr session.

1st webinar at 9:30am – 11:30am daily

2nd webinar at 12:30 – 2:00pm daily

3rd webinar at 4:00pm - 4:30pm daily
Reflection and Support (this is optional)

The course is Fully Funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

The deadline to enrol is **Tuesday 18th February!**

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Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer

Thought for the Week



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **TEMPLE** - 93 points
- 2nd - **LANG** - 79 points
- 3rd - **RAMSEY** - 72 points
- 4th - **FISHER** - 65 points



THANK YOU

I'M SORRY

PLEASE

EXCUSE ME

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 1** - 134 points
- 2nd - **Class 5** - 130 points
- 3rd - **Class 2** - 125 points

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

TEMPLE !!



Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Ellis is our Learner of the Week in Turtles Class as he has tried really hard to persevere with his learning and has wowed us with his super Gruffalo writing. Ellis even challenged himself to write trickier words! Well done Ellis!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Ivy-Lou** as she has made amazing progress in her phonics and reading! Ivy-Lou is segmenting and blending all the sounds she has learnt and is becoming more confident when reading aloud with a partner. Keep up the hard work Ivy-Lou – we are very proud of you!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Celeste** as she has shown tremendous effort and determination! Celeste has been extremely helpful in class and confident in answering questions in maths. She works brilliantly in pairs and is a shining example to everyone. Well done Celeste!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class has really stood out this week as someone who has tried their best and produced some fantastic work. They have contributed some interesting ideas during our science investigation and we have seen an amazing improvement in their gymnastics skills during our PE lessons. They are a superstar – keep up the great work!

Class 4 – Bryan is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as he has been an absolute star and has a wonderful attitude to learning. Bryan is focussed and attentive in every lesson and is keen to do his best in every task. He demonstrates our Christian values every day and encourages others, not only in the learning, but also their behaviour. Well done Bryan!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Luke** as he has a never-ending supply of positivity and his effort shown in his school work is admirable! Luke has welcomed and supported a new member of Orcas Class this week, and he is a delight to teach. Luke, keep being the superstar that you are!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is Amber as she has worked really hard in all areas of her learning this week! Amber has been really focussed in maths, and written a superb set of instructions in English. Not only this, but Amber consistently demonstrates our Christian values of perseverance, peace and respect. Well done Amber!



"You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So... get on your way!"
-Dr Seuss

Term 3 2024

Monday 3rd February:

Tuesday 4th February:

Reception Class 'Dress Up' Day

Class 6 Library Visit

Team Building & Sports Club

Year 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 5th February:

Fitness Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 6th February:

Class 4 Ukulele

Multi-Skills Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Book Fair – 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Friday 7th February:

NSPCC Number Day

Choir Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Book Fair – 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Dover's Winter Light Up

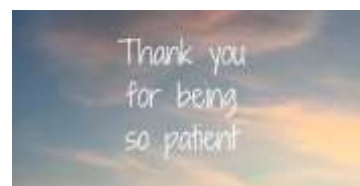
Saturday 8th February 2025

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.



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 2
Week Beginning Monday, 3rd February 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 18/11,09/11,20/01,10/02,10/03,31/03
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	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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