

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 7th February 2025

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Dreams and Goals

In their PSHE lessons this term all classes have been talking and learning about dreams and goals.

Most recently, the children in Reception Class have been thinking about their successes, about setting goals and working out how to achieve them. The children have talked about how they feel when they achieve a goal and what it means to feel proud. They have also begun to think about the link between what they learn at school and the job they might do when they are older. They were invited to come to school on Tuesday this week dressed up as their chosen idea for a job. Many thanks to the families for supporting the children with this; don't they all look fantastic!



Abeishan



Alex



Amy

'I want to be a nurse so I can look after my friends.'



Charlie

'I want to be a scientist and do lots of experiments.'



Jasmine



Jason



Kasjan

'I'm gonna be an astronaut and go to the moon.'



Kayden



Nancy



Phinley



Reggie



Sonny

'I want to be a barber, so I need to be good at cutting hair and brushing hair.'

Wraparound Childcare Parent Survey

The Government have announced its ambition that all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term-time childcare in their local area, so that parents can access employment or training.

We would like to gauge demand from our parent/carer community and a survey was sent to all our parents yesterday which we would be grateful if you could complete by 12th February.

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.

Reception Class September 2025

If you have a child due to start school in Reception Class in September 2025 (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

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 2 – 90 points

2nd – Class 3 – 78 points

3rd – Class 5 – 76 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st – **RAMSEY** – 182 points

2nd – **TEMPLE** – 165 points

3rd – **LANG** – 162 points

4th – **FISHER** – 149 points



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

RAMSEY !!



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week, the children explored the importance of British Values. There are 5 British Values with the aim being that by understanding the meaning of each will help young people to feel ready for life after leaving school. The British Values are: Democracy; Individual Liberty; Mutual Respect; Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs; and the The Rule of Law. Perhaps ask your child which each one of these means? As well as knowing the meaning of each British Value, the children discussed how they play a role in our daily lives enabling us to be the best that we can possibly be.



In addition, Revd. Claire delivered an engaging Worship as she shared the parable of the 'healing of the man born blind' (John 9:1-17). Christians believe that the Bible explains how the world can be a dark place in need of light. It says that the bad and sad things in the world are caused by a darkness in the hearts of people. Christians believe that this is why God sent Jesus, the biggest, brightest light into the world to show people how to live in light and in goodness. Without light, it is difficult to guide or be guided. Do you have a 'shining light' that guides you?

ASDA

Cashpot for School

We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who kindly signed up for the 'Cashpot for School' scheme which Asda ran over Christmas.

We are really pleased to announce that our Asda Cashpot amounted to an amazing **£119.70**. Our cheque from Asda arrived this week and we already have some ideas on how this money will be spent to benefit the children within our school.

Thank you once again.

Go with the Flo...

Attendance Letters

You will be receiving your child's Registration Certificate next week which shows you what your child's attendance percentage is for this academic year.

We have printed the certificate on coloured paper.

- If the certificate is printed on **green** paper your child's attendance is not a concern and your child will be making the most of the education that is on offer at school.
- If the certificate is printed on **yellow** paper your child will be missing a worrying amount of education.
- If the certificate is printed on **red** your child is classified as a persistent absentee and they will be missing a significant amount of their education.

Please also see the Kent County Council leaflet that was sent with the certificate.

As always if you are worried about your child's attendance please give the office a call and they can arrange for a meeting with me so we can explore what support we are able to offer.

Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Our Learner of the Week in Turtles Class has tried really hard to persevere with their learning in class this week, and has wowed us with their super story telling. Well done – a brilliant week!

Class 1 – Starfish Class Learner of the Week is **Chioma**! Chioma joined St Mary's this term and has made many new friends. She is kind to everyone around her and consistently shows our Christian value of Respect. Chioma works hard in all lessons and has made good progress in her reading and writing. Well done Chioma!

Class 2 – **Chester** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as he has shown exceptional skills in maths, demonstrating a strong understanding of money concepts and equal groups. Chester has enjoyed participating in gymnastics and his enthusiasm always shines through. Keep making us proud Chester!

Class 3 – **The whole of Puffins' Class** are learners of the week. They have worked so hard with their writing in English and have written interesting and creative diary entries as if they were dinosaur hunters! The children have been enjoying their Gymnastics lessons and have impressed the adults with their amazing skills!

Class 4 – **Yonella** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week as she has been an absolute star! Yonella tries her best with every task, listens intently and always works to the best of her ability. She is a wonderful role model and always contributes her ideas. Yonella takes her role as a student councillor very seriously and we are all very proud of her!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Phoenix**! Phoenix works hard in all subjects and it is clear to see how much he enjoys learning. He is exceptionally polite and always smiling. Keep working hard Phoenix – we are all so proud of you!

Class 6 – **Alfie** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as he is trying so hard in all his learning and making wonderful progress. Alfie's focus in the classroom has really paid off and it is clear that he has been thinking carefully about place value in decimals. He is working hard to show our Christian value of Respect and we are proud of the progress he is making. Well done Alfie!



Thought for the Week

DREAM IT
THEN
It make it
HAPPEN



Dover Library - Forthcoming Events

Puppet Making

Family Learning Workshop with Kent Adult Education

Tuesday, 18th February - 10:30 am – midday.

Suitable for ages 3 – 11 years

Booking required

Please contact Dover Library

03000 41 31 31 or email doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk

'Catch the Love Bug' (Bugs & Beasties) Children's Event

Includes Bug Bingo, Critter Crafts and Slithering Stories!

Thursday, 20th February – 10:30 am – 12:30pm

Suitable for ages – 4 – 11 years

Free event - no booking required

Make a Fish – Paper Plate Craft

Friday, 7 March, 4 pm – 6 pm

Suitable for ages 4 – 7 years

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Free event, no booking required.

This event is part of [Dover at Night 2025](#)

Term 3 2024

Monday 10th February:

Book Fair – 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday 11th February:

Safer Internet Day

Class 5 Library Visit

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

Wednesday 12th February:

Fitness Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Open Afternoon – 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Thursday 13th February:

SEND Coffee Morning – 9:00am – 10:00am

Class 4 Ukulele

Parent Home Reading Information Afternoon –

2:15pm – 3:00pm

Multi-Skills Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Friday 14th February:

Choir Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

LAST DAY OF TERM 3



DOVER

CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE EMOTIONAL
WELLBEING AND MENTAL
HEALTH WORKSHOP

Focus Topic

Social Media: the 'impact' on children's mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Aims to:

- Explore the latest research and evidence on the 'impact' of social media use on children's mental health and wellbeing.
- Consider what schools can do to develop and deliver meaningful online safety education and respond to social media concerns.
- Signpost to a range of educational resources and approaches to support children identified at greater risk of harm.

Audience

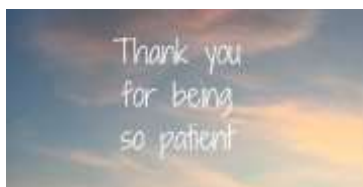
If you work in schools, health services, voluntary sector, early help or other services in Dover and want to feel more confident supporting young people then this event is for you

| Date/Time | Location |
|---|--|
| Wednesday 26th February 2025 10am – 12.30pm (arrival from 9:30am) | Dover Christ Church Academy Melbourne Avenue, Whitfield, Dover, CT16 2EG |

How to register

Simply [click on this link](#) to register for your free place

*By registering for this event you will automatically be registered for our mailing list to learn about more events near you – please email wellbeingforschools@kent.gov.uk to opt out or for more information



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 3 Week Beginning Monday, 10th 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 | | |
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| | | 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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