

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



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

As we end this term we are already half-way through this academic year! I would like to thank all families for their support and the children and staff for their hard work.

### Open Afternoon

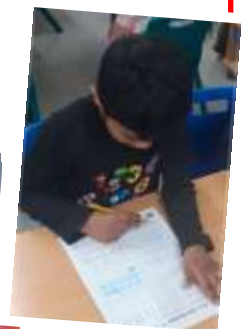
It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday at our Open Afternoon. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's workbooks and seeing our fabulous display boards as you walked around the school. The children were really proud to show their work to you and we thank you for the positive comments made.

### NSPCC Number Day

Last Friday, St Mary's had a 'mathemagical' day and 'dressed up for digits' to support the NSPCC's Number Day. The children arrived at school wearing a wide range of 'number themed' clothing, that included amazing home-made items too, and donated £1.00 to the NSPCC charity.

During Collective Worship, we discussed what the charity is and how it supports children to stay safe. We kicked off our number fun day with a game of '21' during Collective Worship and then the children participated in a range of fun-filled activities within their classrooms. We thank you for your continued support; we have raised an impressive amount!

- "It was lovely to see the children actively engaged in a range of maths activities and having fun whilst supporting an important charity!" Mrs Fagg, Maths Lead.
- "I really liked all of the activities, especially, 'Do you want to be a Mathionaire?'" - Aiden - Year 5
- "I really enjoyed wearing our Number Day clothes and doing number activities during the day." - Amelia - Year 3
- "I loved the number card challenge - it was really fun!" - Brian - Year 4



### Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025, pupils celebrated Safer Internet Day with a special Collective Worship and learning based around the theme *'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'*. Children participated in a range of engaging activities designed to promote safe and respectful online behaviour. On Tuesday, teachers held special classroom workshops and delivered Computing lessons throughout the week to explore the key messages of Safer Internet Day. These workshops helped children understand how to keep themselves and others safe while using the internet. Children also had the opportunity to participate in designing their own internet safety campaign posters.

Some of our children said:

- "If I am not sure about something I see on the internet I would tell my teacher."
- "We mustn't share our personal details."
- "Always ask an adult before you go onto the Internet."
- "Always check with an adult if you want to try out a new website."

The UK Safer Internet Centre provides advice and resources for parents and carers:  
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



### Little Lambs Visit

As part of our on-going work with Little Lambs Toddler Group at The Parish Centre, St Mary's Church, Mr Lamprell, Miss Miller and the Class 6 House Captains visited the session this morning to interact and engage with the families. The Toddler Group is run by one of our school governors - Trish Simmons - and the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing information about our school to others in the community. As always, the children demonstrated our school's Christian Values and interacted with the children and families excellently. We look forward to future visits, as well as hosting the 'Little Lambs' session in school. For more information regarding Little Lambs Toddler Group and/or for primary school places at St Mary's CEP, please do contact the school office.



### Feeling the Love!

**Did you know that Valentine's Day**, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14<sup>th</sup>. It originated as a Christian feast day honouring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

### 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 and love-filled half term holiday!

**Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

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

As Term 3 came to an end, this week the children focused on Jesus: Life Leader and the story of The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18).

Christians believe that being a shepherd in Bible times was a difficult and dangerous job. Shepherds were often outside all day and night and had to fend off wild animals. The job of the shepherd was to feed, guide, protect and look after the sheep.

I wonder why Jesus would describe himself as the good shepherd? Moreover, the children sung gleefully in Singing Worship this week, as well as celebrated a range of awards that were shared in today's Celebration Collective Worship - a great way to finish off a fantastic term!

## Spotlight on SEN...

Have you heard of Sibs?

Sibs is a charity for siblings with a brother or sister who is disabled, has special educational needs or a serious long term condition.

Sibs provide support for young siblings (aged 7-17 years old), adult siblings, parents/carers and professionals.

Support includes:

- information about disabilities or conditions
- online advisors
- news and top tips
- online and face to face adult sibling support groups
- events such as workshops and courses
- adult sibling guides, sibling stories and eBooks

### Who to contact

Telephone	E-mail	Website
01535 645453	<a href="mailto:info@sibs.org.uk">info@sibs.org.uk</a>	<a href="https://www.sibs.org.uk/">https://www.sibs.org.uk/</a>

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

**Sibs**  
For brothers and sisters  
of disabled children and adults

## Learner of the Week

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

**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Kasjan!** Kasjan has tried really hard to persevere with his learning in class and has wowed us with his super sentence writing! Well done Kasjan!

**Class 1** – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Archie!** Archie is always happy and caring to his friends, and sits beautifully on the carpet in learning time. He applies maximum effort to every task, and has enjoyed measuring length and height in maths. Well done Archie – keep up the great work!

**Class 2** – **Thandeka** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as she has shown remarkable skills in independent writing, and is a fantastic role model in gymnastics. Thandeka is exceptionally kind and supportive to her classmates, always willing to lend a helping hand. Well done Thandeka!

**Class 3** – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Liccy** as she has produced some fantastic writing over the past two weeks in our English lessons – proving that quality over quantity really is true. Liccy tries her best not only in English, but in all lessons. You really are a superstar Liccy – keep up the great work!

**Class 4** – **Anika** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as she is an excellent role model and always does her best in school. Anika has amazed us with her understanding in maths, and written a brilliant innovation text in English. She is always kind and calm, demonstrating our Christian value of Peace. A wonderful week Anika!

**Class 5** – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Vojtech** as he displays a vast amount of loyalty and kindness. Vojtech is always there to support a friend or right a wrong, and we have little doubt that his aspiration to become a police officer will become true with his natural personality traits. Well done Vojtech – keep being a superstar!

**Class 6** – **Leo** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as he has been working so hard in all his lessons, but especially in maths. We have been so impressed by his resilience and perseverance to try his best in every lesson. Leo always demonstrates our Christian values of Respect, Peace and Trust, and is an excellent role model to others. Well done Leo!



Go with the Flo...

# DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

FEBRUARY 2025

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

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty  
of pasta & pulses

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK  
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER

Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer

## HOUSE POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **LANG** - 211 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **FISHER** - 196 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **TEMPLE** - 183 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **RAMSEY** - 165 points



## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

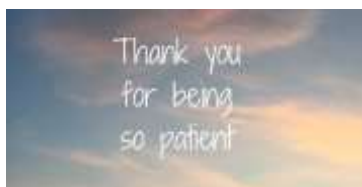
- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Class 3** - 152 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Class 5** - 150 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Class 1** - 135 points

## Thought for the Week



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

**LANG !!**



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.

Term 4 2024

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February:**  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February:**  
'Little Builders & Boffins' Kent Adult Education  
Workshop – 3:15pm to 5:15pm  
Team Building & Sports Club - Year 1, 2 & 3

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Fitness Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Class 4 Ukulele  
Multi-Skills Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Choir Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

## Lunch Menu – Week 1 Week Beginning Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 18/11,09/11,20/01,10/02,10/01,31/03
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 Bolognaise 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.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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