

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 28th February 2025

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Term 4 has started well despite the wet and windy weather; it has been lovely to see the children so engaged in lessons and proud to share their learning! We have had good attendance at school this week so thank you to all families and children for this.

The month of March is certainly packed and will be keeping us all busy! Please see some highlights below:

SEND Coffee Mornings

Mrs Charlotte Burkett, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, hosted our regular coffee morning for parents at the end of last term. The coffee mornings aim to create a supportive and welcoming environment for parents, caregivers, and anyone involved with children who have special educational needs or disabilities. It's an opportunity for us to come together, share experiences, and foster a sense of community.



All parent/carers are welcome - a letter for each session will come out nearer the time reminding and asking you to sign up, just so we have enough chairs, cups and most importantly biscuits!

Future coffee mornings are shown below, they all start at 9:00am just after morning drop-off:

- Thursday 3rd April
- Thursday 22nd May
- Wednesday 16th July

If you have any questions regarding these sessions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to Mrs Burkett.

Kent Adult Education (KAE) Family Session

We continue to hold Kent Adult Education family sessions in school, with the first of two sessions being held this week. The focus of this family session was 'Little Builders and Boffins'; – a dynamic workshop designed to create curiosity and creativity of families through engaging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities.



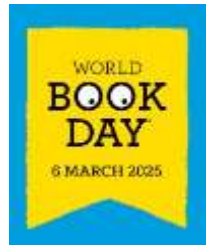
In this hands-on course, families have the opportunity to extend their knowledge of STEM concepts while having fun together. Thank you to those families that attended – the second session is next Tuesday (4th March) after school; please do contact the school office or speak to Mrs Burkett if you would like to attend future sessions.

Further Kent Adult Education Family sessions are shown below, details of each are communicated to parents/carers nearer the time:

- Tuesday, 4th March – Little Builders & Boffins – Week Two
- Wednesday, 30th April – Supporting ADHD in the Home
- Tuesday, 10th June – Stepping Up to Primary with Crafts

World Book Day! Thursday 6th March 2025

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. Every child will be given a £1.00 World Book Day token which can be used to exchange for one of a range of amazing World Book Day books that will be available in school.



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 choose for your child not to dress up, then school uniform is to be worn.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day! A note for your diary...

On Friday 21st March, we will be supporting and raising money for 'Red Nose Day 2025'.



We invite the children to come to school dressed in all things 'red' for a donation of £1.00. If your child chooses not to dress up, then school uniform is to be worn.

During the day, the children will be learning about the work of the charity as well as participating in a variety of activities to promote the cause. Further information about this event will be sent out in a separate letter in due course.

Parent-Carer Consultations

You will have been notified today of our forthcoming parent/carer and teacher meetings, please sign up for an appointment using our ParentMail system or contact the office. If you do not sign up we will issue you with an appointment.

As you know, we offer all parent/carers two dates to choose between – one of those dates will be with times between 3:30pm and 6:00pm. The other date offers times between 1:15pm and 3:15pm. We hope to meet the needs of all families in this way.

- Teachers for all classes will be available on **Monday, 17th March**, 3:30pm – 6:00pm.
- On the afternoon of **Tuesday, 18th March**, 1:15pm – 3:15pm, Mrs Tomkinson (Reception Class), Miss Sayer (Class 3) and Miss Whiscombe (Class 6) will meet with parents.
- On the afternoon of **Thursday, 20th March**, 1:15pm – 3:15pm, Mrs Wallis (Class 1), Miss Phengphachanh (Class 2), Mrs Fagg (Class 4) and Ms Race (Class 5) will meet with parents.

If you come to a meeting between 1:15pm and 3:15pm you will be able to take your child(ren) home from school when your conversation with the teacher is finished. We look forward to seeing you in school for these important meetings.

Fun in Early Years!

The children in Reception had some exciting new additions to their outdoor area at the end of last term including: a new water tray, stage area and a variety of wooden construction blocks! The new resources have promoted lots of independence, as well as developing the children's imagination and team work skills.



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

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

The children have participated wonderfully in Collective Worship this week, demonstrating good understanding of what has been shared. Pupils have had moments of reflection, as they have thought about how the key messages in Worship impact on their own lives.

Revd Melissa explored fairness and Fairtrade with the children; the children thought about where we find Fairtrade and why it is important to those who decided to set it up. I wonder how Fairtrade is trying to even up 'the scales'? I wonder why fairness and equality are so important in life?

In addition, children reflected on the following proverb: 'Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it' – I wonder what this means to you? As always, the week was rounded off with a range of awards and celebrations given out – well done to all the children for their continued hard work and sense of pride!

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - FISHER - 157 points
- 2nd - TEMPLE - 121 points
- 3rd - RAMSEY - 116 points
- 4th - LANG - 102 points

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

RAMSEY !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- Joint 1st - Class 3 & Class 4
86 points
- 3rd - Class 1 - 84 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Abeishan** as he has tried really hard to persevere with his learning in class, and has wowed us with his super reading and writing! Well done Abeishan – a brilliant week!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Grace** as she always demonstrates all our Christian values and is a kind friend to all. Grace is an amazing learner and has been trying especially hard in her reading. Well done Grace!

Class 2 – **Yadah** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as she is a shining example of perseverance and positivity! Yadah always challenges herself and her enthusiasm for learning is infectious. Her confidence is evident as she frequently raises her hand to answer questions in class. Keep up the fantastic work Yadah

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Piano!** Piano has tried her best with everything this week and demonstrated a good understanding of fractions in maths. Piano is a kind and helpful member of our class, and is thoughtful towards her friends. A brilliant week Piano – well done!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Anfroi** for the brilliant effort he has made. Anfroi always works to the best of his ability which is always to a high standard. He has also demonstrated a wonderful understanding of mixed numbers in maths. Well done Anfroi!

Class 5 – **Mallory** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class. Mallory has shown great perseverance this week and has created a fantastic story setting in English, full of descriptive language. Mallory has also helped around the classroom, all with a lovely smile on her face. Well done Mallory!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **Penny** as she has been an absolute superstar in all her lessons this week. We are so impressed with Penny's work ethic and focus, and this has really paid off in your work. Penny is also a good friend to others and always demonstrates our Christian values. Well done Penny!



Go with the Flo...



Introduction To Working With Children

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
149821	Introduction To Working With Children	5/3/25	2/4/25	Wednesday	19:00	21:00



Would you like to learn:

- How to develop your career in working with children
- Safeguarding and the importance of child protection
- How Phonics, Literacy and Numeracy are taught
- Skills in managing children's behaviour

This course is for you!

To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.



To book your place on one of these **FREE** courses, go to www.kentadulteducation.co.uk and enter the course code into the search box. Scan the QR code.



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Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer



Term 4 2024

Monday 3rd March:

Tuesday 4th March:
Class 4 Library Visit
Little Builders & Boffins Parent Workshop
Team Building & Sports Club
Year 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 5th March:
Fitness Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 6th March:
World Book Day
Class 4 Ukulele
Multi-Skills Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

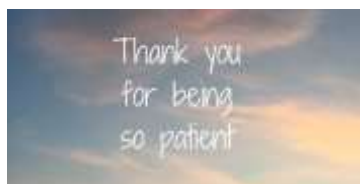
Friday 7th March:
Choir Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thought for the Week

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Trust is not built in big, sweeping moments. It's built in tiny moments every day.

—BRENE BROWN

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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 March 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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