

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 7th March 2025

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Wonderful World Book Day!

As you will know, we work hard to promote the joy of reading with all of our pupils. This week we all had the most super time at school celebrating World Book Day. The staff and children looked amazing in their costumes – HUGE thanks to everyone for making such an effort. Do please enjoy these photographs which capture the spirit of the day so well and read the children's thoughts about the day.

Otters Class – Year 2

'We built dens in our classroom, that was so exciting to read inside them!'

'We loved reading together on the carpet and we even put blankets over our lap'

'It was nice and quiet when we read in our class'

'I was dressed as Dog Man so I read the book in our book corner'



'My favourite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid because Jeff Kinney uses his own handwriting in the book and the pictures are very interesting' - Yonella



'I liked getting the free books. I chose 'The Fart that broke the World'. I love reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid too' Anika





Starfish Class – Year 1
 'I loved World Book Day and seeing all the costumes'
 'World Book Day was great, I loved everything'



'I loved dressing up! – Bella'

Aidan R: 'I really enjoyed doing lots of reading'
 Ethan: 'We got to do the Footy and Booky quiz with lots of other schools and I really liked it!'



Travelling Book Fair

A huge thank you to all the parents that supported our travelling book fair in the hall before the half-term holiday. The fair had a brilliant '3 for 2' offer on all their books. We raised a record-breaking £805.36 this year, meaning that our school has been awarded over £400.00 of free books for our classes!



We really appreciate your enthusiasm to buy books and help us to raise additional money!

My Mum 2025

Thank you to all parents who gave permission for their child to participate in the 'My Mum' picture special to celebrate Mother's Day this year. Over 23,000 pictures have been submitted by pupils across Kent. The pictures that our children have drawn will be published in the East Kent Mercury newspaper on the week ending the 28th March. Be sure to look out for the pictures lovingly drawn by our pupils in EYFS and KS1.

Parent-Carer Consultation Meetings

We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming parent-carer meetings. You have already received information about how to book in for these, the deadline for doing so is 10th March. Please contact the school office if you need help with this.

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

This week, the children explored and celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. In the past, people were supposed to use up all the rich foods in their kitchen, such as butter and eggs, before Lent starts, which is why we have pancakes. This was to prepare to fast during Lent, in this way, to come closer to God. Christians believe that during the 40 days of Lent, Christians choose to give up something that they really like (reflecting the idea of 'fasting').

Children discussed the meaning of Ash Wednesday and its significance for Christians - it is a holy day of prayer and fasting and it marks the first day of Lent. I wonder how we can set challenges for ourselves and our school community this Lent?

In addition, the children had a special Collective Worship on Thursday where we celebrated World Book Day - the children even had an opportunity to show off their fantastic costumes. Thank you to all families for your fantastic support.

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **TEMPLE** - 145 points
- 2nd - **RAMSEY** - 131 points
- 3rd - **FISHER** - 123 points
- 4th - **LANG** - 110 points

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

TEMPLE !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 6** - 100 points
- Joint 2nd - **Class 2 & Class 9**
95 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Phinley** as he is a kind friend to others and is always willing to help. Phinley has wowed us in maths this week with his super partitioning skills! Well done Phinley!

Class 1 – **EVERYONE in Starfish Class** are our Learners of the Week! We have had a brilliant week working hard to learn a new sound and practising our reading fluency. World Book Day was AMAZING! We dressed up and talked about our favourite book characters. Well done for a fantastic week Starfish Class!

Class 2 – **Effie** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class! Effie has settled in wonderfully and has been a joy to have in our classroom. Effie has a lovely smile and positive attitude, and brings so much kindness to those around her. Well done Effie – a brilliant week!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Rebecca**! Rebecca has had a fantastic week and has produced some interesting and creative instructions in our English lesson, and has demonstrated a good understand of fractions in maths. Keep up the brilliant work Rebecca!

Class 4 – **Shanella** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as she has shown an amazing attitude towards all of our learning. She has worked hard to rewrite her own story of being lost at sea in English, and also created wonderful electrical series circuits in Science. Well done Shanella!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class has made us smile every day and has started to become more confident in class. They have a fabulous sense of humour and are lovely to be around. They are a delight to have in Orcas Class and have been an absolute super star! Well done!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class – We tried to choose just one Learner of the Week, but couldn't. You have **all** been brilliant! We are so impressed with your perseverance and resilience during your mock SATs, your adaptability when things changed and your organisational skills when you were in other classrooms. Most of all, we are so proud of how kind you have been, and that you have done all this with smiles on your faces. **Well done Seahorses Class!**



Go with the Flo...

DOVER SWAP SHOP



HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN THEIR
TOYS, CLOTHES OR BOOKS?
IF SO, BRING ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION TO THE SWAP
SHOP WHERE YOU CAN SWAP THEM FOR THE
NEXT SIZE AND DIFFERENT TOYS

22nd March
11am to 1pm



BEACON CHURCH HALL
BARTHOLOMEW STREET
DOVER. CT16 2LH

Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer



Term 4 2024

Monday 10th March:

Tuesday 11th March:

Class 3 Library Visit
Team Building & Sports Club
Year 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 12th March:

Fitness Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 13th March:

Class 4 Ukulele
Multi-Skills Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Friday 14th March:

Class 1 Family Collective Worship
Class 4 Library Visit
Choir Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thought for the Week



"You can find magic wherever
you look. Sit back and relax all
you need is a book!"
– Dr. Seuss

Dover at Night

Friday, 7th March (5:00pm to 9:00pm) is the spectacular Dover at Night with 13 heritage and arts venues in Dover town centre to explore and a host of fun, **FREE** family-friendly activities, from glow in the dark Roman graffiti and Bollywood dancing, to making a wriggling eel on a stick!

Art by over 1,000 schoolchildren, inspired by the History of the River Dour and the Maison Dieu stained-glass windows, is being projected onto buildings, and showcased in art installations across town.

Pick up a trail sheet at all venues on the night, or at Dover Museum, Dover Library or Dover Big Local in the Charlton Centre in advance. Get your trail-sheet stamped at 3 venues to win a small prize! With family friendly dance, music and drama at the Market Square Stage.

For more information visit [Dover at Night 2025](#)



Thank you
for being
so patient

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 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 11/11,02/12,13/01,03/02,03/0324/03	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/>

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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