

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 21st March 2025

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Another busy week in school and it has been good to see the sunshine!

Fun Fundraising

Huge thanks to all families who have supported our double fundraising endeavours today. We had a sea of red across the school in support of comic-relief today – thank you. There was also a super collective effort with our sponsored sports circuit event in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind in support of Revd Melissa's participation in the London Marathon. Thank you to the children for their participation and to the grown-ups at home for their kind donations and generosity.

The school have raised an overwhelming amount for Comic Relief and Guide Dogs for the Blind Association with the current totals being £106.00 and £1,030.60 respectively – amazing!



Year 6 Safety in Action Trip

Class 6 boarded the train at Dover Priory station on Wednesday morning and travelled to Folkestone to attend this annual event. Safety in Action is an interactive event that invites Year 6 children to learn about some of the dangers they may face as they become more independent and prepare for transition to secondary school. It is supported by many organisations including Kent Police, Kent Fire & Rescue, Kent County Council and the British Transport Police.

A number of scenarios were set up by the different organisations, designed to simulate and provide information about a variety of topics including fire safety, rail safety, school attendance and road safety.

Miss Whiscombe reports:

"Year 6 had a fabulous time at Safety in Action on Wednesday! There were lots of different people there to teach us about how to stay safe in a variety of different situations and we learnt a lot. We particularly enjoyed the artificial snow machine, and going on the train to Folkestone was great fun!"

- *"We learnt what to do in a flood."*
- *"We learnt that we have to look right, then left, then right again when we cross a road."*
- *"We learnt that we had to take out both headphones to cross the road."*
- *"We learnt how to do CPR."*

Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

Thank you to all those of you who attended these meetings this week, I know how beneficial these are for teachers, parents and the children. Good partnership between home and school is so important and helps us all to do the very best for the children.

Easter Service St Mary's Church – Tuesday, 1st April 2025

You will know from the schedule of dates sent out at the start of the year, and from a letter which came out this week, that we will shortly be holding our annual Easter Service at St Mary's Church. We look forward to seeing you on the day, from 9:20am, with the service starting at 9:30am.

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

Collective Worship this week focused on the Kingdom parable about a farmer and his seeds. The children discussed how the farmer spread seeds on different terrain and the impact this had on how successfully the seeds grew. Pupils reflected on how there are many challenges in life and that we must persevere to overcome them.

Christians believe that those who follow God will help and guide them through good experiences in life, just like the seeds grow into good fruit. I wonder how we can grow these good things in our lives, and how our values might help us?

In addition, the children received many awards in our Celebration Collective Worship, particularly with Shining Light Awards being issued - well done. A Comic-relief themed Collective Worship enabled the children to understand the importance of the charity and why we donate - pupils were also extremely excited to participate in their endurance-based circuit, where children have been sponsored to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind Association in recognition of Revd. Melissa running the London Marathon.

HOUSE POINTS

1st – **TEMPLE** – 247 points

2nd – **LANG** – 227 points

3rd – **RAMSEY** – 218 points

4th – **FISHER** – 197 points

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

RAMSEY !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

Joint 1st – **Class R & Class 1**
135 points

3rd – **Class 2** – 127 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – EVERYONE in Turtles Class are our Learners of the Week this week! They all listened very carefully to instructions at Forest School, and put maximum effort into our sponsored event today! We are all so proud of you Turtles Class – well done!



Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Archie!** Archie has persevered with his reading and is able to use the sounds that he has learnt to blend together and read many words fluently. Archie is a fabulous example of a brilliant learner and he always tries his best in all tasks. Keep up the hard work Archie!

Class 2 – **Daniela** is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as she has shown great independence. Her efforts in PE have also been impressive, particularly when catching a ball and controlling it with her feet! Daniela shone in our reading session, especially when reading with a partner. Well done for a brilliant week Daniela!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Aria** as she comes into school every day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. Aria has enjoyed carrying out a science experiment this week to demonstrate how fossils are made using bread and strawberry laces. She has shown fantastic skills in our maths lessons, and is a kind and considerate friend. We are all so proud of you Aria!

Class 4 – **Jacob** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week for his superb learning in every lesson! He is always positive, willing to share his ideas and listens intently in class. Jacob has impressed us with his maths, and shown a wonderful imagination in English. Well done Jacob – a brilliant week!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Lara** as she is not only helpful in class, but she is also helpful to our whole school community. Lara is a wonderful friend to others and always demonstrates our Christian values. Keep being a superstar Lara!

Class 6 – **Phoebe** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as she has made such enormous progress in her maths this week. She has tried so hard and this has really paid off. Phoebe is always a super role model for younger children in her role as House Captain and she consistently demonstrate our Christian values of perseverance, respect and friendship. Well done Phoebe!

Thought for the Week



DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

MARCH 2025

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

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty of pasta & pulses

Balancing screen time

internetmatters.org

5 top tips to support children and young people

1 Lead by example

Just like anything, children copy their parents' actions and behaviour. If you set boundaries for your own screen, it will be easier for your kids to do the same.

2 Set boundaries WITH your kids

Get them involved in the process of setting age appropriate limits on how long they can spend online, at what times and on which platforms. Set up screen-free times or zones where screens are out of sight and therefore more likely to be out of mind. Review these as they get older and give them the space to take greater responsibility for their screen use.



3 Ensure a healthy mix of screen activity

Make sure they have a good balance of screen activities that encourage creativity, learning & education, connecting with family & friends, as well as using devices for positively engaging with content.



4 Avoid using screen time as a reward

This will elevate the status of screen time above other activities and like using food as a reward may encourage children to simply want more.



5 Physical activity & sleep are really important

Make sure screens are not displacing these things by keeping screens out of bedrooms at bed time and that you are creating opportunities for your children to be active each day.

Creating a balanced digital diet

Like a healthy meal, a healthy digital diet can help children to develop good online habits. Use our digital diet tips to help children prioritise screen time activities in a balanced way.



Scan below or visit internetmatters.org for more advice.



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Go with the Flo...

SAT 29 MAR 12:00-18:00

2025

IMPACTfest

PENCESTER GARDENS DOVER

TEMPLE OF KULTURE VR IMMERSIVE ART EXPERIENCE

LIVE MUSIC BY LOCAL BANDS

DANCE BATTLE

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

PANNA FOOTBALL - SPEEDCAGE

TRAILBLAZERS BUSHCRAFT

SKATEBOARD SESSIONS & COMP

YOUTH MAKERS MARKET

HAUS OF HEELS

RAKU POTTERY

FREE RAFFLE PRIZES ENTER BY INTERACTING

SPONSORED BY:

Term 4 2024

Monday 24th March:

Tuesday 25th March:

Class R Library Visit

Team Building & Sports Club

Year 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 26th March:

Class 3 & Class 4 Trip

Fitness Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 27th March:

Class 4 Ukulele

Multi-Skills Club – Year 4, 5 & 6

Parent Home Reading Information Afternoon

– 2:15pm

Friday 28th March:

Year 6 Little Lambs Visit

Choir Club – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6



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, 24th 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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<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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