

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



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

So, here ends another term; goodness me time just seems to fly by.

We have had another busy week at school, much of it spent marking the lead up to Easter.

On Monday Miss Whiscombe led the school on the piano as we sang our Easter hymns which we have been practicing in recent weeks; the children, including the school choir, did a good job. Thank you also to the House Captains for delivering the readings.

On Tuesday the sun shone on our annual family Easter Egg Hunt. 63 families joined us on the top playground searching out and solving the clues to win their prizes of chocolate eggs. Much fun was had by all; thank you to families for supporting us with this, to the teachers who helped to hand out the eggs and to Mrs Wallis for organising the event.



## Fundraising Update

Monies continue to come into school in support of our recent Guide Dogs for the Blind sponsored event. Today we are up to **£2,098.60**. Earlier in the week we presented Revd Melissa and Taylor with a 'cheque'. We are all blown away by the efforts and generosity of our families and are hugely grateful to you all. We all know that times are hard at the moment so for families to be able to fundraise such an enormous amount is amazing. Thank you to all who have helped with this.

## Class Information

Do please look out for class newsletters which will be coming out this week as well as Term 5 Curriculum Overviews which will be published on our school website, also this week.



### Exciting Visit to the RNLI and Rescue Boat!

This week, Class 2 had a thrilling and educational morning visiting the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), learning about its importance to community identity and history. The children were warmly welcomed by the RNLI crew, who are dedicated to saving lives at sea.

During our visit, the children learned about the vital work the RNLI performs to keep people safe along our coasts and waterways. The highlight of the day was seeing the rescue boat up close! The pupils were amazed by the size and capabilities of the vessel, and they had the opportunity to learn about the different equipment on board.

The crew shared fascinating stories about real-life rescues and explained the importance of water safety. The Otters Class asked lots of insightful questions and were inspired by the commitment and bravery of the lifeboat volunteers.

Thank you to the RNLI crew for providing such an engaging and informative experience. The children returned with a deeper understanding of the importance of water safety and the incredible efforts made by lifeboat crews to help those in need.

Pupils' Voices:

- "I bet it's really tough being out at sea during a storm!"
- "It must feel great to help save people in emergencies."
- "I think I'd like to be a volunteer like that when I'm older."
- "It's amazing that they're ready to help at any time."
- "I was so excited to go on the boat and we had to be really careful and listen to instructions"



### Parent/Teacher Meetings

Hopefully, by now, all of you have spoken with your child's class teacher about how your child is getting on at school at the moment. Most of you came to our scheduled appointments a couple of weeks ago; some of you have had more recent face to face or telephone calls.

These conversations are really important. They show your child how much you and the school staff care about their time at school. They help us to get to know you and you to get to know us! It is also a good opportunity for you to find out how you could help your child with their learning, perhaps through conversation and play or through reading or learning times tables.

During the week beginning 28th April those of you who have children on a SEN Personalised Plan will meet with your child's class teacher to discuss progress and targets; the school office will contact you with your appointment time.

Please don't hesitate to book an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher at any time - contact the school office staff who will be happy to help.

### 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.

### End of Term 4 and Beginning of Term 5

Term 4 ends this week on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April with children returning to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. I thank all members of our school community for their hard work and dedication this term, I wish everyone a good school holiday and look forward to seeing you all in Term 5.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

#### HOUSE POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 180 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – **LANG** – 177 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – **FISHER** – 170 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 100 points

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

**FISHER !!**

#### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **Class 3** – 113 points
- Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Class R & Class 2**  
104 points

## Learner of the Week

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

**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Jasmine!** Jasmine is a fantastic role model and always follows the school rules. She is a kind friend to others and is always willing to help. Jasmine perseveres with all her learning and loves to share her achievements with the class. Well done Jasmine!

**Class 1** – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Elizabeth!** Elizabeth is trying really hard in her reading group and puts in maximum effort in ALL her lessons. She listens well to others and is a friend to everyone on the playground. Elizabeth has had a brilliant week and we are all so proud of her!

**Class 2** – **Joy** is our Learner of the Week in Otters class as she has made an incredible start since joining us this term! Joy brings a positive attitude and enthusiasm to every lesson. Her determination and effort has truly impressed us all. Joy listens carefully to instructions and makes a consistent effort to be kind and respectful to adults. Keep making us proud Joy!

**Class 3** – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Sana!** Sana has had a fantastic week and has really persevered with all her learning. She has been working hard with her handwriting and now has a real sense of pride when completing her work. We are all so proud of you Sana – keep it up!

**Class 4** – **Brian** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class for the wonderful effort and attitude he has shown in class. Brian has impressed us with his ability in our end of term maths assessments, and worked really hard in English to write a recount of our visit to Dover Museum. He is a wonderful artist and super scientist! Well done Brian – we are all so proud of you!

**Class 5** – Orcas Class Learner of the Week in **Nevaeh!** It has been lovely to see Nevaeh's confidence blooming and she is a shining example of our Christian values. Nevaeh displays true perseverance and kindness, and she has shown consistent improvement in all lessons. We are all so proud of you Nevaeh!

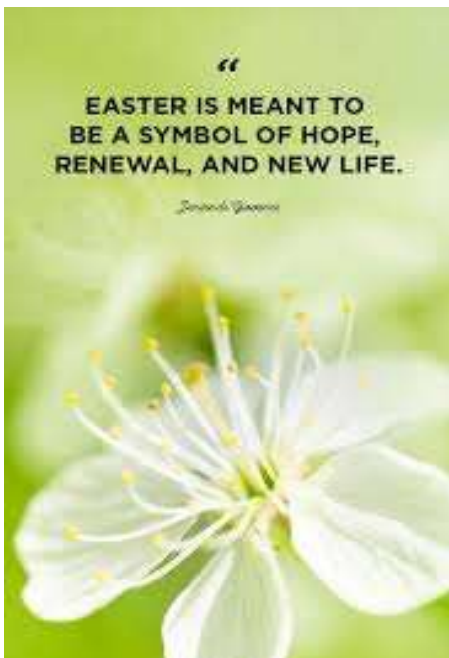
**Class 6** – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class has shown such brilliant perseverance in our tests this week, and has worked really hard. They have tried their best in every task and it has been so lovely to see their confidence grow. They demonstrate our Christian values of Perseverance, Trust and Peace on a daily basis, and are a super role model for the younger children in school. Well done!

You should  
be proud  
of yourself!

## Thought for the Week

“  
EASTER IS MEANT TO  
BE A SYMBOL OF HOPE,  
RENEWAL, AND NEW LIFE.”

*Joseph Beuys*



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

The week began in style as the children shared their service in an Easter Collective Worship - the Easter Story was shared by our Year 6 House Captains, including accompanying hymns sung by the children and choir.

In addition, Revd Melissa discussed the importance of how Holy Week unfolds and how there were different attitudes to Jesus, how the welcome of Palm Sunday changed to the calls for Jesus to be killed.

I wonder why not everyone understood what Jesus came to show and to teach?

Friday's Collective Worship was filled with positivity as many awards were given out to children to celebrate what an excellent week, and term, it has been.

## Go with the Flo...

### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](http://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

#### BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025. Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

#### BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

#### FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

#### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

#### ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

#### CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

#### YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (Monday - Friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

#### SEZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

#### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

#### TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

#### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day.

#### WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

#### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

#### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

#### PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

#### COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

#### PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

#### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

#### SAINSBURY'S CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

#### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

#### MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

#### LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' A

#### TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

#### PAUSA CAFE @ BUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

#### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

#### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

#### SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

#### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer

# OPEN COCKPIT WEEKEND 2025

12TH AND 13TH APRIL | 10AM TO 4PM |  
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF



Fire Engine Rides



CHARITY NUMBER 1179982



Tank Rides



Climb in the Cockpits



Cobweb Car Show

Sunday Only



Museum Entry



USUAL MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES APPLY | RIDE ADMISSION SEPARATE

[info@rafmanston.co.uk](mailto:info@rafmanston.co.uk)

[www.rafmanston.co.uk](http://www.rafmanston.co.uk)

What Three Words - remarried.mornings.pave

Refreshments available

NO NEED TO BOOK

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

## SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 5 2025 DOVER EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY 2025



### JOIN US FOR THE DOVER EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY 2025!

Hosted by the Dover RNLI, the event is free to attend! Simply come along and meet your local emergency services, including the RNLI, Police, Fire Service, National Coast Watch, HM Coastguard and others!

- ✓ Boat and station tours
- ✓ Take a look around a range of emergency vehicles

Save the Date  
**APRIL 5**  
1000-1600  
DOVER RNLI STATION,  
DOVER HARBOUR CURVE

## EASTER TRAIL

...at the Museum

5th April - 21st April

10am - 4pm

Find the Easter pictures around the museum & win a prize!

Only £1.50

Normal museum admission applies

NO NEED TO BOOK!

[info@rafmanston.co.uk](mailto:info@rafmanston.co.uk)



St Mary's Church of England (VA) Primary School, Dover

**Would you like to join our team of school governors?**

The role of a school governor is to work as part of a team alongside the Headteacher to help set and support the objectives and values of the school, agreeing policies, targets and the budget. They monitor how the school is progressing towards its aims and provide support and challenge to the Headteacher so together we can support our pupils to become confident, independent and well-rounded individuals with a deep and lifelong capacity for learning.

A Foundation Governor also has a special role in supporting our Christian ethos and values within our multi-cultural school.

If you are interested in becoming a school governor at St Mary's CEP, you will receive all the support and training you need to fully engage with the role. We hope you would also gain a sense of achievement as you become part of a team that works together so that everyone has the opportunity to **flourish**.

Please note that this is a voluntary role.

For more details please contact the school office (01304 206887) and ask to be put in contact with our Chair of Governors, Rev Melissa Carter.



# Story Time at Dover Library

Starting on Tuesday, 8th April 2025

3:45pm during term time

11:00am during school holidays

Sessions are **free** and suitable for children aged 5 years and over.

**Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

For more information, please contact [doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 41 31 31.



**Term 5 2024**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April:**

**Easter Monday – School Closed**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:**

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 5**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Class 4 - Ukulele**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Class 5 Trip**

**Class 1 & Class 4 - Forest School**



## Creative Easter Paperworks

Would you like to:

- Celebrate Easter with a variety of exciting creations?
- Create cherished mementos and beautiful crafts inspired by Easter?
- Develop your creative side?
- Make new friends whilst learning a new skill?

This course is for parents/carers and children (age range 2 – 8 years old)

Where: Deal Family Hub, Park Avenue, Deal, CT14 9UU

Date: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Time: 1pm – 3pm

To book a place please contact [doverfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk](mailto:doverfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk) or 03000 420008

Where: Aycliffe Family Hub, St. David's Avenue, Aycliffe, CT17 9HJ

Date: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Time: 1pm – 3pm

To book a place please contact [doverfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk](mailto:doverfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk) or 03000 420882

We want you to enjoy learning with us. 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.

**FREE, fun & informal courses**



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## DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

APRIL 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

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK  
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER  
CT16 1LJ

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 One

### Week Beginning Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 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

		MIDDLE-ABLE CHILDREN		
		Week One	Week Two	Week Three
		21/04, 12/05, 09/06, 30/06, 14/07, 01/08, 22/08, 13/10	28/04, 19/05, 14/06, 07/07, 04/08, 29/09	05/05, 02/06, 23/06, 14/07, 15/08, 06/10
Monday	Option 1	Cheese Slice	Cheesy Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	Option 2	Pasta Provencale	Tomato Pasta	Curried Vegetable Pasty
	served with	Pasta Baked Beans & Peas	Garlic Bread Mixed Salad & Sweetcorn	Pasta Coleslaw & Sweetcorn Salad
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
Dessert		Ice Cream Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Option 1	Chicken Fajitas	Beef Tacos	Baked Sausages
	Option 2	*Mexican Bean Wraps	*Veggie Tacos	Quorn Sausage
	served with	Rice Carrot Batons & Shredded Lettuce	Rice Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans & Peas
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
Dessert		Krispie Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cheeky Chocolate Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Iced Carrot Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Option 1	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Sausage Roll Slice	Roast Chicken & Stuffing
	Option 2	Carrot & Lentil Bake	Quorn Sausage Roll	Veggie Meatloaf
	served with	Roast Potatoes Green Beans & Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes Diced Carrots & Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower & Diced Carrots
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
Dessert		Orange Flapjack Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Oat Cookie Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Gooey Chocolate Biscuit Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Option 1	Meaty Pizza	Pork Meatballs	Gammon Ham
	Option 2	Vegetable Frittata	Meatless Meatballs	Crunchy Vegetable Crumble
	served with	Saute Potatoes Mixed Salad & Coleslaw	Pasta Mixed Vegetables & Green Beans	Potato Puffs Cucumber Sticks & Grated Carrot Salad
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
Dessert		Iced Lemon Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Ginger Cookie Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Marble Sponge Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets
	served with	Chips or Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips or Pasta Baked Beans & Peas	Chips or Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
Dessert		Cook's Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cook's Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cook's Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit

Follow these links to our website and social media

<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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