

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 2nd May 2025

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

It's lovely to see the sun shining this week – a real feel of summer!

Well Done Revd Melissa!

As you all know we have all been supporting Revd Melissa in her recent fundraising endeavours and her participation in the London Marathon. I am very pleased to be able to tell you all that Melissa completed the 26 mile course on Sunday in an incredible five hours 10 minutes; this is amazing and we all send our warmest congratulation.



Work Experience Students

We have been pleased this week to host work experience students from Astor Secondary School and Dover College. Extra pairs of hands to help out in the classrooms are always welcome and I thank the staff for co-ordinating this work.

Out and About Again!

Continuing our programme of Dover Castle visits, it was the turn of Year 4 this week. Mrs Fagg reports "It was such perfect weather for a visit to Dover Castle. Year 4 had a wonderful time observing the breath-taking views of Dover. We started our adventure exploring the underground tunnels, where the children learnt about 'Operation Dynamo'. The special effects whilst within the tunnels enabled the children to immerse themselves into the history. The children were amazed by what was within; we compared life in there to the life we have today - fascinating! We then explored the castle grounds; the children sat on the thrones imagining life in the castle as a king or queen. After climbing many many steps to the roof of the keep - we appreciated Dover below. We explored the kitchen and had fun pretending we were the chefs within the castle. It was a day full of fun and knowledge that enabled us to appreciate this wonderful landmark that we have in our local area."



Responsible Citizens – Class 5

Our children in Class 5 started their annual Mini-Medic and Police Cadet sessions this week. Ms Race reports "Class 5 have taken part in Mini Medics and Police Cadets this week! In the Medics session, the pupils bandaged "broken arms" in triangle bandages and also learned how to use different bandages to apply first aid to various injuries. They also learned what first-aiders do when having to apply first-aid to those in the public. While the Medics were busy bandaging, the Police Cadets learned how to stand in formation (with their hands behind their backs, chins raised and feet shoulder-width apart) and used teamwork to build the tallest tower out of 20 pieces of paper and sellotape. The cadets also had hi-vis jackets and caps which they will use until the end of the school year."

School Attendance

Our school attendance is mostly looking positive at the moment – thank you to all families and children for their efforts in getting here on time each day.

Year 6 Hoodies

You may have noticed that our Class 6 pupils are now proudly wearing their St Mary's CEP Leavers hoodies and don't they all look great in them! We are pleased for them to have these to wear for the remainder of their time with us.



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.

I wish you all a good long bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing all children back at school on Tuesday.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher



Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Melissa C!** Melissa always shows a positive attitude towards her learning and always tries her best. She has wowed us all in class with her super phonics and reading! Well done Melissa!



Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Leyla** as she has made massive progress in her writing! Leyla has worked very hard to improve letter formation and has enjoyed joining in re-telling the story of 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. Leyla is always a good friend to others and plays kindly at break times. Well done Leyla!

Class 2 – Romany-Mai is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as she exemplifies the many qualities that are cherished within our school. She consistently follows our Christian values demonstrating friendship, respect and perseverance. We are extremely proud of her hard work and the positive attitude she brings to her learning journey. Well done Romany-Mai!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class has had a fantastic week and has enjoyed our science lessons. They have shone in our PE lesson and always try their very best. Their tennis skills are getting noticeably better! Keep up the great work – we are very proud of you!

Class 4 – Jay is Penguins Class Learner of the Week for the huge improvement in his focus, attitude and behaviour! Jay is keen to complete all learning and his ability is most impressive in every lesson. We are all so proud of you Jay – well done!

Our second Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Waleed** for his brilliant and determined attitude! Waleed has worked hard in maths, recognised his own successes and is proud of his achievements. A wonderful week Waleed – well done!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Kasper** as he always displays our Christian values through perseverance, trust and mutual respect. Kasper always works very hard and helps around the classroom without a second thought. We are so proud of you Kasper – well done!

Class 6 – Penny is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as she consistently tries her very best in all areas of her learning, and is a kind friend to others. Penny has worked exceptionally hard in maths, listening carefully and putting her learning into practice. Well done Penny!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week's Collective Worship focused on generosity. The children explored the importance of being generous and how we can show this in and out of school.

Christians believe that being generous is about having the right attitude - having an attitude of gratitude. We discussed what we are grateful for and how we share what we have with others who are less fortunate. I wonder if we are truly grateful for all sorts of generosity that we have received in our lives?

Rev'd. Melissa shared a Bible passage explaining how Jesus put his humble generosity into action. The pupils were able to provide excellent examples of kindness - one of our school rules! As always, the week ended on a high with a range of awards being presented in Celebration Worship - well done to all for your continued hard work.

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - Class 1 - 126 points
- 2nd - Class 2 - 125 points
- 3rd - Class 6 - 122 points

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

TEMPLE !!

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - LANG - 297 points
- 2nd - RAMSEY - 256 points
- 3rd - TEMPLE - 219 points
- 4th - FISHER - 211

Spotlight on SEND...

The family Hubs are offering face to face courses to help children with transition to Primary and Secondary School. These courses are free and open to all!



The face to face courses running locally can be booked directly with the Family Hubs below:

<https://local.kent.gov.uk/kb5/kent/directory/results.page?locationdistrict=Dover&searchtype=event>

Venue	Course Title	Day	Time	Start Date
Deal Family Hub	Stepping Up into Primary	Mon	13:00-15:00	16/06/2025
Buckland Family Hub	Stepping up to primary	Weds	13:00-15:00	18/06/2025
Aycliffe Family Hub	Stepping Up To Secondary	Thurs	13:00-15:00	19/06/202

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

Go with the Flo...

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!



Become a volunteer befriender and provide an invaluable service to an elderly, isolated person in your town

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDERS IN DOVER AND DEAL AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Can you spare an hour or two per week to help someone lonely and isolated? Just having a chat and a cuppa, or a walk to the park or local shop can make all the difference to someone's day

YOU?



Harry

Kent Coast Volunteering

Connecting Communities in Dover, Thanet, Folkestone & Hythe

www.kcv.org.uk
Registered Charity Number 1222888
*Image and names have been changed to protect our identity

Befriending Week

Call us on 07816 406372 or leave a message for our dedicated team or email us on gns@kcv.org.uk

Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer



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.



DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

MAY 2025

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

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty
of pasta & pulses

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 2212961

Term 5 2024

Monday 5th May:

- **BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 6th May:

- Year 5 - Mini Police Cadets & Mini Medics
- KS2 Multi-Skills & Athletics Club

Wednesday 7th May:

- KS2 Cricket / Rounders Club

Thursday 8th May:

- Parents Home Reading Information Afternoon – 2:15pm
- KS1 Multi-Skills & Athletics Club

Friday 9th May:

- Reception Class Family Collective Worship
- Class 2 – Dover Castle Visit
- Year 6 Little Lambs Visit
- **Forest School**
Morning Session – Class 5
Afternoon Session – Class R
- KS2 Choir Club

School Uniform Hub
@ Charlton Centre



Thought for the Week



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 Three Week Beginning Monday, 5th May 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

		MAY 2025		
		Week One	Week Two	Week Three
		21/04, 12/05, 09/06, 30/06, 14/07, 01/08, 22/08, 13/09	28/04, 19/05, 14/06, 07/07, 04/08, 29/08	05/05, 02/06, 23/06, 14/07, 15/08, 06/09
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		Cooks Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cooks Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cooks Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit

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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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